

### ***Board Honors “88’s Best” for October***

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:



**Joey Hua** has demonstrated success in academics and extracurricular activities at **Addison Trail**. Ranking in the top 1% of her senior class, Joey’s strong commitment to challenging herself has led her to take many Advanced Placement courses including five this year.

In addition to excelling in academics, Joey has participated in many extracurricular organizations. She has been a four-year member of the badminton team and the Key Club where she is currently the president. Joey has also been involved with FAST, Student Council, Model UN, International Club and International Fest. She also serves as the secretary of the National Honor Society.

Joey is in the process of applying to the University of Illinois, University of Illinois – Chicago, University of Wisconsin, Loyola, Benedictine and Illinois Wesleyan. She would like to earn her bachelor’s degree and go on to medical school.

**Brendon Martin** has excelled in academics and extracurricular activities at **Willowbrook** High School. Currently, Brendon is in the top 1% in the senior class, has completed five Advanced Placement courses, and is enrolled in five Advanced Placement courses.

While at Willowbrook, Brendon has also sought activities outside the classroom as a member of the National Honor Society, Thespian Society, Speech Team, Math Team and Civitas. Brendon has also been a P.E. leader. He has been involved in numerous theatrical productions and has leading roles in the upcoming productions of *Amadeus* and *Sweeney Todd*.

Brendon is applying to several different schools and hopes to be accepted to Yale University. He would like to major in Theatre and one day be a screen actor or on Broadway.



#### **PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE**

- **Superintendent Steve Humphrey** read a proclamation in honor of **School Board Member Day** on Saturday, November 15, 2008. The Board Members were recognized for their time and effort dedicated to the enhancement of education that contributes to the high quality of education for all students attending District 88 schools.

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

- **Jeannine Eicker**, of Bovis Lend Lease construction management, presented aerial photographs of the construction progress at Addison Trail and Willowbrook. The work has included footing for the new classroom wing addition at AT, excavation and stone for the music wing at WB and civil and site utility work at both schools.

#### **EDUCATIONAL FOCUS ITEM:**

- **Assistant Principals Mr. Adam Cibulka (AT) and Mrs. Ann Kimpton (WB)**, presented information regarding the **School Improvement Planning/TEAM Cycle Work** at both high schools. Since the schools began implementation of this process, achievement gains in both reading comprehension and math computation have been evidenced. Department goals and progress are monitored on a quarterly basis.

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

The **list of bills, treasurer's report and budget status report** from September 2008; authorization given to Michael Welch, Bob Flemming, Geri DeLeon, and Pam Johnson as **Board Secretary Designee(s)** authorized to conduct the April 7, 2009 election; **fundraiser contracts** with anticipated revenue of \$1,000 or more; **disposition of equipment; purchases for Addison Trail and Willowbrook:** Athletic/Fitness equipment and supplies; **personnel items as presented** at the October 20, 2008 meeting and **revised and amended Board Policies** 7:10, 7:15, 7:20, 7:30, 7:40, 7:50, 7:60, 7:70, 7:80, 7:90, 7:100, 7:130, 7:140 and 7:150.

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

- BTF contractor payment request **Construction Trade Billing #3**.
- **Recommendation of an additional fundraiser contract** with anticipated revenue of \$1,000 or more.
- Recommendation for WB **Concert Choir to travel on a Spring Tour** to New York City Feb. 25 – March 2, 2009.
- **Meeting minutes** from the September 22, 2008, Regular Business meeting, Closed Session minutes of the September 22, 2008 Board meeting and September 29, 2008, Educational Focus meeting.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEM:**

- **Mr. Michael Welch**, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, presented information to the Board regarding the **2008 Tax Levy**. Mr. Welch showed how tax rates compare to other school districts and **stated the levy reflects the district's positive financial position due to the Board's sound fiscal practices**. Mr. Welch recommended the Board pass a resolution for the Tax Levy at the November 17, 2008 Board Meeting, establishing December 15, 2008 as the public hearing for the tax levy.
- The partnership group will meet to discuss any new developments **regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement** concerning the Army Trail Nature Center.
- **Revised and amended Board Policies** 7:60, 7:165, 7:170, 7:180, 7:190, 7:200, 7:210, 7:220, 7:230, 7:240, 7:250, 7:260, 7:270, 7:275, 7:280, 7:290, 7:300, 7:310, 7:325, 7:330 and 7:340

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

- Classified Staff Appointment for **Lisa Petty**, AT GOAL Teacher Aide Part-time.
- Classified Staff Resignation for **Scott Thesen**, WB Special Education Teacher Aide.

**SCHOOL RECOGNITION:**

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

- Red Ribbon Week was honored with an assembly and speaker Dennis Hall, an Olympic Medalist.
- More than 20 colleges and universities participated in a college fair presented by the Guidance department.
- All Freshman, Sophomores and Juniors participated in a practice assessment exam on October 22 in preparation for the PSAE test.
- Upcoming events include: AT's Best Breakfast, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Parent University, author Catherine Ryan Hyde visit and the Tradition of Excellence alumni award presentation and reception.

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

- Approximately 15 students and their parents attended a Town Hall Meeting/Resource Night hosted by a collaboration of WB staff and local leaders about programs and services offered by District 88.
- In preparation for the PSAE test all Freshman, Sophomores and Juniors participated in a practice assessment exam.
- The Music department hosted students from Jackson Middle School, Jefferson Middle School and Albright Middle School during the annual String Festival.
- Upcoming events include: Band-O-Rama, Key Club Food Drive, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Outstanding Student Breakfast and Parent/Teacher Conferences.

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

- Two student expulsions.

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**Mark Your Calendars:**

November 17, 2008	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Regular Business Meeting	District Boardroom
November 24, 2008	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Educational Focus Meeting	District Boardroom