

Board fills three administrative vacancies May 18, 2010

Just last year the district named Lindsay Allen the assistant principal of the newly-opened Southbury Elementary School. Now just one year later, the Board of Education asked Allen to take the helm as the school's principal. Allen was one of three administrative appointments approved by the Board of Education at its May 17 meeting

In addition to Allen, two newcomers were welcomed into the District 308 family. Mindy Renier was named the new principal of Homestead Elementary School and Misael Nascimento joined central administration as the new director of English language learners and dual language. All three new administrators will begin their positions in the district on July 1.

Majoring in French, Allen began her teaching career overseas teaching the English language to students in France before returning to the states and coming to District 308. Since that time she has served the district in a number of different capacities starting as a second-grade teacher at Lakewood Creek Elementary School. After proving her skills by serving as a mentor leader at Lakewood Creek, in 2008 she was selected to serve as an assistant principal. In that position she split her time between Old Post and Grande Park Elementary Schools.

“Lindsay is a highly motivated, team player whose efforts have helped establish and maintain a positive learning environment at Southbury,” said Todd Colvin, associate superintendent. “Her passionate commitment to the growth of students and staff make her a great successor at Southbury.”

Allen attended Eastern Michigan for her bachelor's degree, North Central for her teaching certification and Aurora University for her master's degree. She also obtained a gifted endorsement from Lindenwood University in Missouri. Her salary was set at \$82,500.

Allen will be assuming the principalship from Southbury's first principal, Phil Chapman. Chapman accepted a principal position at Lakewood Park Christian School in Auburn, Indiana.

As Chapman leaves District 308 for Auburn, Indiana, Renier has left Auburn, Indiana for District 308. Formerly the principal at Auburn's Watson Elementary School for seven years, Renier has come to District 308 to take the top building administrator position at Homestead Elementary School. Renier will replace retiring Principal Patricia Decker, who held the principal job at Homestead for the past eight years.

Prior to being a principal, Renier served as an assistant principal at both the elementary and middle school level at DeKalb Central United Schools in Indiana. She began her career as a middle school social studies teacher in the Indiana school district.

"Mindy's diverse talents, proven leadership skills and students-first philosophy make her a great fit at Homestead Elementary." Colvin noted. Renier earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana University. Her salary was set at \$90,000.

No stranger to central office administration, Nascimento will continue his work in bilingual education at District 308 as the new director of English language learners and dual language. Nascimento will be assuming the position from Rafael Segarra who has accepted a similar position with Indian Prairie School District 204.

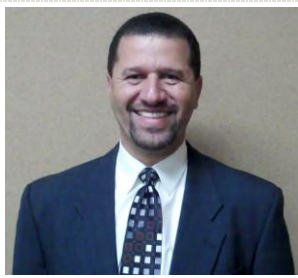
Nascimento comes to District 308 from Community Consolidated School District 15 in McHenry where he served as the director of bilingual education. Nascimento has concentrated on bilingual education at all grade levels as an elementary, middle school and high school bilingual teacher at schools in Aurora and Carol Stream. In addition he has served students at Bryant Elementary School in Harvey as an assistant principal.

“Misael’s wealth of experience and strong teaching and administrative background will make him a valuable asset and resource to our students, staff and leadership team,” Colvin said.

Nascimento holds a master’s degree in education and administration from Benedictine University. His salary has been set at \$90,000.



Lindsay Allen



Misael Nascimento



Mindy Renier