



June 13, 2012 meeting

## Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

*Serving 3,419 students living in portions of Tinley Park, Mokena, and Frankfort*

For additional information, please contact Superintendent Barb Rains at 815.469.9103

### **Board welcomes new Principal, Assistant Principal**

The Summit Hill District 161 Board of Education approved the employment of Pam Hodgson as the new Principal of Summit Hill Jr. High School effective July 1, 2012. The Board also approved the employment of Dana Wright as the new Walker School Assistant Principal effective August 6, 2012.

Mrs. Hodgson began her professional career serving as a math teacher for 11 years and transitioned to administration by serving as a dean of students, assistant principal, and eventually becoming a building principal. She has served the students of Jerling Jr. High in Orland Park as the Principal for the past four years. Superintendent Rains commented, "We welcome Mrs. Hodgson to District 161. She brings with her a wealth of teaching and administrative experience. Her leadership strengths match the goals and objectives of the District."

Mrs. Wright has been a teacher in District 161 for 12 years. Last school year she was a third-grade teacher at Indian Trail School, where she's taught since 2009. She's also taught at Frankfort Square School and Dr. Julian Rogus School. This is Mrs. Wright's first administrative position. "Mrs. Wright is a strong teacher-leader who will serve the Walker School community well," noted the Superintendent. "We look forward to having Mrs. Wright on our administrative team."

### **In personnel matters, the Board:**

- approved the retirement of Christine Carey and accepted the resignations of Paula Sereleas and Beth Lind;
- approved the employment of Joseph Renardo, Music Teacher at the Indian Trail; Karen Labeledz, Teacher (FMLA) at Indian Trail; Erin Boers, Teacher (FMLA) at Walker School; Nancy Hutchinson, Administrative Assistant at the District Office; and Matt Van Mill, paraprofessional at SHJH.

### **In other action, the Board:**

- approved the Parent Handbook for the 2012-2013 school year;
- heard an update of the Mary Drew School building usage;
- approved a contract with National Investigations;
- authorized the Superintendent to submit the General State Aid Entitlement Claim for the 2011-2012 school year, the annual claim for Pupil Transportation, and to apply for any grants that may be available to the District;
- adopted the prevailing wage rates for the upcoming school year;
- approved a district-wide student photo contract with Van Gogh Studios;
- authorized preparation of an application for hazardous status for 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue;
- discussed the reconfiguration of the parking lot at the Dr. Julian Rogus School;
- approved a post retirement payment to an employee;
- accepted gifts from Walker School in the amount of \$12,274.19;
- discussed the refinancing of a portion of the 2005 Bonds; and
- approved the first reading of several Board policies.