



August 22, 2012 meeting

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District 161 Board of Education hears preliminary budget presentation

At its Aug. 22 meeting, the Board heard a preliminary presentation concerning the 2012-13 budget. Overall, the operating revenue is budgeted to be \$224,213 over last year. Overall, the operating expenditures are budgeted to be \$958,000 less than last year primarily due to staff reductions. The projected 2012 fund balance is anticipated to be \$15.2 million in the operating funds. The tentative budget document will be on display for public review beginning Aug. 23 as required by Illinois School Code. The budget hearing will be held during the Sept. 26 Board meeting.

District 161 earns state PR award and certificate of excellence for financial reporting

District 161 was named a winner in the Illinois Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association communications program. Its entry, "2011-12 Shareholder's Report to the Community" received a Certificate of Merit. The newsletter was the first of its kind to be generated and mailed to all District 161 residents. The content focused on District finances and management of the future of District 161's instructional program.

District 161 also received its 26th consecutive Association of School Business Officials Award of Excellence in financial reporting. The award signifies that District 161's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report substantially conforms to ASBO's principles and standards of excellence.

In personnel matters, the Board:

- employed Karen Lebedz, Laura Cissell, and Christie Perch as teachers;
- employed Alicia Smorynski as a teacher to fill a FMLA;
- employed Denise O'Donnell as a clerk;
- employed Megan Shea, Kathryn Hopkins, and Leslie Pimental as paraprofessionals;
- employed Carolyn Timejardine and Christy Galati as lunchroom/playground supervisors;
- employed Fran Flamini as a sub-lunchroom/playground supervisor; and
- accepted the resignations of Matt Van Mill and Joanne Pappas.

In other action, the Board:

- discussed the District payroll schedule;
- opened an additional section of Grade 4 at Indian Trail School;
- approved a resolution providing for the issuance of \$9,605,000 in General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2012;
- authorized the execution of an Escrow Agreement in connection with the issuance of \$9,605,000 general obligation refunding school bonds; and
- accepted the bid for Timothy W. Sharpe to complete the GASB 45 Audit.

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