

Summit Hill District 161
Wednesday, March 12, 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 Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2014
 - b. Closed Session Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2014
 - c. Special Session Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2014
 2. Approval of Resignation of Staff
 3. Approval of Family Medical Leave
 4. Approval of Employment of Staff
 5. Approval of February Financial Report
 6. Approval of January Treasurer's Report
 7. Approval of Bill List of March 7, 2014
 - B. Old Business
 1. School District Investment Update
 2. Approval of Energy Management Agreement with ENERNOC
 - C. New Business
 1. Authorization to Publish Notice of Fiscal Year 2013 Tentative Amended Budget
 2. Approval to Amend FY14 Tax Levy
 3. Acceptance of Gift
 4. Discussion of Clubs for Grades 1-4
 5. Pre-School Program Cost Update
5. President's Comments

6. Superintendent and Staff Report
 - A. Enrollment Report
 - B. Pre-K and EC Common Core Presentation
 - C. Illinois 5Essentials Survey
 - D. March 21, 2014 Teacher In-Service
 - E. Tech Module Update
 - F. Follow-Up on Snow Removal Plan
 - G. Personnel Matters (Closed Session)
7. Information and Questions from Board Members
 - A. Board Comments
8. Public Comments
9. Future Meeting Dates
 - A. March 26, 2014 Administration Center 7 PM
 - B. April 2, 2014 Administrative Center, 7 PM
 - C. April 16, 2014 Administrative Center, 7 PM
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