

Summit Hill District 161
Wednesday, August 13, 2014
7:00 PM
Administration Office Board Room
Regular Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance by Board President, Sean William Doyle
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. Closed Session Special Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2014
 - b. Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2014
 - c. Regular Session Minutes of July 9, 2014
 - d. Closed Session Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2014
 - e. Closed Session Special Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2014
 - f. Special Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2014
 - g. Closed Session Special Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2014
 - h. Superintendent Evaluation Tool Committee Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2014
 - i. Special Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2014
 - j. Superintendent Evaluation Tool Committee Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2014
 - k. Special Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2014
 2. Approval of June Financial Report
 3. Approval of June Treasurer's Report
 4. Approval of Bill List of August 13, 2014
 5. Approval of Resignation of Staff
 6. Family Medical Leave
 7. Approval of Employment of Staff
 8. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding
 - B. Old Business
 1. Public Hearing for Holiday Waiver Option for Pulaski Day (7:00 PM)

2. Approval of Holiday Waiver Option for Pulaski Day
3. Establishment of 2014-2015 Budget Hearing
4. Approval of District 843 2014-2015 Budget
5. Discussion of Bond Resolution
6. Continued Discussion of Accelerated Reader Use
7. Board Goals
- C. New Business
 1. First Reading of Board Policies
 2. Approval of Certified and Non-Certified Handbooks
 3. Resolution Directing the Issuance of a Notice to Remedy
 4. Superintendent Evaluation Tool Discussion
5. President's Comments
6. Superintendent and Staff Report
 - A. Kindergarten Update/Re-Registration Update
 - B. 2015 Graduation Date
 - C. Teacher Institute Day
 - D. Summer Enrichment Program Update
 - E. Personnel/Student 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 27, 2014 Administration Center, 7 PM
 - B. September 10, 2014 Administration Center, 7 PM
 - C. September 24, 2014 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