

Summit Hill District 161
Wednesday, January 8, 2014
7:00 PM
Administration Office Board Room
Regular Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance by Board President, Sean William Doyle
2. Roll Call by Secretary, David Faber
3. Information and Proposals
 - A. Recognition
 - B. Freedom of Information Act
 - C. Public Comments
 - D. Letters and Communications
4. Action Items
 - A. Consent of Agenda
 1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Session Minutes of December 11, 2013
 - b. Closed Session Minutes of December 11, 2013
 2. Approval of December Financial Report
 3. Approval of Bill List of January 8, 2014
 4. Approval of Resignation of Staff
 5. Approval of Family Medical Leave
 6. Approval of Employment of Staff
 - B. Old Business
 1. Committee Reports
 - a. Superintendent Advisory - Technology (Goal 3)
 - b. SHEF Committee Report (Goal 3)
 2. Adoption of 2014-2015 School Calendar (Goal 3)
 3. Approval of Lease Agreement for Space at Mary Drew School (Goal 4)
 4. Board Policy Review - Section 8
 - C. New Business
 1. PMA Investment Quarterly Report (Goal 4)
 2. Student Registration Fees (Goal 4)
 3. Student Milk Fee for 2014-2015 (Goal 4)
 4. Review of Closed Session Minutes/Destruction of Closed Session Recordings

5. President's Comments
6. Superintendent and Staff Report
 - A. Enrollment Report
 - B. E/LA Presentation (Goal 1)
 - C. Kindergarten Registration Drive 2014-2015 (Goal 4)
 - D. Update on Bullying Prevention (Goal 2)
 - E. Preview of January 17, 2014 In-service (Goal 1)
 - F. Discussion of LW 843 Program Proposal for 2014-2015 (Goal 4)
 - G. Personnel and Property Matters (Closed Session)
7. Information and Questions from Board Members
 - A. Board Member Comments
8. Public Comments
9. Future Meeting Dates
 - A. January 22, 2014 Administration Center, 7 PM
 - B. January 14, 2014 Policy Committee Meeting Administration Center, 6:30 P.M.
 - C. January 25, 2014 Special Meeting (Workshop), Administration Center 8:30 AM
10. Adjournment

District 161
Board of Education

Goals

2013
2014

Board goals
set the vision
for student
learning and
articulate
beliefs about
students and
learning.

These goals
serve as the
foundation for
District goals
and direction
for school
improvement.

"What the best and wisest
parents want for their own
child, that must the community
want for all its children."

John Dewey
Educational Philosopher

Goal

1

Improve student achievement

by developing and implementing a challenging curriculum.

District 161 will enhance academic, social, and emotional resources for students through program initiatives, use of data, and staff training.

KEY STRATEGIES:

- Repack E/LA common core standards in grades K-8.
- Unpack and repack Math common core standards in grades K-8.
- Monitor Early Learning Program.
- Review Honors Program.
- Use technology productively to maximize student achievement.
- Implement Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) process.

PROGRESS TARGETS:

Gr. 1 Standards Based Report Card • English/LA technology integration • Writing rubrics • Curricular mapping/progressions

Goal

2

Ensure a safe, inspiring, and welcoming environment

for students, staff, parents, and community members.

District 161 will ensure that schools are safe and positive places to learn and work by implementing initiatives expanding school security, easing transitions between schools for families, and improving the learning culture.

KEY STRATEGIES:

- Promote a positive school culture through recognition, appreciation, and celebration.
- Maintain programming on anti-bullying and character education.
- Promote wellness/physical fitness in the learning culture.

PROGRESS TARGETS:

Chain of Command • PBIS • Safe Schools Program • Districtwide Run/Walk for Fun • Learning Readiness/PE

Goal

3

Strengthen communications & connections

by establishing a communications program that directly helps the District achieve its goals.

District 161 will promote and empower a collaborative culture by engaging stakeholders in the decision making process.

KEY STRATEGIES:

- Develop partnerships with the community that support student achievement.
- Develop opportunities for community involvement in district planning.
- Maintain transparent, open communication about the quality of District schools.

PROGRESS TARGETS:

Shareholders Report to Community • District dash board • Friends of the District e-mail network • Public Boardbook • Superintendent Advisory

Goal

4

Maximize time, talent, and finances

by aligning these resources to the mission and goals of the District.

District 161 will engage stakeholders in collecting, analyzing, reporting, and acting on data to ensure efficient and effective use of our time, human, and financial resources.

KEY STRATEGIES:

- Develop 5-year building utilization plan.
- Analyze District fee structure.
- Analyze the insurance program.
- Research bond refunding programs.

PROGRESS TARGETS:

Superintendent Financial Advisory • Business Office training • Employee handbooks • Debt recovery program pilot