



BOARD-O-GRAM

Educational Focus Meeting of January 28, 2008

Board Honors "88's Best" for January

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 academic accomplishments:



Daniele Milazzo has demonstrated success in academics and extracurricular activities at **Addison Trail**. Daniele ranks number four in her senior class. Her strong commitment to challenging herself has led her to take many Advanced Placement courses including Economics and Literature and Composition.

In addition to excelling in academics, Daniele has participated in many extracurricular organizations including the National Honor Society (secretary), Student Council (co-president), Key Club and Pay It Forward core leader. Daniele has a passionate commitment to sports. She has been a member of the swim team and a four-year manager of the softball team. In addition, Daniele has been competing at the state level in DECA competitions, participated in the Lettermans Club and is a member of the musical production of "The Wiz."

Daniele has been accepted the University of Illinois and is waiting to hear from Notre Dame. Her career goal is to be an equine veterinarian.

Vytautas Kunickas has excelled in academics and extracurricular activities at **Willowbrook High School**. He has challenged himself with a rigorous curriculum. Currently, Vito ranks second in the senior class, has completed one Advanced Placement course, and is currently enrolled in four Advanced Placement courses. Vito is a member of the Social Studies honor society, Civitas, the National Honor Society, and the Math honor society, Mu Alpha Theta.

While at Willowbrook, Vito has also sought involvement outside the classroom as a member of the Math team, Key club and New Beginnings. In addition, he volunteers his time to tutor students at Jackson Middle School. Vito has attended two separate leadership camps including the highly selective "Economics for Leaders" camp. In his spare time, Vito also has two part time jobs.

Vito hopes to receive a scholarship to Benedictine University but has also applied to Loyola University and the University of Minnesota. He plans to pursue a degree in medicine and become a family practitioner or physical therapist.



EDUCATIONAL FOCUS ITEMS:

- **Mrs. Beth Yacobi**, Director of Curriculum and Learning, and **Mrs. Karen Mack**, Director of Technology, reviewed highlights from the January 8, 2008 **District Technology Committee** meeting. Recommendations were made to begin the bid process for the purchase of new e-mail servers and storage servers. In addition, the bid process will begin for infrastructure equipment to be installed and operational by the **fall of 2008 for a completely wireless environment**. This semester 12 teachers from each building are participating in a technology pilot to help identify hardware/software that staff would integrate into classroom learning and assessment of student achievement.

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

The **List of Bills** from December 2007; **recommendation to appoint Michael Welch**, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, as the School Treasurer for the 2008-2009 school year; the **2008-2009 Supply/Capital Outlay budget**; the **personnel report from January 14, 2008** and **revised and amended Board Policies 5:100, 5:110, 5:120, 5:130, 5:140, 5:150, 5:180, 5:185, 5:190, 5:200**.

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

- The **Treasurer's Report and Budget Status Report** from December 2007.
- **Fundraiser contracts** with anticipated revenue of \$1,000 or more.
- **Administration Resignation for Janet Constien**, AT Assistant Principal effective June 30, 2008.
- **Meeting minutes** from the January 8, 2008, **Technology Committee meeting**
- **Meeting minutes** from the December 17, 2007, **Regular Business/Educational Focus meeting**.
- **Meeting minutes** from the December 17, 2007, **Closed Session Board meeting**.

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

- Certified Staff Appointment for **Jennifer Cleckner**, AT Social Worker.
- Certified Staff Unpaid Leave of Absence Request for **Debra Caputo**, Part-time AT Family & Consumer Science Teacher extension through the 2008-2009 school year.
- Buildings & Grounds Retirement effective June 25, 2008 for **Don Arenz**, AT Custodian.
- Classified Staff Appointment for **Cory Little**, AT Special Education Teacher Aide and Laura Nork, Part-time WB Student Supervisor.
- Classified Staff Resignation for **Michelle Delgado**, WB Special Education Secretary.

SCHOOL RECOGNITION:

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

- Pay It Forward had the largest group of 8th grade student participants in six years.
- The junior varsity cheerleaders have qualified for State competition.
- Twenty students attended the January graduate breakfast to celebrate their mid-year graduation.
- Upcoming events include: Course Information Night, "The Wiz" musical and the T.P.O. Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser.

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

- The Speech team brought home forty-one individual awards and placed first at the Stevenson competition.
- The Symphonic Wind Ensemble will be performing at the IMEA All State Music conference.
- Ryan Roxas (12), Marina Stingley (10), Cassandra Wesseln (12) and Anna Westerhoff (12) have had poems accepted for publication in the Fall 2007 Creative Communication competition.
- Upcoming events include: Curriculum Showcase, Student of the Quarter Breakfast and "Something Happened on the Way to the Forum" performances.

SEPARATE ACTION ITEM: Following closed session, the Board approved:

- A student expulsion.

Mark Your Calendars:

February 11, 2008	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Regular Business Meeting	District Boardroom
February 25, 2008	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Educational Focus Meeting	District Boardroom