

**Monday, December 18, 2017**  
**Regular Business/Educational Focus Board Of Education Meeting**

◇ **Recognition of Successes**

88's Best

88's Best Students Lauren Stamatopoulos from Addison Trail and Genevieve Corkery from Willowbrook were recognized for the month of December. The students were congratulated on their many accomplishments. The students thanked the Board, their teachers and their families for their support. As a token of their achievements, Lauren and Genevieve were given an 88's Best glass sculpture and a certificate to a local restaurant.

State Recognitions

Students from Addison Trail and Willowbrook were recognized for their state-level achievements for the fall season. Those students are: Nicholas Czorniak-Science Olympiad (spring 2017); Nicholas D'Ambrose-IHSFCA Academic All-State Football; Randall Petrбок-IHSFCA Academic All-State Football; Jack Jessen-IHSFCA All-State First Team and Academic All-State Football; Scott Tumilty-IHSFCA Honorable Mention All-State and Academic All-State Football; Kevon Dobbins-IHSFCA Honorable Mention All-State Football; Brandon Loth-IHSFCA Academic All-State Football; Matt Knudtson-IHSFCA Academic All-State Football; Sam Tumilty-IHSFCA Academic All-State Football; and Nick Sabatino-IHSFCA Academic All-State Football. As a token of their achievements, these students were given a certificate. Congratulations!

◇ **Public Hearing on the 2017 Tax Levy**

The proposed tax levy for 2017 was reviewed during the October 30, 2017, and November 13, 2017, Board meetings. During the November 13, 2017, meeting, the Board adopted a resolution to establish the aggregate amount of taxes estimated to be levied for the year 2017 in the amount of \$54,560,695. That request represents a 4.9-percent increase, but we expect to receive an increase of about 2.9 percent based on the CPI at 2.1 percent and new property/construction growth. Because the value of total property and new property is unknown at this time, the district levied higher. No changes or updates were made since the proposed tax levy was approved in November. In compliance with the Truth in Taxation Law, a notice was published on December 6, 2017, that public comments would be heard at the December 18, 2017, meeting. The public hearing was opened during the December 18, 2017, Board meeting for Board members and audience members to ask questions and discuss the 2017 proposed tax levy.

◇ **Educational Focus Item**

Assistant Superintendent Mrs. Jean Barbanente presented a German Student-Exchange Program proposal for fall 2018. The German American Partnership Program (GAPP) has been running for many years and is funded through the German and the U.S. governments. The proposal includes Addison Trail and Willowbrook high schools being paired with a college-preparatory high school in Frankfurt, Germany. The exchange will begin with German students visiting in September/October 2018 for two weeks, and our students will travel to Germany in June 2019.

- ◇ **SEPARATE ACTION Items, which included the following, were approved by the Board:**
  - ✦ Adoption of the 2017 Tax Levy – Resolution Authorizing and Directing Tax Levy and Resolution Authorizing and Directing Certain Special-Purpose Tax Levies.
  - ✦ Financial Audit-Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017.
  - ✦ Rejection of all bids for Musical Instrument Item #1 and approval of Musical Instrument Item #2 for Addison Trail.
  - ✦ List of Bills for November 2017.
  - ✦ List of Bills Exceeding \$5,000.00.
  - ✦ Treasurer’s Report for November 2017.
  - ✦ Budget Status Report for November 2017.
  - ✦ Fundraisers Exceeding \$1,000.00: Addison Trail Theatre/Boosters to sell raffle tickets and host a “Split the Pot” to raise money for scholarships and the Theatre student trip to New York City; Addison Trail Baseball Team to sell baseball apparel with Addison Trail logos to raise money to reduce the cost for uniforms and supplies; Willowbrook High School will host a “Relay For Life” event to include baked goods and shirts to be sold, along with a Facial Hair February event. Proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society; and Willowbrook Band to sell cookie dough and Fannie May candies and host a pancake breakfast to raise money for the band tour to Orlando, Florida.
  - ✦ Construction Project Pay Application #1 – Exterior Door Replacement.
  - ✦ Replacement Bus Lease.
  - ✦ Building Improvement Project Recommendation for 2018-19.
  - ✦ Personnel Report:
    - Certified Staff Retirement:
      - Theresa Wilson, Addison Trail Math Teacher, effective at the end of the 2023-24 school year, at which time Theresa will have completed 33 years of service with District 88.
    - Certified Staff Resignation:
      - Melissa McCann, Willowbrook English Teacher, effective May 25, 2018.
    - Classified Staff Change In Status:
      - Kathryn Schild, from District Office Special-Education 1:1 Teacher Aide to Addison Trail Vocational Aide, effective January 8, 2018.
    - Classified Staff Resignation:
      - Khyree Copeland, Addison Trail Vocational Teacher Aide, effective December 22, 2017.
  - ✦ Donations: Two monetary donations from YourCause, an AT&T Employee Giving Program, to Willowbrook High School.
  - ✦ Citizens Advisory Council Appointment for Addison Trail – Ms. Lisa Mackey.
  - ✦ The following meeting minutes: November 1, 2017, Technology Committee meeting; November 7, 2017, Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting; November 13, 2017, Regular Business/Educational Focus Board meeting; and November 13, 2017, Closed Session Board meeting.
  
- ◇ **Information/Discussion Items**
  - Credit Card Summary  
Mr. Edward Hoster, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the district’s credit card use report for November 2017, as outlined in Board Policy 4:55 Use of Credit and Procurement Cards.
  
  - Bus Service Update  
Mr. Hoster provided an update on the bus service with Cottage Hill, stating there is still a concern with regard to staffing, but overall service has improved.
  
  - Post Issuance Tax Compliance Report  
Mr. Hoster, who serves as the district’s Compliance Officer for debt issuance and compliance reporting, said the district is in compliance with the applicable tax law requirements.

Strategic Planning Process

Superintendent Dr. Scott Helton highlighted the strategic planning process that will begin in February 2018. The process will include meeting with stakeholders, evaluating our current strategic plan and revisiting our Mission and Vision statements, as well as our goals and indicators. Dr. Helton said many of the academic and success indicators found in the state's new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) have been embedded in the district's Vision since 2010.

◇ **School Recognitions****Addison Trail**

- ✦ The Holiday Benefit Concert took place on Dec. 6. Thank you to our alumni and community members for their support.
- ✦ This past Friday, the Addison Trail Shades of Blue Choral put on its first Cookies, Cocoa and Caroling event in the student cafeteria. Students, family and friends were invited for an informal caroling event and performances by Shades of Blue.
- ✦ On Nov. 30, 71 juniors and seniors were inducted into the National Honor Society.
- ✦ Thirty-nine students were recognized as Illinois State Scholars.
- ✦ This month, 33 students will graduate early. Best of luck!
- ✦ Eleven students passed the ASE Technician Certification Test. Congratulations!
- ✦ Alejandro Salazar has been named a 2018 Illinois Music Education Association All-State Musician. Salazar will compete Jan. 24 through 27 in Peoria. Best of luck!
- ✦ Final exams begin tomorrow. Good luck!
- ✦ Young Alumni Day will take place on Friday, Jan. 12.
- ✦ Mark your calendar for Jan. 26 - Pack the Place. Everyone is invited to come and cheer on our Varsity Girls Basketball and Varsity Boys Basketball teams.
- ✦ Winter athletics is off to a great start. Go, Blazers!

**Willowbrook**

- ✦ Thank you to the music students for their tremendous performances at the Winter Concerts!
- ✦ The Orchestra and Choir students also performed locally at a variety of events, one of which kicked off a Student Art Show at Funky Java Coffee House.
- ✦ The Funky Java Coffee House in Villa Park is hosting an Art Show with many of Willowbrook's student artwork through Dec. 20.
- ✦ The Willowbrook Speech Team hosted its own Speech Tournament this past weekend and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.
- ✦ Five students have been named as 2018 Illinois Music Education Association All-State Musicians. They will compete Jan. 24 through 27 in Peoria. Best of luck!
- ✦ At a breakfast on Dec. 12, 64 students were recognized as Illinois State Scholars. Congratulations!
- ✦ This year's Warrior Project sponsored 40 children and collected more than \$1,000 in gift cards.
- ✦ Several records were earned in athletics: Basketball player Ethan Schuemer became the first Warrior to score 1,000 points in a career; and Wrestler Jack Jessen broke the school record for pins in a career.

◇ **Action Necessitated by Closed Session**

Adoption of the Resolution of Closed Session Meeting Minutes.

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**Board Of Education Meeting Dates**

**All meetings are at 7:30 p.m. in the District 88 Boardroom (unless otherwise noted)**

Monday, January 22, 2018: Regular Business Board Meeting

Monday, January 29, 2018: Educational Focus Board Meeting

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