



March 26, 2014 meeting

Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

Serving 3,339 students living in portions of Tinley Park, Mokena, and Frankfort

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District attains highest category of financial strength on ISBE's Financial Profile

Summit Hill District 161 has earned the highest category of financial strength obtainable on the Illinois State Board of Education's School District Financial Profile. With a total score of 3.7 out of a possible 4.0, District 161 earned Financial Recognition status. Since the 1980s, the State Board of Education has been monitoring the financial conditions of school districts via the School District Financial Profile to identify which districts are in or are moving toward financial difficulty. Financial Profile indicators include fund balance to revenue ratio, expenditure to revenue ratio, days cash on hand, percent of short-term borrowing ability remaining, and percent of long-term debt margin remaining. Given the economic difficulties school districts are facing, the State Board noted that this is a significant accomplishment.

In personnel matters, the Board

- extended the employment contract for Barb Rains, Jason Isdonas, Dan Pierson, Kathryn Klein, Michael Ruffalo, Pam Hodgson, John Wade, Dana Wright, and Bridget Nolan for a one year period;
- offered 22 teachers second-year probationary contracts, two teachers third-year probationary contracts, four teachers fourth-year probationary contracts and six teachers tenure contracts for the 2014-2015 school year;
- approved the employment of James Campian as a teacher to fill a FMLA;
- approved the voluntary transfer of Christine Hudziak to a teaching position;
- accepted the retirement/resignation of Nancy Aye;
- accepted the resignations of Kathy Bisch, Jennifer Mascio and Keisha Cherry; and
- approved the non-retention of one probationary teacher, one probationary part-time teacher, and one part-time educational support personnel.

In other matters, the Board

- recognized and thanked Dennis Merz from the Frankfort Fire Protection District for his time and effort to train District employees in CPR/AED at no cost to the District;
- observed the integration of tablet technology within a Language Arts lesson as demonstrated by Walker School Teacher Jen McFarland and her students;
- appointed Board Member Jennifer Werner as the liaison on the Parent/Teacher Handbook committee and Board Member Stacey Borgens as the alternate;
- authorized the Superintendent to sign the Energy Management Agreement with EnerNOC;
- heard a report on the Superintendent Financial Advisory and SHEF meeting;
- heard an update on the process to integrate technology into the K-8 curriculum; and
- heard an update on grounds maintenance/mulch bids.

Next meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2, 2014.

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