

Summit Hill District 161
Wednesday, November 13, 2013
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 of Students and Board Members
 - 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 October 23, 2013
 - b. Closed Session Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2013
 - c. Special Session Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2013
 2. Approval of October Financial Report
 3. Approval of Bill List of November 8, 2013
 4. Approval of Resignation of Staff
 5. Approval to Family Medical Leave
 6. Approval of Employment of Staff
 - B. Old Business
 1. Approval of Withdrawal of New Lenox School District #122 from the Lincoln-Way Area Special Education Joint Agreement #843 (Goal 4)
 2. Second and Final Reading of Board Policy
 3. Board Policy Manual Review - Section 6
 4. Approval of Resolution Concerning Investments (Goal 4)
 5. Final Review of Parent Survey (Goal 3)
 6. IASB Resolutions
 - C. New Business
 1. Retirement of Staff (Goal 4)
 2. Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$20,000,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds of School District Number 161, Will County, Illinois, for

the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of said School District, and providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds (Goal 4)

3. Resolution authorizing and directing the execution of one or more Escrow Agreements in connection with the issue of General Obligation Refunding School Bonds of School District Number 161, Will County, Illinois (Goal 4)
4. Approval of Tax Levy Estimate Resolution (Goal 4)
5. Discussion of 2014-2015 District Calendar (Goal 2)
5. President's Comments
6. Superintendent and Staff Report
 - A. Enrollment Report (Goal 4)
 - B. Curriculum Audit (Goal 1)
 - C. Curricular Update (Goal 1)
 - D. Holiday Vacation Schedule (Goal 4)
 - E. Immunization & Compliance Report (Goal 2)
 - F. Personnel and Negotiation Matters (Closed Session)
7. Information and Questions from Board Members
 - A. Board Member Comments
8. Public Comments
9. Future Meeting Dates
 - A. December 11, 2013 Administration Center, 7 P.M.
 - B. January 8, 2014 Administration Center, 7 P.M.
 - C. January 22, 2014 Administration 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