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Stamm hires new principal

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FREMONT -- The city's school board approved the hiring of a new principal for Stamm Elementary School.

Shannon Turner comes to Fremont from the Bellevue City School District, where she has been a third grade teacher since 2001 at Ellis Elementary School. During 2008, she was the head teacher at that school.

"I'm eager to get started," Turner said in a brief telephone interview this week. "Stamm has such a knowledgeable and dedicated staff, and I'm excited to join the ranks."

Turner will be making \$69,400 during her one-year contract that begins Aug. 1 and ends July 31, 2010.

She is replacing former Stamm principal Timothy Wilhelm, who pleaded not guilty in April to 12 charges of stealing student prescriptions in 2008.

Turner received her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education in 2001 from Heidelberg College. In 2004, she received her Master of Arts in education - curriculum from Bowling Green State University, and this summer, she received her principal's license from the University of Findlay.

Laramie Spurlock was also recently hired, as the dean of students at Fremont Middle School and assistant athletic director for the 2009-10 school year. Spurlock's salary is set at \$30,392.

Spurlock graduated from Bellevue Senior High School in 1998 and recently worked for Toledo Public Schools, as acting dean of students at Bowsher High School, McTigue Middle School, and Deveaux Junior High School. Spurlock graduated in 2002 from Bowling Green State University with a Bachelor of Science in education with an emphasis in physical education, along with a Masters in Educational Administration from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix this year.

Superintendent Traci McCaudy said of the new hires, "Shannon and Laramie are both great additions to Fremont City Schools leadership team and I look forward to working with them next year."
