

**Summit Hill District 161**  
Wednesday, August 12, 2015  
7:00 PM  
Administration Office Board Room  
**Regular Meeting Agenda**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance by Board President, Rich Marron
2. Roll Call by Secretary, David Faber
3. Information and Proposals
  - A. Letters and Communications
  - B. Freedom of Information Act
  - C. Public Comments
4. Action Items
  - A. Consent Agenda
    1. Approval of Minutes
      - a. Regular Session Minutes of July 8, 2015
      - b. Closed Session Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2015
    2. Approval of June Treasurer's Report/Financial Report
    3. Approval of Bill List of August 12, 2015
    4. Approval of Resignation of Staff
    5. Family Medical Leave
    6. Approval of Employment of Staff
  - B. Old Business
    1. Approval of District 843 2015-2016 Budget
    2. Second and Final Reading of Board Policies
    3. Authorization for 2015-2016 Ivy League Contract
  - C. New Business
    1. Tentative 2015-2016 Budget Presentation
    2. Establishment of 2015-2016 Budget Hearing
    3. Follow-Up on Negotiations with TRIA as Architect of Record
    4. Discussion of Johnson Control Maintenance Agreement
    5. Discussion of Discontinuation of LW Food Service Agreement
    6. Discussion of Building Utilization
    7. Mary Drew Furniture
    8. Approval of Certified Handbook

9. Approval of Non-Certified Handbook
10. Approval of Additional Science Resources for Grades 6 and 7
11. Approval of Teacher Tablets
12. Approval of Student Tablets, Charging Carts, and Microsoft Office Software
13. Approval of Phone Routers and Programming
5. President's Comments
6. Superintendent and Staff Report
  - A. Kindergarten/Re-Registration Update
  - B. Discussion of Draft Board Goals
  - C. 2016 Graduation Date
  - D. Opening Institute Days
  - E. Summer Program Recap
  - F. Special Education Update
  - G. Personnel Matters (Closed Session)
7. Information and Questions from Board Members
  - A. Board Comments
  - B. Lincoln-Way District 843 Meeting Report
8. Public Comments
9. Future Meeting Dates
  - A. August 26, 2015 Administration Center, 7 PM
  - B. September 9, 2015 Administration Center, 7 PM
  - C. September 23, 2015 Administration Center, 7 PM
10. Adjournment

District 161  
Board of Education

# Goals

2013  
2014

Board goals set the vision for student learning and articulate beliefs about students and learning.

These goals serve as the foundation for District goals and direction for school improvement.

"What the best and wisest parents want for their own child, that must the community want for all its children."

John Dewey  
Educational Philosopher

Goal

1

## Improve student achievement

by developing and implementing a challenging curriculum.

District 161 will enhance academic, social, and emotional resources for students through program initiatives, use of data, and staff training.

### KEY STRATEGIES:

- Repack E/LA common core standards in grades K-8.
- Unpack and repack Math common core standards in grades K-8.
- Monitor Early Learning Program.
- Review Honors Program.
- Use technology productively to maximize student achievement.
- Implement Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) process.

### PROGRESS TARGETS:

Gr. 1 Standards Based Report Card • English/LA technology Integration • Writing rubrics • Curricular mapping/progressions

Goal

2

## Ensure a safe, inspiring, and welcoming environment

for students, staff, parents, and community members.

District 161 will ensure that schools are safe and positive places to learn and work by implementing initiatives expanding school security, easing transitions between schools for families, and improving the learning culture.

### KEY STRATEGIES:

- Promote a positive school culture through recognition, appreciation, and celebration.
- Maintain programming on anti-bullying and character education.
- Promote wellness/physical fitness in the learning culture.

### PROGRESS TARGETS:

Chain of Command • PBIS • Safe Schools Program • Districtwide Run/Walk for Fun • Learning Readiness/PE

Goal

3

## Strengthen communications & connections

by establishing a communications program that directly helps the District achieve its goals.

District 161 will promote and empower a collaborative culture by engaging stakeholders in the decision making process.

### KEY STRATEGIES:

- Develop partnerships with the community that support student achievement.
- Develop opportunities for community involvement in district planning
- Maintain transparent, open communication about the quality of District schools.

### PROGRESS TARGETS:

Shareholders Report to Community • District dash board • Friends of the District e-mail network • Public Boardbook • Superintendent Advisory

Goal

4

## Maximize time, talent, and finances

by aligning these resources to the mission and goals of the District.

District 161 will engage stakeholders in collecting, analyzing, reporting, and acting on data to ensure efficient and effective use of our time, human, and financial resources.

### KEY STRATEGIES:

- Develop 5-year building utilization plan.
- Analyze District fee structure.
- Analyze the insurance program.
- Research bond refunding programs.

### PROGRESS TARGETS:

Superintendent Financial Advisory • Business Office training • Employee handbooks • Debt recovery program pilot