

MVTHS Board hires new chief

Dr. Mike Smith named as replacement for Terry Milt

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MT. VERNON — The Mt. Vernon Township High School Board has hired Dr. Mike Smith as the new superintendent of the school.

"The support for you from the board has been unanimous all along this process," board chairman Daniel Hoffman told Smith Tuesday during its regular board meeting. "We have been extremely impressed with your portfolio and with what you have been able to accomplish at your other positions both fiscally and academically."

Smith, who is the current superintendent of schools at Wayne City, has been an administrator since 1998. He has been superintendent at Wayne City since 2008, and prior to his move to that district, served as superintendent of schools in Cary from 2005 to 2007 and as superintendent of schools in Manteno from 2001 through 2005 — a position he was promoted to after serving as assistant superin-

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tendent. Smith also served as principal and assistant superintendent at VIT High School in Macomb.

"I look forward to working with everyone," Smith said. "My goal is to work with all the stakeholders in the school — the community, parents, students and staff. I want to make this a premier high school. I believe we can do it, it's been done here before."

Smith said he would be working early on with the board and outgoing superintendent Terry Milt in a transitional period through the

month of June.

"There will need to be a financial analysis of the district, and I will need to look at the past trend data and the current projections. Then, we will need to work together for financial planning to create a three- to five-year plan for the district."

Smith said he will also work to create a one-year, three-year and five-year plan for student achievement.

"We had an excellent slate of candidates for this position," Hoffman said, and added that Smith "immediately rose to the top."

Smith will be replacing Milt, who has accepted a position as superintendent at Dupo school district, effective July 1.