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Hinsdale District 86 Board of Education Appoints Ralph (Cash) Beardsley to Fill Board Vacancy

Hinsdale, Ill. – May 18, 2015 – Hinsdale Township High School District 86 Board of Education tonight announces the appointment of Ralph Beardsley to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Victor Casini. Mr. Beardsley will serve the remainder of Mr. Casini's term which ends in April 2017.

Mr. Beardsley brings to the Board an extensive background in healthcare and career management services as well as experience in executive search and recruiting consulting. In addition, his work serving his community for over 30 years as a Darien alderman, a member of the Lions Club and the Darien Historical Society among other organizations, demonstrates his profound level of community involvement.

"We are happy to announce the appointment of Ralph to fill this vacancy," said Board President Kay Gallo. "The Board has worked diligently over the past week to select a candidate who will listen to all sides of every issue and approach District concerns in a thoughtful manner. Most of all, we wanted to find someone who would strive to work collaboratively for the betterment of the entire District. We believe Ralph represents those qualities and will serve the District well. We welcome him to the Board."

"I've lived in the District 86 area since 1981 and in Darien since 1986," said Mr. Beardsley. "My commitment to public service has totaled nearly 30 years. During this time I have held elected office, including the Darien City Council and served on the boards of organizations such as the Darien Lions Club and the Darien Historical Society. As the proud parent of two Hinsdale South graduates, I look forward to contributing my expertise and working collaboratively with the other six Board members to maintain the educational excellence that both of our schools possess."

Mr. Beardsley received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Northeastern University in Boston, Mass., and his Master of Science degree in urban and regional planning from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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