Scarborough School Board

May 19, 2022

8.4 Appointments

8.6.1 Pleasant Hill School Principal

Jennifer Humphrey has been nominated to fill this position created from a resignation.

Mrs. Humphrey earned both her Bachelor of Arts degree and her Master's degree in Elementary Education form UNH. She obtained her Certificate of Advanced Study from USM. For 10 years, she has been a teacher in both elementary schools and middle school schools, including one year at Wentworth School. For 11 years she was a 3-5 grade teacher at Kennebunk Consolidated School, where she was also the Lead Teacher. Since 2019 she has been the Assistant Principal at Waterboro Elementary School.

We are very excited for Jennifer to join our leadership team as the principal of Pleasant Hill School.

8.6.2 Assistant Director of Special Services

Nicole Benham has been chosen to fill this position due to a realignment.

Mrs. Benham received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and Sociology from the University of Maine. She received her Master's degree in Psychology from the University of Southern Maine. She has been a K-8 Behavioral Specialist with MSAD 52 for 2 years, a K-2 Special Education teacher in York for 3 years, and most recently she is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst at the Margaret Murphy Center in Saco.

The Leadership Team is looking forward to Nicole joining the group.

8.6.3 High School Physics Teacher

John Brennan has been chosen to fill this position created from a realignment.

Mr. Brennan obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from RPI in New York, and his Master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Massachusetts. He was a high school math teacher for 2 years while in the Peace Corps in Benin, West Africa. He was a high school physics teacher in Chicago for 6 years, and for the last 14 years at Noble High School.

Mr. Brennan will be placed on Step 23 of the Master's scale per the collective bargaining agreement.

The recommendation is to appoint John Brennan as a High School Physics Teacher.

8.6.4 Middle School Art Teacher

Amanda Gearhart been selected to fill this position created by a retirement.

Ms. Gearhart received her Bachelor's degree in Art Education from Kutztown University of Pennsylvania and her Master's of Education from Walden University. She has been a Gifted Visual Arts Instructor, an Itinerant Art Teacher and most recently a Sculpture and Ceramics Teacher for 8th grade students for the last 5 years.

Ms. Gearhart will be placed on Step 9 of the Master's scale per the collective bargaining agreement.

The recommendation is to appoint Amanda Gearhart as the Middle School Art Teacher.

8.6.5 High School Special Education Teacher

Barrett Belanger has been chosen to fill this position created by a retirement.

Mr. Barrett earned his undergrad degree in communications from USM and his Master's degree in Special Education from Grand Canyon University. He has been a Resource Room teacher for 2 years at Kennebunk High School, and currently he is a Resource Room teacher at Traip Academy where he has been for 4 years.

Mr. Barrett will be placed on Step 7 of the Master's scale per the collective bargaining agreement.

The recommendation is to appoint Barrett Belanger as a High School Resource Teacher.

8.6.6 Blue Point Classroom Teacher

Gabriella Joy has been chosen to fill this position created by a retirement.

Ms. Joy earned her undergrad degree in Elementary Education with a concentration and double major in Child Development & Family Relations at USO. She is currently working towards her Masters in Literacy. She has worked 4 years in Auburn at the Walton Elementary School as a 1st grade teacher.

Ms. Joy will be placed on Step 5 of the BA/BS scale per the collective bargaining agreement.

The recommendation is to appoint Gabriella Joy as a Blue Point K-2 Teacher