



# WEST NORTHFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT 31

**BOARD BRIEFS**  
**JULY 23, 2015**

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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### District 31 Welcomes New Teachers

#### Two New Classroom Teachers Employed for Winkelman School

Board of Education members approved the employment of two new classroom teachers for Winkelman School, Gina Pearce and Christina Heddell.

Gina Pearce has a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Indiana University and a Masters of Reading Education from Concordia University. She holds an Elementary Education PEL K-9 Illinois license, is endorsed as a reading specialist K-12, and is ACCESS certified. Mrs. Pearce joins District 31 with nine years of teaching experience, eight of which were teaching full-day kindergarten and one teaching grade one.

Christina Heddell has a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and a Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Missouri. She holds an Elementary Education PEL K-9 Illinois license. Mrs. Heddell joins District 31 with four years of teaching experience in grades one and four.

### Board Adopts New Strategic Plan

#### 2015-2016 Through 2021-2022 Strategic Plan to Direct District Improvement Efforts

Board of Education members adopted the District's second formal Strategic Plan. The draft Plan was presented to the Board of Education during the June Board meeting followed by one month of parent and community input. The 2015-2016 Through 2021-2022 Strategic Plan can be found on the District web site.

### Student Residency

#### Board Approves Student Residency Settlement Agreement

Board of Education members approved a settlement agreement concerning a student residency challenge. This is the second student residency challenge since the spring of 2015. Only students who are legal residents of West Northfield School District 31 can attend Winkelman and /or Field Schools. The Board will challenge families with children who are found to be non-residents.

### Facility Updates

#### Board Approves New Intercom and Clock System for Field School

Board of Education members approved a contract with Interstate Electronics Company for Rauland TCU Campus IP Intercom System with synchronized wireless clocks. This system will replace one that is out of date and no longer repairable. Multiple bell schedules will be able to be used throughout the school based on the class schedules of the various grade levels and departments. State of the art communication between the classrooms and office will allow for improved safety and security measures.