



February 24, 2010 meeting

Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

Serving 3,687 students living in portions of Tinley Park, Mokena, and Frankfort

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Board to proceed with cost-containment package for 2010-2011

At its Feb. 24 Board meeting, the Board of Education reached consensus to proceed with a cost-containment package totaling \$2.1 Million for the 2010-2011 school year. The plan balances the District's overall budget for the upcoming year and still ensures the District's continued educational excellence and the maintenance of all District educational and extracurricular programs.

While the Board and administration have been recognized by the state for the past seven years for excellent financial management, the need to use accumulated reserves has become much greater than is fiscally responsible. The state's inability to pay its debts in the form of general state aid and categorical payments, declining

local property tax revenue, and a very poor economy have all created a situation that the Board needed to proactively address.

The cost-containment action targets areas that least affect students. The breakdown of the Board's consensus of action includes the following: negative student growth for 2010-2011 – projected savings of \$432,000; reduce line item supplies and materials – projected savings of \$1,125,390; reduce support personnel positions – projected savings of \$101,533; reduce administrative position – projected savings of \$74,443; reduce one non-instructional position – projected savings of \$65,000; and increase class size guideline by one student – projected savings of \$325,000.

In other matters, the Board:

- heard a presentation by Mary Drew School teachers and students;
- heard a report of the District Improvement Team and District Excellence Team; and
- heard that there are currently 3,693 students enrolled in district schools.