

Summit Hill District 161
Wednesday, September 25, 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. Letters and Communications
 - B. Freedom of Information Act
 - C. Recognition
 - D. Public Comments
4. Action Items
 - A. Consent of Agenda
 1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Session Minutes of September 11, 2013
 - b. Closed Session Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2013
 2. Approval of Resignation of Staff
 3. Approval of Family Medical Leave
 4. Approval of Extraordinary Leave
 5. Approval of Employment of Staff
 - B. Old Business
 1. Committee Reports
 - a. Superintendent Financial Advisory Committee Meeting
 - b. Lincoln-Way Curriculum Council
 - c. SHEF Committee Meeting
 - C. New Business
 1. Public Hearing for 2013-2014 (FY14) Budget (8:00 P.M.)
 2. Resolution to Approve FY 2013-2014 Budget
 3. Maintenance/Upkeep of District Buildings
 4. Discussion of Financial Audit Process
 5. Setting the Date for Special Meeting for Board Planning for 2014 - 2015
 6. Board Negotiation Team Appointment
 7. Setting the Date for Special Meeting for Board Member Candidate Interviews

5. President's Comments
6. Superintendent and Staff Report
 - A. Enrollment Report
 - B. October 11, 2013 Inservice
 - C. Curricular Updates
 - D. Personnel, Negotiation and Public Office Matters (Closed Session)
 - E. Return to Open Session
7. Information and Questions from Board Members
 - A. Lincoln Way District 843 Meeting Report
 - B. Board Member Comments
8. Public Comments
9. Future Meeting Dates
 - A. October 9, 2013 Administration Center, 7 PM
 - B. October 23, 2013 Administration Center, 7 P.M.
 - C. November 13, 2013 Administrative Center, 7 P.M.
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