



August 27, 2014 meeting

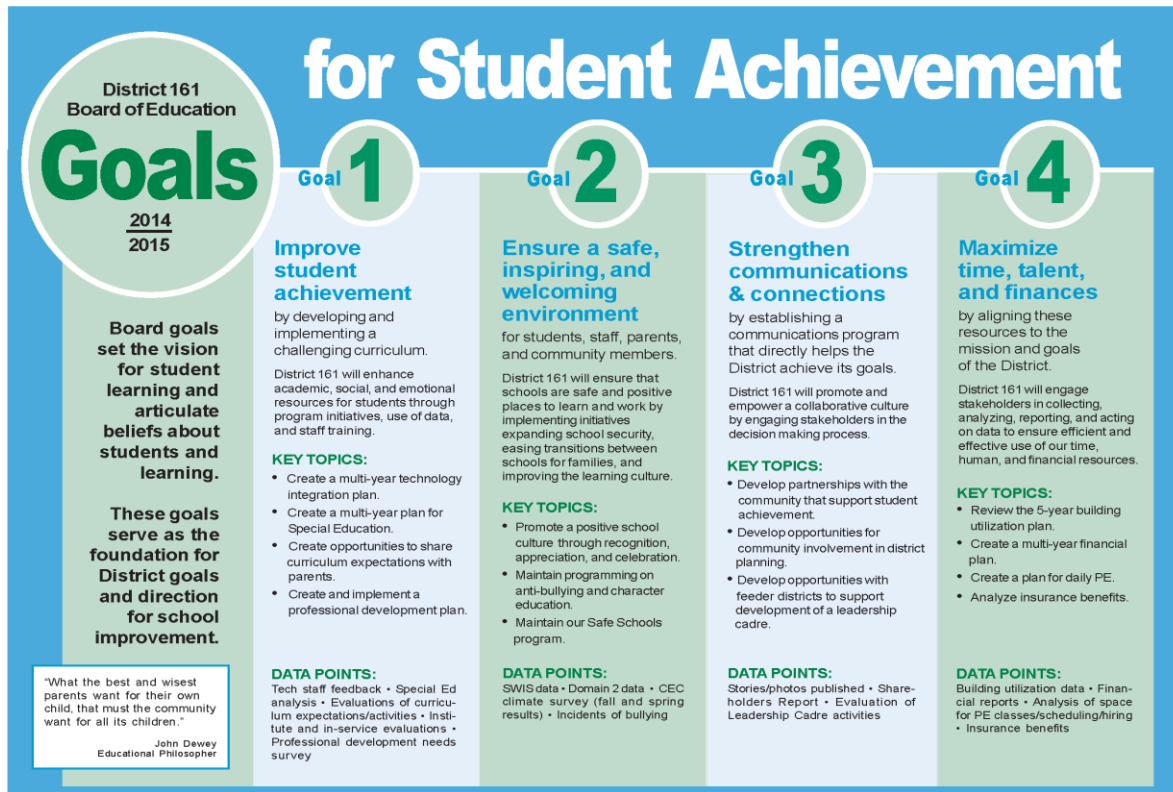
Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

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Board of Education approves Goals for Student Achievement for 2014-15

At the August 27 meeting, members of the Board of Education approved its Goals for Student Achievement:



Parents, staff, and community members invited to join Superintendent Advisory Committees

In an effort to secure community involvement in the District planning process, Supt. Barb Rains is facilitating a Superintendent Advisory Committee for each of the four Board Goals. The goals include:

- (Goal 1) - Improving student achievement by developing and implementing a challenging curriculum
- (Goal 2) - Ensuring a safe, inspiring and welcoming environment for students, staff, parents, and community members
- (Goal 3) - Strengthening communications and connections by establishing a communications program that directly helps the District achieve its goals
- (Goal 4) - Maximizing time, talent, and finances by aligning these resources to the mission and goals of the District

Topics to be included in Board Goal 1 advisory meetings are development of a multi-year plan for tech integration, multi-year plan for Special Ed, professional development, and communication of curricular expectations and District assessments. Each topic has an associated SMART goal which is **s**pecific, **m**easurable, **a**ttainable, **r**ealistic, and **t**imely. Co-facilitators with Supt. Rains will be Director of Curriculum Kathy Klein, Frankfort Square Principal Jason Isdonas, Director of Special Ed Bridget Nolan, Arbury Hills Principal John Snipes, and Walker Assistant Principal Laura Goebel. Board Vice-President Rich Marron will serve as the Board liaison to the advisory with Board Member Pam Kohlbacher as the alternate.

Topics to be included in Board Goal 2 advisory meetings are promotion of a positive school culture through recognition, appreciation, and celebration; school safety/anti-bullying; and the development and implementation of a District climate survey to be administered this fall and spring by the Consortium for Educational Change as part of the District's efforts to monitor our climate so it remains conducive to student achievement. Each topic has an associated SMART goal. Co-facilitators with Supt. Rains will be SHJH Assistant Principal John Wade and Walker Principal Dan Pierson. Board Member Stacey Borgens will serve as the Board liaison to the advisory with Board Member Jennifer Werner as the alternate.

Topics to be included in Board Goal 3 advisory meetings are engagement of Summit Hill community members so that they have an interest in student learning, a stake in student success, and a voice in shaping the future of our students; development of community partnerships to support student achievement; and development of a Future Leaders Cadre to enhance the skills of certified staff members who currently hold or are in the process of obtaining administrative licensure. Each topic has an associated SMART goal. Co-facilitators with Supt. Rains will be Rogus Assistant Principal Francie Boss and Indian Trail Principal Dana Wright. Board Member Pam Kohlbacher will serve as the Board liaison to the advisory with Board President Sean William Doyle as the alternate.

Topics to be included in Board Goal 4 advisory meetings are development of a multi-year plan for finances, review of Year 2 of our building utilization plan, development of an insurance committee, and development of a plan for daily physical education in our schools. Each topic has an associated SMART goal. Co-facilitators with Supt. Rains will be Director of Finance Dean Gerdes, Rogus Principal Mike Ruffalo, and SHJH Principal Pam Hodgson. Board Secretary David Faber will serve as the Board liaison to the advisory with Board Member Rich Ward as the alternate.

The advisory committees will meet throughout the school year from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the District Administrative Center. During the initial meeting of each advisory, dates for future meetings will be determined. After each advisory meeting, meeting highlights will be shared with participants. At designated Board meetings, a facilitator from each advisory will provide an executive summary to the Board of the progress of their advisory to date.

Interested parents, staff, and community members are asked to please e-mail jsteckhan@summithill.org by Monday, September 8. Please indicate your preference: Board Goal 1 Advisory, Board Goal 2 Advisory, Board Goal 3 Advisory, or Board Goal 4 Advisory. Afterwards we will set first meeting dates.

In personnel matters, the Board

- approved the employment of Erin Ulosweh as a teacher to fill an FMLA;
- approved the employment of Kristina Turek, Jennifer Bazik, and Julianne Tadin-McClain as paraprofessionals;
- approved the employment of Theresa Stejskal as a lunchroom supervisor; and
- accepted the resignations of Laura Swiat, Gail Pilny, and Adwaa Hammad.

In other matters, the Board

- approved the second and final reading of Board Policies 4:100, 4:160, 4:170, 4:175, 5:280, 6:150, and 7:250;
- approved the Application for Recognition of Schools; and
- approved a resolution providing for the issuance of \$23,850,000 general obligation refunding school bonds for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds and providing for the levy of an annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest.