



Aug.11, 2021 meeting

Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

Serving 2,600+ students living in portions of Tinley Park, Mokena, and Frankfort

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2021-2022 School Opening Plan Discussed

At the August 11 meeting, the 2021-2022 School Opening Plan was discussed at great length. Due to the Illinois State Board of Education requiring in-person instruction and Governor Pritzker's mask mandate for all schools, options for local control were limited. Dr. Paul McDermott discussed the plan in great detail, including looking at how community metrics will be utilized to increase or decrease mitigations throughout the school year. The Opening Plan has been widely shared and is accessible at www.summithill.org. To begin the year and in times of high transmission, all students and staff will be required to wear a face mask, unless a medical exemption note is supplied to the building principal.

District Approves Seamless Summer Option Lunch Program

The Summit Hill School District 161 Board of Education approved the Seamless Summer Option, providing all SHSD161 students with access to free lunch throughout the year. Lunch menus will be coming home soon for students, with the help of their parents, choosing which days they wish to eat at school. For the SSO lunch program, milk is included and is free of charge. If students only opt for milk, they will need to pay an additional charge if they opt to not take the whole meal.

Tentative 2021-2022 Budget Presented

The SHSD161 Administration presented the 2021-2022 Tentative Budget, which will be on display until the September 15th, 2021 Board Meeting at the District Office, at which time a Budget Hearing will take place. Based on the projections from last year, an anticipated excess in expenditures over revenues is predicted in the Education Fund in the amount of \$1,014,640 and in the Transportation Fund of \$712,000. All other funds will show an excess of revenues over expenditures. Julie Stearns, Business Manager, reports that these are tentative numbers and subject to change as key strategic financial decisions are made by the new District Administrative Team, and supported by the Board of Education. This includes increasing revenues through grants as well as reducing expenditures to improve upon the predicted numbers.

In personnel matters, the Board

- accepted the resignations of Sarah O'Malley, Megan Shea, Tiffany Sharp, Nancy Smith, Samantha Judge, Jonathan Catigano, Christine Page;
- approved the employment of Jennifer Adams, District Wide Certified PEL Nurse, Patricia Dornhecker, Special Education Resource Teacher at Hilda Walker School, Mary Alice McClain, FMLA Teacher at Indian Trail School, Christine Cavanaugh, Kindergarten Teacher at Dr. Julian Rogus School, Shannon Garvey, Speech Pathologist at Arbury Hill School, Maria Hoots, Paraprofessional at Hilda Walker School, Christine Page, Receptionist at the Mary Drew Administrative Center, Fatima Hernandez, Health Clerk at Hilda Walker School, Alissa McDermott, Health Clerk at Dr. Julian Rogus School, Qwynn Walker, Paraprofessional at Hilda Walker School, Carla Campbell, Nurse at Hilda Walker School, Michael Siwec, Building Technician at Summit Hill Jr. High School;
- denied an extraordinary leave for employee 2266.

In other matters, the Board

- approved 2 memorandum of understandings;
- appointed Jim Martin, Katie Campbell and Trudy Sturino as representatives to the Building/Grounds Usage Committee;
- heard a report and approved the District 843 2021-2022 Budget;
- approved the 2021-2022 School Year Opening Plan
- approved to reduce the number of new nurse clerks being hired from 4 to 2;
- approved a market adjustment hourly rate for nurses to \$19.75 and adjust all nurses hourly rate by \$1.75;
- adopted the Seamless Summer Option as Summit Hill School District 161 free lunch provider for 2021-2022 school year;
- approve the 2021-2022 Administrative Handbook, the 2021-2022 Certified Handbook, the 2021-2022 Non-Certified Handbook, the Paraprofessional Handbook, the 2021-2022 Custodial Handbook and the 2021-2022 Band Handbook;
- approved the snow service agreement with George's Landscaping;
- heard a report on the tentative 2021-2022 budget and set the 2021-2022 budget hearing for September 15, 2021 at 7:30 pm;
- confirmed the existence of hazardous transportation route for the 2020-2021 school year;
- heard a discussion on field trips and activities;

This year, we will “*flourish*” together!

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