

Summit Hill District 161
Wednesday, August 8, 2012
7:00 PM
Administration Office Board Room
Regular Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance by Board President, Mary Kenny
2. Roll Call by Secretary, Denise Lenz
3. Information and Proposals
 - A. Letters and Communications
 - B. Freedom of Information Requests
 - C. Recognition of Staff and Presenters
 1. Summer Gifted Training Participants
 2. KIDS Pilot Site
 3. Presenters at PBIS Conference
 4. Common Core Presentation (*Goal 1*)
 5. Partnership with Local Law Enforcement Agencies (*Goal 2*)
4. Action Items
 - A. Consent Agenda
 1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Closed Session Minutes of Special Meeting of July 11, 2012
 - b. Regular Session Minutes of July 11, 2012
 - c. Closed Session Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2012
 - d. Closed Session Minutes of Special Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2012
 - e. Special Session Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2012
 - f. Closed Session Minutes of Special Meeting of August 1, 2012
 2. Approval of Treasurer's Report for the Month of June, 2012
 3. Approval of Financial Report for the Month of June, 2012
 4. Approval of Bill List of August 8, 2012
 5. Approval of Resignation of Staff
 6. Family Medical Leave
 7. Approval of Employment of Staff
 - B. Old Business
 1. Grade 5 Summer Math Bridge Pilot Program Approval (Memorandum of Understanding) (*Goal 1*)
 2. Board Goals/Chart of Progress (*Goal 1-4*)

3. Approval of Honors Program Handbook (*Goal 3*)
4. Dr. Julian Rogus Life Safety Report (*Goal 2*)
- C. New Business
 1. Establishment of 2012-2013 Budget Hearing (*Goal 4*)
 2. Authorization for 2012-2013 Ivy League Contract (*Goal 4*)
 3. Refunding Bonds (*Goal 4*)
 4. Resolution to Sell Surplus Furniture to District 843 (*Goal 4*)
 5. Discussion Concerning the Young Authors Program (*Goal 1*)
 6. Discussion on Managing Class Sizes (*Goal 4*)
 7. First Reading of Board Policies
5. President's Comments
6. Superintendent and Staff Report
 - A. Enrollment Report/ Registration (*Goal 4*)
 - B. New Staff Orientation and Teacher Institute Day (*Goal 3*)
 - C. Principal Evaluation System (*Goal 1*)
 - D. Personnel Matters (Closed Session)(Board Review of Superintendent Evaluation Comments)
7. Information and Questions from Board Members
 - A. Lincoln-Way District 843 Meeting Report
 - B. Board Comments
8. Public Comments
9. Future Meeting Dates
 - A. August 22, 2012 Administration Center, 7 P.M.
 - B. September 12, 2012 Administration Center, 7 P.M.
 - C. September 26, 2012 Summit Hill Junior High School Presentation, Summit Hill Junior High School, 7 PM
 - D. October 10, 2012 Administration Center 7 P.M.
10. Adjournment

for Student Achievement

District 161
Board of Education

Goals

2011
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:

- Map and align content to common core standards.
- Develop common assessments.
- Analyze testing program.
- Expand student wellness.
- Use technology productively to maximize student achievement.
- Review gifted/honors program.

PROGRESS TARGETS:

Grades 5-8 Social Studies Adoption • Evaluation of Reading and Math Curriculums • 6 Trait Writing • Report Card Descriptors • District Professional Development Plan • Math RtI • Brain Energizers

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:

- Utilize police liaison feedback.
- Ensure a healthy workplace environment.
- Maintain step-up opportunities.
- Implement class size guideline ranges to manage enrollment.

PROGRESS TARGETS:

PBIS • Lunchroom Supervision • Discipline • Chain of Command • Handbooks and Accountability • Evaluations • Releases/Transfers • Parent Surveys • Climate Surveys • Board Meeting Public Comment Protocol • Maintenance Plan

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:

- Communicate District goals, initiatives, finances, and recognition to stakeholders.
- Monitor stakeholder issues and perceptions.
- Develop partnerships with the community that support student achievement.

PROGRESS TARGETS:

Utilization of Key Communicator Network • Surveys • District Newsletters • School Newsletters • E-Mail Blasts • District and School Web Sites • School Liaisons • Shareholder's Report to the Community

Goal

4

Maximize time, talent & 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:

- Utilize half-day inservices for curriculum/staff development and articulation.
- Ensure students have quality educators who support innovative and research-based teaching practices.
- Provide stakeholders with the highest quality of fiscal responsibility available.

PROGRESS TARGETS:

Encore schedules • Agendas for Institute Days • Staff Relations • Hiring Process • Finance Committee • Strat Plan Update • State Financial Profile Indicators