



June 17, 2020 meeting

## Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

*Serving 2,800+ students living in portions of Tinley Park, Mokena, and Frankfort*

For additional information, please contact Supt. Barb Rains at 815.469.9103

### **Board approves new Walker School Principal**

At the June 17 meeting, Board members approved Maura Carroll to serve as the new Walker School Principal. Ms. Carroll was Assistant Principal at Walker School for the last four years. She has been with District 161 since 2008. She begins her new role on July 1, 2020.

### **Summer Learning Challenge returns July 1**

The challenge is open to all families. As in the past, following completion of a summer learning activity, a parent would take a photo of the activity and submit it to the district for publication on the District Facebook page. Submissions will include the student's name(s) for tracking purposes, but not to be included within the post. Students who complete an activity will be presented with a certificate from the Board of Education at the end of summer.

### **Board approves Schoology learning management system**

Board members approved use of Schoology, a single platform learning management system, to be utilized beginning this fall. The system will allow for a more consistent and effective district-wide method of communicating, posting assignments, and managing workflow between teachers, students, and parents. The system will be utilized for daily learning within our 1:1 technology environment as well as E-Learning. It works seamlessly with PowerSchool and our Student Information System. Plans are underway to begin developing training opportunities for staff members, parents, and students.

In related matters, Supt. Rains stated that the District is reviewing the possibility of issuing devices to all students for the duration of the 2020-21 school year so that, in the event the District has to switch to E-Learning again, students will be able to use the same device they use for in-person learning. Additionally, the District currently is firming up an enhanced E-Learning Plan for Board approval in July which includes greater accountability for clock-hours, attendance, grading, and live interactions.

### **Supt. Advisory – Board Goal 2 remote meeting set for June 23**

Parents and staff members are cordially invited to attend our Supt. Advisory - Board Goal 2 remote meeting set for Tuesday, June 23 from 6 p.m.-7 p.m. The meeting will focus on student support and social/emotional learning support within the context of Board Goal 2 – Safe, welcoming, and respectful learning environment. Topics will include acceptance, belonging, and community within our schools as well as conversations about the following Board Policies related to diversity and inclusion: 6:10 – Educational Philosophy and Objective, 6:210 – Instructional Materials, and 7:20 – Equal Educational Opportunities. Please RSVP to [twitt@summithill.org](mailto:twitt@summithill.org) prior to June 22 so that we may share the Zoom meeting link with you on June 23.

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

- employed Haley Diventi and Deanna Santoro as teachers;
- approved two childcare leaves; and
- accepted the resignations of Nancy Bruno, Joelle Gary, and Emily Carey.

**In other matters, the Board:**

- approved the first reading of Board Policy 7:20, 7:90, 7:130, 7:325, 8:10, 8:80 and 8:110;
- approved the second and final reading of Board Policy 2:125, 2:160, 4:50, 5:35, 5:50, 5:60, 5:150, 5:210, 5:280, 6:60, 6:65, 6:150, 6:180, 6:210, 6:235, 6:270, 6:280, 6:300, 7:70, 7:150, 7:180, 7:190, 7:200, 7:270, 7:290, 7:340 and 8:30;
- approved, with appreciation of the Board of Education, gifts from Arbury Hills Elementary STARS in the amount of \$2,632; Dr. Julian Rogus School RESCO in the amount of \$2,353; Frankfort Square School SCO in the amount of \$782; Indian Trail School SCO in the amount of \$4335; Walker School SCO in the amount of 1,987; and SHJH/Walker School Band Boosters in the amount of \$6,305;
- approved a one-year contract with Veritiv for copy paper;
- extended the administrator vacation day use window from June 30 to August 10 for remaining vacation days earned in 2019-2020;
- approved the resolution to declare unneeded items as surplus;
- approved \$150,000 for safety items and PPE related to opening the buildings for the 2020-2021 school year; and
- approved pay increases for FY21 as follows: an overall 2.5%-3% pay increase for administrators (with the total pool increasing by 2.7%), an overall 3% pay increase for paraprofessionals, an overall 3.17% pay increase for lunch aides; an overall 3% pay increase for custodians, with some variations as to when the increase becomes effective; and an overall 2.16% increase for general non-certified staff and medical staff. Most increases in this category were 3% and some were between 6% and 10% to achieve the increase in minimum wage to \$11 that is effective January 2021.

*Just a reminder, the \$30 off registration fee incentive ends on June 30, 2020.*

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