

Huntley School District 158 chooses new high school principal

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Marcus Belin will serve as the new principal of Huntley High School starting in the fall.

The Huntley School District 158 Board approved Belin's hire at its meeting Thursday, according to a news release.

Belin will begin the position July 1 and take over for Scott Rowe, who recently was promoted to associate superintendent for District 158.

Belin serves as the assistant principal of Dunlap High School, which is north of Peoria. During his time there, Belin has managed a broad portfolio of administrative duties and driven initiatives that have helped the school maintain its place among the top schools in the state, the release said.

He is from the South Side of Chicago and attended Bradley University in Peoria, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in education. He is pursuing a doctorate in education at National Louis University.

Belin previously served as a teacher, dean of students and assistant principal at Quest Charter Academy, a public charter middle school and high school in Peoria.

"Those of us who were part of the interview process with Marcus were immediately struck by his passion for the transformative power of education, his vision for driving meaningful change, and his infectious positive attitude," interim District 158 Superintendent Brad Hawk said.

Belin and his wife, Monique, have three children.

Rowe has served as principal for the past five years, and he previously was principal at Marlowe Middle School in Lake in the Hills.

