



Board Notes

A Summary of the May 8, 2009, Tyler ISD Board of Trustees Special Meeting

Board Approves Hiring of Professional Personnel

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the hiring of six individuals for the following positions:



Director of Secondary Education

The Board of Trustees has approved and named Debbie Kelly as the new Director of Secondary Education. Kelly holds more than 30 years of experience in education and is currently Director of Assessment, Curriculum and Instructional Programs in the Celina Independent School District in Celina, Texas. She officially begins her duties May 18, 2009. Kelly replaces Dr. Karen Raney as Director of Secondary Education who will take on the new position as Director of Assessment and Research.



John Tyler Principal

The Board of Trustees named Dr. Carol Saxenian, a Texas educator with 23 years of experience, as the new Principal of John Tyler High School. Saxenian is currently the Principal at Copperas Cove High School, home to more than 2,000 students, in the Copperas Cove Independent School District in Copperas Cove, Texas. She officially begins her duties July 1, 2009, but hopes to be able to spend time in Tyler prior to that date. Saxenian replaces Vanessa Choice, who will become the principal at Plyler Alternative School.



Bell Principal

The Board of Trustees named Dr. Keri Hampton as the new Principal of Bell Elementary School. Hampton currently serves as the Assistant Principal at the campus. She has more than eight years of education experience, five being with Tyler ISD. She officially begins her duties July 1, 2009. Hampton replaces Jane Bidlack, who resigned effective June 30, 2009.



Caldwell Principal

The Board of Trustees named Sherrill Echols, an East Texas educator with more than 20 years of experience, as the new Principal of Caldwell Elementary School. Echols is currently an Assistant Principal in the Chapel Hill Independent School District, and has eight years of previous experience in Tyler ISD. She officially begins her duties July 1, 2009. Echols replaces Rebecca Clapp, who retires effective June 30, 2009.



Orr Principal

The Board of Trustees named Walter Perez, an educator with 12 years of experience in Tyler ISD, as the new Principal of Orr Elementary School. He currently serves as Assistant Principal at Austin Elementary School. He officially begins his duties July 1, 2009. Perez replaces Vernora Jones who will return to her leadership role with the Title I Program.



Woods Principal

The Board of Trustees named Kami Hale, an East Texas educator with 10 years of experience, as the new Principal of Andy Woods Elementary School. Hale is currently the Assistant Principal at Marshall Junior High School in the Marshall Independent School District in Marshall, Texas. She officially begins her duties July 1, 2009. Hale replaces Connie Moore, who retires effective June 30, 2009.

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