



April 16, 2014 meeting

## Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

*Serving 3,341 students living in portions of Tinley Park, Mokena, and Frankfort*

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### Summit Hill's vision for technology detailed at Board of Education meeting

Over the last two years, several groups of teachers, parents, and community members came together to support the establishment of a Districtwide vision for technology that is grounded in teaching and learning. At the Board meeting, technology teachers, building and central office administrators, and members of the technology department shared details of the vision on behalf of members of the Superintendent Advisory Committee and the Summit Hill Education Foundation, which generously supported the tech infrastructure project and tech pilot at Walker School.

Our vision is that students will develop the technological competencies needed to become productive members of our global society. To achieve this, we will build and support a learning environment that is reliable, effective, and evolutionary.

As a District, we will:

- commit to using technology and understand it is central to how we teach and learn;
- create powerful learning environments using research-based strategies that effectively use technology;
- integrate technology standards into all areas of the curriculum through a collaborative model;
- provide ongoing and sustained professional development to achieve educator proficiency with effective teaching and learning practices; and
- use resources efficiently and strategically to ensure productivity and fiscal responsibility.

### In personnel matters, the Board

- approved the employment of Bernadette Swiatkowski as a physical therapist;
- approved the employment of Raymie Doyle as a physical therapist assistant; and
- approved the employment of Mary Frances Crum and Laura Jo DeFalco as occupational therapists.

### In other matters, the Board

- approved the adoption of the Fiscal Year 14 amended budget;
- heard an update on proposed changes concerning state aid;
- approved certified job descriptions;
- accepted the retirement/resignation of Connie Paulsen at the end of the 2013-14 school year;
- authorized administration to seek bids for the district cleaning service;
- authorized administration to seek bids for the extension of roof warranties at Arbury Hills, Indian Trail, and the District Administrative Center; and
- heard an update on the summer program enrollments for camps and athletics.