



January 25, 2012 meeting

Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

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Streamlining, capacities, referendum

Board weighs options to slow erosion of District's financial position over three-year period

At Wednesday's meeting, members of the Board heard a presentation concerning options to slow down the erosion of the District's financial position over a three-year period. Local taxpayer support now totals \$32.4 million (89%). District parents who are registered voters contribute \$7.4 million and District residents (non-District 161 parents) who are registered voters contribute \$24.9 million to fund District schools. Since 2007, the District has had continued growth in its tax base. District 161's current financial situation resulted from a combination of zero growth in the tax base and reductions in state and federal funding. Plans for budget savings include streamlining the current use of buildings and programs, optimizing the use of school facilities, and closing the revenue shortfall through a successful tax rate increase in the Education Fund. The options will be further discussed at the Board's Planning Workshop on February 4. Additional information is available on the District's homepage, <http://www.summithill.org>

In personnel matters, the Board

- approved the resignation of lunch supervisor Michelle Borgia.

In other matters, the Board

- approved the 2012-2013 District calendar; and
- approved maintaining registration fees at the current rate for the 2012-2013 school year: \$125 for half-day kindergarten and preschool and \$150 for grades K-8. If registration is paid in full by June 15, 2012 there will be a discount of \$20 per child.