



September 13, 2017 meeting

Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

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Board hears update on new evidence-based funding formula

At the Sept. 13 meeting, the Board heard an update on the new evidence based funding formula that was signed into law on August 31 by Gov. Bruce Rauner. With this new law in place, general funds can now flow to public school districts. The first allocations from the new formula - \$237,837 from the state for the two August payments - were recently received by the district. The base funding minimum is what is being disbursed. The base funding minimum includes: general state aid, special education personnel reimbursement, special education funding for children, special education summer school reimbursement, and bilingual funding. Distributions from the evidence-based piece of the formula will come later. Mandated categoricals for special education private facility tuition, regular transportation, and special education transportation are outside of the new funding formula and will be distributed as they have been in the past.

Board hears overview of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) State plan

At the Sept. 13 meeting, the Board heard an overview of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) State plan. ESSA reauthorizes the 50-year-old Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the nation's education law. The Illinois plan, approved by the U.S. Department of Education on August 30, 2017, is the state's vision for evaluating and supporting public schools. Implementation will begin immediately, but the 2017-18 school year will serve as a transition year. In measuring school quality, the ESSA State plan focuses on academic indicators and school quality/student

success indicators. The following academic indicators account for 75% of the measure:

- Student growth accounts for 50% of the 75% with each school receiving an A-F grade specifically for growth, as compared to students with similar local context statewide;
- PARCC (or compatible state assessment) and Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessment account for 20%; and
- ACCESS (English Learner proficiency) accounts for 5%.

The following quality/student success indicators account for 25% of the measure:

- Chronic absenteeism (10%);
- Climate survey (5%);
- Fine Arts *yet to be determined*;
- P-2 indicator *yet to be determined*; and
- Elementary/Middle indicator *yet to be determined*.

More information to follow as it becomes available.

In personnel matters, the Board

- approved the employment of Amanda Rudofski as a FMLA teacher, Jeanne Demma as a paraprofessional, Chad Smith as a custodian, and Valerie Reid as a clerk; and
- accepted the resignations of Kathy Acton and Cathy Antis.

In other matters, the Board

- recognized the Frankfort Lions Club and Town Center Bank for their generous donations of school supplies;
- recognized Board Member Stacey Borgens for achieving the Master Board Member Level 2 status from the Master Board Member Program of the Illinois Association of School Boards;

- approved a revision to Board Policy 2:200 - School Board Meeting Procedure;
- set the 2018-19 Board Planning Meeting date as January 27, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.;
- approved a one-year contract with Eternally Green Lawn Care for snow removal services for the 2017-2018 winter season;
- heard a recap of the opening Institute days and September 1st in-service professional development opportunities; and
- heard a special education update.

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