

Board of Education announces new faces of school year

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BRISTOL — With the new school year about to kickoff, there has been a reshuffling of school officials, with some leaving, new ones coming in and others moving within the district.

The Board of Education Thursday released the names of new staff for 2013-14 earlier this week.

With Bristol Eastern High School Principal Steve Wysowski due to retire Dec. 31, Carly Fortin, assistant principal at BEHS, has been named interim principal effective immediately.

Bristol Central High School is getting two new assistant princi-

pals. Marisa Calvi-Rogers, a teacher from Southington High School, will replace Mary Gadd, who became Granby Memorial High School principal earlier this year.

Geoffrey Sinatro, a special education teacher at BCHS, fills the vacancy left by Andrew Clappsaddle, who accepted a position in the West Hartford school district.

Dan Sonstrom, assistant principal at Northeast Middle School, has been appointed principal there with the departure of

Robert Garry, who is taking over as principal of South Side Elementary School.

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Matthew Harnett, principal in the Region 1 school district, will

this year.

Ellen Benham, who served as athletic director and supervisor of health and physical education, has been appointed district supervisor of evaluation and assessment.

Chris Cassin, an experienced administrator and teacher in the Bristol schools, replaces Benham in her former role.

“This new team of administrators brings a wealth of leadership experience and an exemplary skill set to the Bristol schools at a time when the district is focused on the successful implementation of the Common Core State Standards, the new teacher and administrator evaluation systems and on the adoption of Smarter Balanced Assessments by 2014,” said Superintendent Ellen Solek in a prepared statement.

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Backpack to the future



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Ashley Barnes, 6, sorts school supplies while surrounded by some of the 483 backpacks and school items collected for the United Way of West Central Connecticut Adopt-A-Child Back to School program. Local nonprofits started pickup up the packs and Thursday and will begin distributing them to area children.

Governor overseeing details in hospital sales before green lighting it

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ultimately get a green light.

Malloy said that at first Vanguard planned to buy one hospital in Waterbury, then it added a deal to take over Bristol Hospital. It has since added two more small nonprofit hospitals as possible acquisitions in the state.

“We’re getting awful close to having the carriage out of the barn” before making certain it’s good policy to let it go, the governor said.

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have invested in their local hospitals for generations and any change in the way they operate should be carefully reviewed.

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In addition, the governor said, he wants to make sure that “appropriate numbers” are being pumped into nonprofit foundations from the sale price.

He said it was necessary for him “to put the brakes on it” until the entire issue could be balanced out and considered carefully.

“It’s a process,” Malloy said, and it’s still underway.

The vetoed bill would have allowed for-profit companies

create nonprofit medical foundations to employ physicians, a critical step for the deal to move ahead.

In addition to Bristol Hospital, the Tennessee-based Vanguard is

eyeing Waterbury, Rockville General and Manchester Memorial hospitals.

The Texas-based Tenet Healthcare Corp. is in the process of buying Vanguard, which is not expected to influence Vanguard’s effort to buy Connecticut hospitals.

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