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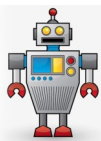
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SUPERINTENDENT COBB FORMALLY ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Superintendent Steven Cobb formally announced his retirement effective June 30, 2015. He has been the superintendent in Quincy for two years and been in public education for 39 years. He said he plans to travel with his wife and spend time with family and his one-year-old granddaughter. President Erwin praised Superintendent Cobb and all he has accomplished in his two years, most notably the passage of the \$89 million referendum to build new schools. "We knew we had someone special when we hired you," she told Cobb. "He's been a great addition to this District."

QAVTC ROBOTICS TEAM



The QAVTC Devils Robotics team recently competed in the St. Louis Regional Robotics Competition. The "Recycle Rush" was held March 20-21. At the April Board meeting, team members demonstrated how the robot could lift, carry and stack a plastic trash can and plastic bins and shared experiences from recent competition. The QAVTC team started strong, ranking as high as second in the standings at one point. However, the competition was strong with 42 other teams competing from Illinois, Missouri and Kentucky. The Devils ended the twelve rounds of qualifications 11th in the standings, earning a place in the championship round of eight alliance teams. The Devils could not overcome strong showings by the top four alliance teams and were not able to advance to the semifinals. The Devil's Robot ran reliably and performed well against much larger schools with high powered support from companies like Boeing Aircraft and even NASA. The team can be proud of their accomplishments. The Robot performed well with a well-executed design and fabrication work. The controller programming code operated reliably throughout the competition. The 11th place finish was the best ever for the QAVTC Robotics team in four years of participation in FIRST Robotics. Staff leader for the team is Kristen McKenna. QAVTC Director Mark Pfleiger thanked corporate and community sponsors of the program: Gardner Denver, H & B Quality Tooling, Knapheide, Titan International, Awerkamp Machine, and Gates Air. A special thanks also goes to Tim Heimonen- Engineering Manager of Gardner Denver for engineering support, Roger Leenerts-owner of H & B Quality Tooling for engineering support, Brad Gleckler-Engineering Specialist at Gates Air for engineering support, Awerkamp Machine Company for materials as well as other local businesses, friends and family for all their support.

CONGRATULATIONS—50 YEARS OF HEAD START

A celebration of Quincy Head Start's 50th year was part of the April 22nd Board of Education meeting. Prior to the meeting, held at the Early Childhood and Family Center, Head Start staff, former staff, students, parents and board members viewed historical displays and photos from the program, toured the facilities, and enjoyed cake. A video highlighting the history of the program and current activities was shown. The Quincy Head Start program supports the mental, social, and emotional development of children ages three to five. In addition to education services, programs provide children and their families with health, nutrition, social, and other services. Head Start encourages the role of parents as their child's first and most important teachers. Programs build relationships with families that support positive parent-child relationships, family well-being, and connections to peers and community. Head Start is federally funded and students qualify based on family income. There are currently 144 students enrolled.



PERSONNEL

Appointments for 2015-16—BRITTANY FERGUSON—SPEECH/LANG PATH. KARISSA HAM—SCIENCE QHS. STEVI KINCHERFF—SPEECH/LANG PATH. TARA CLAUS—SPEC ED QJHS.

Other Appointments/Changes—ROBERT CAMPBELL—SECURITY BOE 260/DAY INCREASED FROM 181. BRAD FENTON—SECURITY NIGHTS.

Leaves—RHONDA BRINKMAN—2ND GRD ELLINGTON. INTERMITTENT 3/24/15 THROUGH END OF YEAR. KI-MA WALTON—PARA ADAMS 3/5/15 THROUGH END OF YEAR. KAY TATE—HEAD START TEACHER. 4/7/15 THROUGH END OF YEAR.

Resignations—BRIAN WALKER—7TH GRD HEAD BASKETBALL COACH. NICK DEVIN—7TH/8TH GRD HEAD WRESTLING COACH. MARANDA AMONS—STUDENT COUNCIL SPONSOR. JIMMY YOUNG—7TH/8TH GRD ASST SOFTBALL COACH. TERESA NEISEN—FOOD SERV BERRIAN.

Resignation end of the year—RACHEL ROBISON—6TH GRD BALDWIN S. AMY MULLER—HISTORY QJHS. JAMIE LUDWIG—6TH GRD BALDWIN N. NICOLE CONETZ-KEY—MUSIC BALDWIN/QJHS. NIKI ST. HILL—CHADDOCK/YOUTH HOME LIAISON-MENTOR. PHYLCIA MANLEY—FAMILY LIAISON QJHS. KAMBRIA PETERSON—PARA ECFC.

BOARD APPROVES 2014-2015 AMENDED CALENDAR AND SETS LAST DAY

Last day for students is Wednesday, May 27
Last day for staff is Thursday, May 28

In other action, the Board approved:

- *Bid package #1 QHS for electrical submitted by Brown Electric for \$241,170 which includes \$20,000 contingency.*
- *Bid for Walk-Through Metal Detectors submitted by Ray O'Herron for \$40,740 including installation and training. This is part of the School and Campus Security Grant received by the District.*

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- **2 APARTMENT UNITS**—upper and lower level. Great central location, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Spacious with dining room, living room, kitchen, garage plus off-street parking, free laundry room access, maintained yard. No smoking. No Pets. Call Janet 217-257-0581.

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BOARD APPROVES SALE OF 2424 HIGH STREET

The Board approved a resolution providing for the sale of the house at 2424 High Street. The QAVTC Construction Trades class has been hard at work for almost two years remodeling the house owned by the Quincy Public School District. The house was previously used by the Special Education Department. The fully-renovated three-bedroom bungalow will be sold at auction on **Saturday, May 16th at 2:00 p.m.** The auction will be held on site.

Features of the home include two full bathrooms, unfinished basement, and ample closet space in all bedrooms. The kitchen has all new cabinetry and countertops, breakfast bar, built-in microwave, ceramic tile floors, and opens into a nice sized dining or family room with a washer and dryer enclosure. There is also a large living room. New entry doors, new windows, a freshly painted exterior and covered porch adorn the exterior of the home. The house has been fully insulated, with new plumbing and bath fixtures, a new furnace, and new drywall and paint throughout. New carpeting and hardwood style flooring complete the package. The property also includes an insulated two-car garage with a brand new roof, shop area and concrete driveway.

For more information about the house, call the QAVTC office at 217-224-3775.



2424 High St.