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New Board Members Elected

Congratulations to the newly elected Board of Education members Robert Bruno, Bruce Currie, Linda D'Ambrosio, and Jason Loebach. Our new Board members will be officially welcomed at a reorganization meeting on May 1, 7 p.m. at the Central Services Office, 793 N. Main Street, Glen Ellyn. The meeting is open to the public. Each new member will serve a four-year term.

The members of the Board who will no longer serve include Joe Bochenski, Drew Ellis, Patrick Escalante, and Lori Taylor. Thank you for your service.

Village of Glen Ellyn Plans for a Gas Station

At the April 17 Board of Education meeting, Board President Erica Nelson read the following statement related to the Village of Glen Ellyn plans for a gas station on the property at Main St. and Geneva Road:

"Since the last D41 Board of Education meeting there has been continuing discussions concerning the Village of Glen Ellyn Trustees' decision on the property at Main and Geneva Road. As I said in response to the request by parents for the board to offer a position on the village board's decision, as a Board, we affirm the statement I read at the March 20 board meeting. This board operates with the belief that elected leaders of other local boards do not take public positions recognizing that boards, trustees, municipal leaders work within their own guidelines and policies.

The D41 BOE not taking a position is not an affirmation or condemnation of the Village Trustees' decision-making.

I have been contacted in the past two weeks, as have other board members, by parents with questions about air quality and traffic along Main Street in front of Forest Glen School and that is concerning. The Board would highly encourage and assume the Village Board will or has done their due diligence in reference to the safety and well-being of our community as it relates to the gas station.

As was said at the March meeting, community members should continue to ask questions and seek answers from the Village Trustees about the property."

On behalf of the District, Dr. Gordon has corresponded with the Village Trustees directly and has shared the information above.

District 41 Welcomes New Administrators

Eric DePorter

Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Facilities and Operations

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Eric DePorter will be joining the District 41 Central Services staff effective July 1, 2017. Mr. DePorter began his career in school finance as a bookkeeper and business office clerk in East Main School District 63. In 2012, he became the CSBO Director of Operations in LaGrange Highlands District 106. Where some of his responsibilities are, managing the annual budget, oversight of accounts payable, payroll and bookkeeping and calculating as well as filing the tax extension levy and all human resources functions. Prior to working in school finance, Mr. DePorter worked for Lincoln Financial Group, at Ostro Reisin Berk & Abrams as a benefits consultant, at Howard Simon & Associates, Inc. as a manager of defined contribution and for HPL&S, Inc as a senior staff accountant.

Mr. DePorter earned his Master's in School Business Management from Northern Illinois University in 2011. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Economics from University of Illinois Champaign/Urbana. He is an active member of the Illinois Association of School Business Officials as the Human Resources Management-vice chair.

Mr. DePorter will be replacing Mrs. Cheryl Witham who will be retiring in June.

Theresa Ulrich

Director of Language Programs

Mrs. Theresa Ulrich will be joining the Central Services Office staff effective July 1, 2017. Mrs. Ulrich has worked in the field of education since 1991. She began her career as a middle school English Learner teacher in Berkeley, Ill. She then worked as a high school bilingual teacher, served as the dean of students and was the English Learner chair for the Elgin School District. Following that

position, Mrs. Ulrich moved to District 205, where she was the English Learner and Social Studies coordinator. She joined the East Aurora School District in 2011 as the English Learner and bilingual division chair before accepting the Assistant Director of Special Programs position for Oswego District 308 in 2014 and she currently holds this position. She is passionate about student engagement in language and recognizes the benefits of students learning language. Theresa is a dedicated advocate for student learning and foreign language. Her experiences with Dual Language, English Language Learner professional development and Foreign Language programming will benefit the Language Program department in District 41.

Mrs. Ulrich earned her bachelor's degree in English education and French and her master's in literature and linguistics from Northern Illinois University, DeKalb.

Mrs. Ulrich will be replacing Mrs. Katie Mc Cluskey who will become the Assistant Superintendent for Teaching, Learning and Accountability effective July 1, 2017.

Marybeth Marinier

Assistant Principal at Hadley Junior High School

Mrs. Marybeth Marinier will be joining the Hadley staff effective July 1, 2017. Mrs. Marinier began her career in 2006 as a special education teacher in District 53 at Butler Junior High School. After four years in the classroom, she accepted the position of Assistant Principal and Special Education Coordinator at District 53. She has served in that role for six years. She is passionate about student learning and school culture. Marybeth is a dedicated advocate for student learning and collaborative school improvement. Her experiences with MTSS, Danielson Evaluation, one to one teaching environments, positive behavior supports, and data-based decision making will assist the Hadley community in making positive strides toward school improvement goals.

Mrs. Marinier earned her undergraduate degree in Special Education from Elmhurst College. In 2010, she earned a Masters of Education and Organizational Leadership from the University of Illinois. In May of 2017, she will earn her Director of Special Education Endorsement from Lewis University.

Mrs. Marinier will be replacing Ms. Jill Amrhein who resigned to accept a principal position in another district.

New Roles for Current Administrators

In addition to welcoming new staff to this district, the Board also

approved two new roles for current administrators. Current Director of ELL Dr. Katie McCluskey will serve as Assistant Superintendent for Teaching, Learning and Accountability (TLA) and current Principal of Churchill School Scott Klespitz will serve as Principal of Forest Glen School next year, both effective July 1, 2017.

Congratulations to current Assistant Superintendent of TLA Karen Carlson and current Principal of Forest Glen Mary Hornacek on their retirements!

Referendum Finance Presentation to the Board, May 15

In January, the Board voted unanimously to put a \$24.2 million bond referendum question on the April 4 ballot to eliminate portable classrooms at Hadley Junior High as well as address infrastructure needs and improve safety at all of the schools. The Board of Education is thankful to the community for supporting the referendum.



The results will be certified by the Election Commission on April 24.

Liz Hennessy of William Blair & Co. along with representatives from the District 41 Finance Advisory Committee will present financing options to the Board of Education on May 15, 7 p.m. at the Central Services Office. The meeting is open to the public.

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of all decisions.”*



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