

**Summit Hill District 161**  
Wednesday, April 11, 2012  
7:00 PM  
Administration Office Board Room  
**Regular Meeting Agenda**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance by Board President, Mary Kenny
2. Roll Call by Secretary, Denise Lenz
3. Information and Proposals
  - A. Public Comments
  - B. Letters and Communications
4. Action Items
  - A. Consent of Agenda
    1. Approval of Minutes
      - a. Regular Session Minutes of March 28, 2012
      - b. Closed Session Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2012
    2. Employment of Staff
    3. Approval of Bill List of April 5, 2012
  - B. Old Business
    1. Committee Reports
  - C. New Business
    1. 2011-2012 Calendar Change to Set the Last Day of School
5. President's Comments
6. Superintendent and Staff Report
  - A. Enrollment Report
  - B. Eighth Grade Graduation Activities
  - C. Re-registration Period
  - D. Personnel and Student Matters (Closed Session)
7. Information and Questions from Board Members
  - A. Board Member Comments
8. Public Comments
9. Future Meeting Dates
  - A. April 25, 2012 Arbury Hills School 7:00 PM
  - B. May 9, 2012 Frankfort Square School, 7 PM
  - C. May 23, 2012 Administration Center, 7 PM

D. June 13, 2012 Administration Center, 7:00 P.M.

10. Adjournment

District 161  
Board of Education

# Goals

2011  
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:

- Map and align content to  
common core standards.
- Develop common assessments.
- Analyze testing program.
- Expand student wellness.
- Use technology productively to  
maximize student achievement.
- Review gifted/honors program.

### PROGRESS TARGETS:

Grades 5-8 Social Studies Adoption  
• Evaluation of Reading and  
Math Curriculums • 6 Trait Writing  
• Report Card Descriptors • Dis-  
trict Professional Development  
Plan • Math RtI • Brain Energizers

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:

- Utilize police liaison feedback.
- Ensure a healthy workplace  
environment.
- Maintain step-up opportunities.
- Implement class size guideline  
ranges to manage enrollment.

### PROGRESS TARGETS:

PBIS • Lunchroom Supervision •  
Discipline • Chain of Command •  
Handbooks and Accountability •  
Evaluations • Releases/Trans-  
fers • Parent Surveys • Climate  
Surveys • Board Meeting Public  
Comment Protocol • Maintenance  
Plan

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:

- Communicate District goals,  
initiatives, finances, and  
recognition to stakeholders.
- Monitor stakeholder issues and  
perceptions.
- Develop partnerships with the  
community that support student  
achievement.

### PROGRESS TARGETS:

Utilization of Key Communicator  
Network • Surveys • District News-  
letters • School Newsletters • E-  
Mail Blasts • District and School  
Web Sites • School Liaisons •  
Shareholder's Report to the Com-  
munity

Goal

4

## Maximize time, talent & 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:

- Utilize half-day inservices  
for curriculum/staff  
development and articulation.
- Ensure students have quality  
educators who support  
innovative and research-  
based teaching practices.
- Provide stakeholders with  
the highest quality of fiscal  
responsibility available.

### PROGRESS TARGETS:

Encore schedules • Agendas for  
Institute Days • Staff Relations •  
Hiring Process • Finance Com-  
mittee • Strat Plan Update • State  
Financial Profile Indicators