

Monday, February 25, 2019

Educational Focus Board Of Education Meeting

◇ **Recognition of District 88 Successes**

88's Best Students

88's Best Students Serena Gilliam from Addison Trail and Elissa Haake from Willowbrook were recognized for the month of January, and Danielle Harris from Addison Trail and Matthew Knudtson from Willowbrook were recognized for the month of February. 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, Serena, Elissa, Danielle and Matthew were given an 88's Best glass sculpture and a certificate to a local restaurant.

◇ **Educational Focus Item**

International Trips for the 2019-20 School Year

Mrs. Jean Barbanente, Assistant Superintendent, shared the World Language Departments at both schools proposed three international trips for the 2019-20 school year. The trips are as follows: a 10-day trip to Italy in March 2020 (Sister Cities Student Exchange Program), a five-day tour of the Canadian province of Quebec in June 2020 and a seven-day tour of Costa Rica in March 2020. Barbanente further shared the participant criteria, application process and itineraries.

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

- ✚ List of Bills for January 2019, with the exception of check #544273 to Constantina Haralambopoulos.
- ✚ Appointment of Edward Hoster as School Treasurer for 2019-20.
- ✚ Minutes from January 14, 2019:
 - a. January 14, 2019, Regular Business Board meeting.
 - b. January 14, 2019, Closed Session Board meeting.

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

- ✚ 2nd Reading - Adoption of Strategic Plan.
- ✚ Treasurer's Report for January 2019.
- ✚ Budget Status Report for January 2019.
- ✚ List of Bills Exceeding \$5,000.00.
- ✚ Check #544273 in the amount of \$144.00 to Constantina Haralambopoulos for the Illinois School Boards Conference Reimbursement.
- ✚ Fundraisers Exceeding \$1,000.00.
- ✚ Food Service Management Company Renewal.
- ✚ Personnel Report:
 - Classified Staff Resignations:
 - Rebecca Fortner, Willowbrook Literacy Teacher Aide, effective February 22, 2019.
 - John Gomes, Willowbrook A.M. Bus Driver/ Student Supervisor, effective February 15, 2019.
 - Anthony Reilly, Willowbrook Maintenance Worker, effective March 15, 2019.
 - Dana South, Addison Trail Vocational Aide, effective March 4, 2019.

◇ **Information/Discussion Items**

Credit Card Summary

Mr. Edward Hoster, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the district's credit card use report for January 2019, as outlined in Board Policy 4:55 Use of Credit and Procurement Cards.

1:1 Technology Updates

Dr. Aaron Lenaghan, Director of Technology, Teaching & Learning, and Instructional Coaches Andy Mitchell and Josh Zwart presented an overview on this fall's Chromebook implementation for freshmen. The overview included the number of device repairs/losses, updates on the Sprint connectivity hotspot donation program, ongoing staff development with technology integration for teachers, technology support for Chromebook devices and an update on the computer repair courses for Chromebooks.

In a recent survey, 217 out of 280 staff members responded. Based on those responses, 71.9% recommended all students have a device for the 2019-20 school year. The cost comparison for a districtwide rollout next year would be \$289,726, versus \$169,826 for one grade level.

Auditor Service Selection Process

Mr. Hoster presented the renewal proposal from Mathieson, Moyski, Austin & Co., LLP, to complete the financial audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. This represents the final year of a three-year commitment, with a fee of \$28,968, which is an increase of 2 percent. Hoster requested direction from the Board on whether to renew with the current firm.

Transportation Services Contract Extension for 2019-20 Regular and Special Education

Mr. Hoster shared the regular and special education transportation contract with Cottage Hill expires June 30, 2019. The district is on a one-year extension, unless it receives a letter of request to bid. No request has been made to date. In its proposal, Cottage Hill would increase the starting rate to \$18.00 an hour for the coming year and will continue its starting bonus program.

Mr. Hoster highlighted the transportation service performance for the past five months. Cottage Hill continues to use creative scheduling and routing adjustments to meet performance expectations, and the financial credits have dropped by about \$12,000 compared to the same time period last year. Special Education services continue to be stable and on time. Hoster requested authority to initiate negotiations for renewal with the current vendor.

◇ **School Recognitions**

Addison Trail

- ✦ Congratulations to Connor White, who was named Mr. AT last Friday!
- ✦ Congratulations to Jeffrey Paul Jr. and Eric Estrada, who placed 3rd in the Top Tech Challenge at Universal Technical Institute this past week!
- ✦ Forty-four staff members were recognized by students at this morning's Blazer Golden Apple Breakfast. Congratulations!
- ✦ This year's Author in the House, Gale Gand, an award-winning pastry chef, demonstrated pastry techniques and talked about her life as a pastry chef and TV personality to the Culinary Arts class on February 22.
- ✦ February 26 is the Flower Show.
- ✦ The month of March is Music In Our Schools. The Addison Trail and Indian Trail concert series will take place throughout the month.
- ✦ The Honor Roll Assembly will take place at 7:15 a.m. on March 4.
- ✦ Boys Basketball finished its regular season with back-to-back wins against Wheaton Academy and Proviso West. IHSA Regionals begin tonight against Glenbard East in DeKalb. Go, Warriors!

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Willowbrook

- ✦ Victoria Palma has been named to the 2019 IHSA Honorable Mention All-State Academic Team. Congratulations!
- ✦ Congratulations to seniors Melissa Florey and Matthew Foley, who have been recognized as Honorable Mention members of the Daily Herald DuPage County Student Leadership Team!
- ✦ Congratulations to seniors Jackson Hathaway, Maxwell Polanek and Annie Ross, who have been named National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists! They are now among the final 15,000 students nationwide who will be considered for National Merit Scholarships.
- ✦ Illinois High School Art Educator's (IHSAE) All-State Art Exhibit at the Bridgeport Art Center and the Zouh B. Art Gallery downtown Chicago took place this past month. Congratulations to the five students who submitted senior portfolios for judging, as all five received art school scholarships at various levels of monetary value! Although these students can't accept all of the offers and attend more than one school simultaneously, the total value of all the scholarship offers is about \$915,000.
- ✦ Congratulations to the students who participated in the Top Tech Challenge this past week. They placed 4th and 8th.
- ✦ This year's Author in the House event with Chef Gale Gand took place on February 21. Gand shared her story and how she found her passion.
- ✦ IHSA Boys Basketball Regionals begins tonight. Go, Warriors!
- ✦ Upcoming events: Feb. 27-Band Concert; Mar.2-BPA State Competition; Mar. 2-IHSA Solo & Ensemble Contest; Mar. 2-Dennis Doyle 3-on-3 Classic D88 Foundation Basketball Tournament; Mar. 4 through 8-Brook Olympics; Mar. 7-Orchestra Concert; Mar. 9-Relay For Life

◇ **Action Necessitated by Closed Session**

No action was taken after Closed Session.

Board Of Education Meeting Dates

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

Monday, March 11, 2019: Regular Business Board Meeting

Monday, March 18, 2019: Educational Focus Board Meeting

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