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Huntley 158 Announces Dr. Bradley Hawk as Interim Superintendent

Hazard, Young, Attea, and Associates to Lead Search Process for Permanent Superintendent

HUNTLEY, IL – The Huntley Community School District 158 Board of Education is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Bradley Hawk as interim superintendent for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year. He will fill the role vacated by Superintendent John Burkey, who is resigning effective January 31, 2018, to take a position as executive director of the Large Unit District Association.

After interviewing candidates at its December regular meeting, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Dr. Hawk at a special meeting January 9.

“We are very fortunate to have Dr. Hawk to guide us through this transition period,” said Don Drzal, Board of Education president. “With Dr. Hawk’s extensive experience in educational administration, his ties to Huntley 158, and his experience as an interim superintendent, the Board is confident he is a great fit to lead the District for the remainder of the year and help us successfully transition to new leadership.”

Dr. Hawk retired from full-time work as an educational administrator in 2009, having served as superintendent of Burlington District 301 for five years. Since then he has been a clinical assistant professor at Northern Illinois University and in 2016-17 served as interim superintendent at DeKalb CUSD 428.

He is a familiar face to longtime community members, having previously served as assistant superintendent of human resources in Huntley 158 from 2000 to 2004. He also served as an interim assistant principal at Huntley High School in 2010. He began his teaching career at Sterling High School in Sterling, Illinois and later served as a principal and curriculum director there before joining Huntley 158.

Also at the special meeting, the Board approved a contract with the firm of Hazard, Young, Attea, and Associates (HYA) to lead a national search process to find a permanent superintendent. The Board selected HYA from among four firms that submitted proposals and interviewed with the Board in December.

“The firm has a strong national presence and long track record of success in finding top-quality talent for premier school districts,” Drzal said. “We are truly a destination school district, and we wanted a firm that will help us attract the best candidate, wherever they are located.”

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