



November 18, 2020 meeting

## Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

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

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### **Board of Education thanks SHEF for \$25,000 donation for K-2 teacher tablets**

At the November 18 meeting, the Board thanked the Summit Hill Education Foundation (SHEF) for its donation of \$25,000 toward the purchase of Surface Laptop Go tablets. The tablets will be designated for K-2 classroom teachers to allow for extended live streaming time when modeling student lessons. Since SHEF's inception in 2006, the foundation has awarded over \$1 million to district schools to support District 161 students. Throughout the year, SHEF raises money through various events and fundraisers such as Haunted Hustle, BINGO, and Trivia Nights to fund school projects that enhance the learning process in our classrooms. SHEF also assists with funding district grants that support the improvement of technology throughout the district.

Also at the meeting, Supt. Rains recognized Board members on School Board Member Day, noting that tough choices this year went beyond traditional educational outcomes as members had to weigh their decisions in terms of the health and safety of the school community.

### **In personnel matters, the Board:**

- approved the employment of Jason Hess, FMLA teacher; Linda Arnold, clerk; and Nancy Smith, nurse;
- approved an FMLA for employee 2914 and employee 2869; and
- accepted the resignations of Kathryn Behrens, Julie Sajewich and Christine Ciraulo.

### **In other matters, the Board:**

- approved the resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$9,200,000 taxable general obligation refunding school bonds of the district for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the district, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the proposed sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof;
- approved the resolution authorizing and directing the execution of an escrow agreement in connection with the issue of not to exceed \$9,200,000 taxable general obligation refunding school bonds of the district;
- approved the first reading of Board Policy 2:260, 2:265, 7:40, 7:190, 7:340 and 7:345;
- accepted the retirement/resignation letters from Susan Stachler at the end of the 2020-2021 school year and Lona Mucha at the end of the 2022-2023 school year;
- authorized administration to seek bids for the Hilda Walker roof project; and
- adopted the 2020 tax levy resolution and set the public hearing for 7:30 p.m. on December 16.