



October 23, 2013 meeting

## Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

*Serving 3,311 students living in portions of Tinley Park, Mokena, and Frankfort*

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### District awarded 2013 Bright Star award for 18<sup>th</sup> straight year

In recognition of educational excellence, Summit Hill District 161 has been awarded the SchoolSearch Bright Star Award for achieving high student performance while managing the finances of the district. District 161 is one of 91 Illinois school districts (out of 866 school districts) to be honored with the award in 2013. The district has received the award yearly since the award originated in 1995. Award criteria are based on districts whose students' academic performance ranks in the upper one-third of Illinois school districts, but whose expenditures rank in the lower one-fourth of Illinois school districts.

### In personnel matters, the Board

- approved the employment of Renee Clifford, lunchroom supervisor at Rogus School;
- approved the resignations of Marlo Siegers and Karen Burcar;
- approved two medical leaves;
- approved an extraordinary leave extension for employee 1913;
- approved a settlement/release agreement for employee 4553; and
- designated Richard Dombrowski as the Interim Director of Finance.

### In other matters, the Board

- recognized the SHJH baseball and softball teams;
- accepted donations from Friends of the Frankfort Library and Tinley Park Bowl;
- accepted gifts from school organizations;
- accepted the 2013-14 School Improvement Plans for schools within District 161 and the District Improvement Plan;
- discussed the online parent survey to be available during the week of parent-teacher conferences;
- accepted the 2012-13 financial audit;
- authorized publishing the district's FY13 annual statement of affairs;
- reviewed Section 5 of the Board policy manual and policies 2:40 and 2:70;
- approved the first reading of Board policies 1:20, 2:105, 2:120, 2:125, 2:135, 2:140, 2:150, 2:160, 2:170, 2:200, 3:10, 3:30, 3:40, 3:50, 3:60, 3:70, 4:20, 4:55, 4:70, 4:40, 5:20, 6:10, 6:30, 6:120, 7:15, 7:30, 7:210, and 7:230;
- discussed a draft investment resolution;
- completed its final review of the District 122 withdrawal agreement from D843; and
- heard a recap of the progress made with the Common Core English/Language Arts and Math unpacking process which included a presentation by Rogus second-graders highlighting a Common Core reading and math strategy for learning.

**Next Meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13, 2013.**

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