



# BOARD-O-GRAM

Educational Focus Meeting of February 25, 2008

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## *“Building The Future in District 88” Construction to Begin!*

### **BUILDING THE FUTURE IN DISTRICT 88:**

Architects **Jim Mark and Andy Joseph of Wight & Company** provided a snapshot of schematic design for **“Building The Future.”** The designs are centered on the theme of “Student Life & Student Spirit” and capture the priorities identified by the buildings and steering committee. Wight previewed and explained the renderings for both AT and WB that will continue to evolve in the coming weeks.

**Dr. Humphrey** thanked the community again for their support in April 2007 to proceed with this comprehensive project that will improve the learning environment. He explained the next steps include sending bids in April in order for **construction to begin this summer**. The completion date is still on target for **Fall 2010**.

### **BOARD HONORS “88’s BEST”:**

The Board of Education recognizes students who excel at Addison Trail and Willowbrook High Schools through **88’s Best**. They were pleased to honor the following students for their extracurricular accomplishments:



**Zach Maxwell** has demonstrated success in academics and extracurricular activities at **Addison Trail**. Zach ranks 14<sup>th</sup> in his senior class and his strong commitment to challenging himself has led him to take a rigorous academic schedule, while striving to be as involved as possible.

In addition to excelling in academics, Zach has participated in many extracurricular organizations including vice-president of Student Council, president of Letterman’s Club, class officer, FAST, Pay It Forward, Youth in Government and Principal’s Advisory Team. Zach has also been a three-year varsity football player. His most recent accomplishment was being named “Mr. AT.” in the annual competition.

Zach has applied to Notre Dame, Purdue, Northwestern, the University of Wisconsin, the University of Michigan and the University of Chicago. He plans to major in Economics and Finance.

**Ashley Kanelos** has excelled in academics and extracurricular activities at **Willowbrook High School**. Ashley has been a member of many sports teams including track, cross-country, basketball and badminton. She was selected to the all conference cross-country team and went to State in the three-point shootout.

While at Willowbrook, Ashley has also sought involvement outside the classroom and athletics. She is a member of Civitas, the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Best Buddies, Math Team and Econ Challenge. Ashley plays the trumpet and is a member of the Jazz Band, Marching Band and Pep Band. She also finds the time to be a volunteer at a food pantry and tutor at Jackson Middle School.

Ashley has applied to University of Illinois, University of Wisconsin Madison, Washington University and Penn State. She plans to pursue a degree in Kinesiology and pre-pharmacy.



### **BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP SIGNING CEREMONY:**

**Mr. Mark Johnson**, President of the Board of Education, and **Dr. Steve Humphrey**, Superintendent of Schools, honored a local Villa Park business for their contributions to District 88. The signing ceremony was held in recognition for their **leadership, commitment, and dedication to the schools and district**. Each month business partners are invited to the ceremony. February honorees were (L-R) **Siti Jahnig and Bobbie O'Dell of Harris Bank in Villa Park**.



### **EDUCATIONAL FOCUS ITEMS:**

- **Ms. Ann Peters (AT) and Mrs. Ann Kimpton (WB)** presented an overview of literacy interventions at both schools. Addison Trail reported on **universal, targeted and intensive interventions** to improve student achievement and the efforts to promote literacy across the curriculum. Willowbrook highlighted the six skills identified to support **standards based grading** and showed sample reports viewable by both teachers and students in PowerSchool. Both schools cited that **articulation efforts with feeder districts** and additional testing of incoming students are helping improve reading proficiency.
- **Mrs. Beth Yacobi**, Director of Curriculum and Learning, reported the **2008 Summer School program will run from June 16-July 28** and need to be hosted offsite at District 4, 45, 48 and DeVry University due to “Building The Future” construction. The format will feature an hour and a half session for each reading and math. Additional offered classes include **Speech, Consumer Education, ESL classes and an algebra enrichment program**. Communication to all eighth grade parents and students will be sent following the summer school planning meeting on February 27.

**THE CONSENT AGENDA**, which included the following items, was approved by the Board:

The **List of Bills for January 2008**, except check #441283 to James Luebker; purchase of **computer equipment**; **auditing services** through fiscal year 2010; **fundraiser contracts** with anticipated revenue over \$1,000 and **personnel report from February 11, 2008**.

**SEPARATE ACTION ITEMS**, which included the following, were approved by the Board:

- **Check #441283 to James Luebker**
- **Treasurer’s Report and Budget Status Report** from January 2008.
- Development of the **Special Education Transition Program** at the new District Office location in Addison.
- Recommendation to **maintain partial ownership and support the annexation** of the Army Trail Nature Center property by the Village of Addison.
- **Meeting minutes** from the January 14, 2008, **Regular Business meeting**.
- **Meeting minutes** from the January 14, 2008, **Closed Session meeting**.
- **Meeting minutes** from the January 28, 2008 **Board Leadership Workshop meeting**.
- **Meeting minutes** from the January 28, 2008, **Educational Focus meeting**.
- **Meeting minutes** from the January 28, 2008, **Closed Session meeting**.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- **Freedom of Information Act requests have been received from and information forwarded to:** Mr. Paul Klenck of the Illinois Education Association, Ms. Laurie Couch of the Service Employees International Union, Local 1 and Mr. Collin Hitt of the Illinois Policy Institute.
- Review of **revised and amended Board Policies 5:230, 5:240, 5:250, 5:260, 5:270, 5:280, 5:285, 5:290, 5:300, 5:310, 5:320, 5:330, 6:110, 6:280, 6:300, 6:310, 7:50, 7:60 and 7:70**.

**IN PERSONNEL ACTION:** the following items were approved by the Board:

- Director of Guidance Appointment for **Cathy Ridlon**, WB Director of Guidance, effective 2008-09 school year.
- Department Chair Appointment for **Jeff Reher**, WB Special Education Department Chair, effective Jan. 22, 2008.
- Certified Staff Status Change for **Joe Remsik**, WB Special Education Department Chair to WB Social Worker.
- Classified Staff Resignation for **Peter Makrinski**, WB BIC Teacher Aide effective Feb. 15, 2008.

**SCHOOL RECOGNITION:**

**Addison Trail Principal Dr. Scott Helton** highlighted recent events and recognition:

- The Medical Careers class was invited to Mercy Provena Hospital to observe open heart surgery. The students were able to ask the cardiologist questions during the surgery and meet the heart team after the surgery.
- Science Olympiad team finished 16<sup>th</sup> out of 30 teams at the Prospect Invitational.
- The LASO Valentines Dance was attended by nearly 200 students from both Addison Trail and Willowbrook.
- Upcoming events include: AT/IT Choir Concert, International Fest, Flower Show and Pops Concert.

**Willowbrook Principal Mr. Dan Krause** highlighted recent events and recognition:

- Over 400 juniors took the practice ACT test and the results will help prepare for the upcoming PSAE test.
- The wind ensemble will be departing on Feb. 27 for the annual music department concert tour. This year’s tour will include stops in Philadelphia and New York City.
- The recent Warrior Code assembly honored students displaying the code and those with perfect attendance.
- Upcoming events include: Unifying Diversity presentation, Turnabout Dance and Band Concerts.

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***Mark Your Calendars:***

March 10, 2008	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Regular Business Meeting	District Boardroom
March 17, 2008	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Educational Focus Meeting	District Boardroom