

***Board Honors “88’s Best” for February;  
 Reaches Consensus on Cost Management Plan to Reduce Budget Deficit by \$3.2M***

**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:



**Alexis Maxwell** has demonstrated success in academics and extracurricular activities at **Addison Trail**. Ranking 9th in her senior class, Alexis’ strong commitment to challenging herself has led her to take a rigorous academic schedule and striving to be as involved as possible.

Alexis is a member of the National Honor Society, the Principal’s Advisory Team, the Student Leadership Team, the Safety Task Force and the Student Advisory Council to the Illinois State Board of Education. She has also been involved in Pay It Forward, Orchesis, Theatre, Gymnastics, Basketball and Volleyball. In addition, Alexis gives back to the community by volunteering with the Addison Cowboys, peer tutoring, Park Pride Clean-Up and reigns as Miss Addison.

Alexis has applied to the University of Notre Dame, the University of Michigan and Columbia University. She plans to major in Marketing or Psychology.

**Sarah Duple** has excelled in academics and extracurricular activities at **Willowbrook High School**. She ranks in the 94% in her senior class, has completed many honors and Advanced Placement courses and been named to the honor roll every semester of her high school career.

While at Willowbrook, Sarah has demonstrated her leadership skills as a member of Civitas, the Social Studies Honor Society, the National Honor Society and the Science Honor Society. Her activities have been widely varied and include co-captain of Model UN, regional representative of the Speech Team and participation in the theatre production of Peter Pan. Sarah is the president of the senior class and also participates in athletics as a member of the softball team.

Sarah plans to attend either the University of Illinois or Yale University in the fall. She plans to pursue a degree in Biology and become a professor or research scientist.



**EDUCATIONAL FOCUS ITEMS:**

- **Superintendent of Schools Dr. Steve Humphrey** presented a cost containment proposal that contained **\$3.5M in reductions** from the Education, Operations & Maintenance, and Transportation Funds and **\$180,000 in fee changes** for 2010-2011. The revenue enhancements included increased fees for Driver’s Education, Student Parking, Technology, Building Rentals, Advertising and Participation for Activities/Athletics. All of these proposed changes are necessary to reach the recommended \$3.2M reduction for FY11.

He acknowledged that these are difficult times and that tough decisions need to be made across the board. Since 80% of costs are personnel, decisions will need to be made that have **dramatic implications for programs, services and staffing**. Factors impacting district deficits are due to the record low CPI impacting local revenues, loss of interest revenue and cuts in the state budget and grant funding. **The Board of Education reached consensus on the Cost Management Plan for 2010-2011 (see below).**

- **Mrs. Christine Tomasino**, Director of Technology, announced the launch of **“My Digital Tools @ School”** which permits students to now bring their own laptops to school. Part of the Building The Future technology enhancements, **this capability allows students to access the District 88 network** in the Library Media Center, Café and Commons area. Students will have access to the Internet and their personal hard drive via a visitor network.. Tutorials for accessing the network have been created and peer leaders have been trained to provide student assistance. The next phase of this initiative will include the use of personal devices in the classroom.
- **Mrs. Jean Barbanente**, Assistant Superintendent for Learning Services, presented an update about **PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Support)**. The foundation of PBIS is that behavior expectations need to be communicated, taught and re-taught to students. Discipline trends and data since October 2008 were reviewed and show significant reductions in referrals, altercations and absences. The prevailing component is consistency, which is the responsibility of all adults in the building.

Mrs. Barbanente also provided a **timeline for the Behavioral Interventions Committee**, which meets annually to review changes to the Handbook and Code of Conduct. The committee is comprised of students, parents, staff, and administrators. The Board of Education will receive a draft in April to review any proposed changes and will give final approval in May.

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

The **List of Bills, Treasurer’s Report and Budget Status Report for January 2010; recommendation to appoint Bruce Martin**, Chief Financial Officer, as the School Treasurer for the 2010-2011 school year; **proposed fundraisers** with anticipated revenue in excess of \$1,000; **ratification of BTF Committee’s approval** of BTF #6c bid package 2.75-Fencing; **Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Proceedings** before the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board; **Resolution Authorizing pooled health and life insurance** administered by the Educational Benefit Cooperative (EBC) effective March 1, 2010-June 30, 2012; **BTF purchases** of Music Equipment/Furniture for AT; the **personnel report as presented at the February 15, 2010; and a donation** to the District 88 Foundation.

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

- **Payment of Check #465016** to Thomas Edmier for reimbursement for an IASB Conference.
- **Recommendation to accept a donation** of \$50 from the Knights of Columbus for the start-up of the “Perks and Possibilities Café” at the Addison Public Library.
- **Ratification of the BTF Committee’s approval of Change Events** for custom length Golf/Batting cages at AT and WB and a Change Order for additional abatement work to be performed at AT.
- **BTF contractor payment request #19**, subject to administrative approval when to release the payment.
- **Authorization to contract with AT&T for expanded bandwidth for technology.**
- **Minutes** from the January 9, 2010 **Special Board meeting.**
- **Minutes** from the January 11, 2010 **Regular Business Board meeting.**
- **Minutes** from the January 24, 2010 **Educational Focus Board meeting and Closed Session Board meeting.**

### **SCHOOL RECOGNITION:**

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

- Over 800 students received free EKG exams as part of the Young Hearts for Life Cardiac Screening program.
- Congratulations to junior Alyssa Cruz who placed second overall in the State Gymnastics meet as well as Top 10 in three other events.
- More than 250 eighth grade students participated in Pay It Forward program designed to help transition students to high school and reinforce messages about making good decisions.
- Upcoming events include: Mr. A.T., AT/IT Band Concert, International Fest, Pops Concert and Flower Show.

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

- Congratulations to sophomore Steve Congenie who was crowned Champion in the 152 lbs. division at the State Wrestling meet.
- Congratulations to junior Jake Robertson for a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in Original Comedy and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish along with senior Tyler Baumann in Humorous Duet Acting at the State Speech Tournament.
- Fifteen former Willowbrook student athletes were inducted in the Inaugural Class of the Athletic Hall of Fame. These alums were recognized during a reception and introduced before the varsity boy’s basketball game.
- Upcoming events include: Brook Olympics, Turnabout Dance and Young Hearts for Life Cardiac Screenings.

### **Mark Your Calendars:**

March 15, 2010	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Regular Business Meeting	District Boardroom
March 22, 2010	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Educational Focus Meeting	District Boardroom