

BOARD-O-GRAM Educational Focus Meeting March 21, 2011

Building Futures

# District 88 Releases Staff as a Result of Cost Containment; Board Honors "88's Best" for March

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 service accomplishments:



**Anthony Milazzo** has demonstrated excellence in academics and service activities at **Addison Trail High School**. His achievements include enrolling in 8 Advanced Placement courses, earning Distinct Honor Roll status and being named an Illinois State Scholar, all while dedicating countless hours to his school and community.

Outside the classroom, Anthony has been an active member of National Honor Society, Key Club, Debate Team, International Fest, PBIS Student Leadership Core Team and PBIS Student Advisory Team, as well as the varsity baseball and football teams. He has served as a volunteer and religious education instructor for St. Philip the Apostle Parish and contributed to charitable causes like the Letterman Club 5K, Relay for Life, and Cystic Fibrosis Grand Chef Gala.

Anthony has been accepted at the University of Illinois, the University of Iowa, Purdue University and awaits confirmation from Northwestern and the University of Michigan. He plans to study business, education or physics.

**Isabelle Rizo** has dedicated herself to humanitarian causes locally at **Willowbrook High School** and globally. Her academic success is notable as well having enrolled in 6 Advanced Placement courses and maintaining a class ranking in the top quartile. She is President of the Gay-Straight Alliance, a features editor for the *Skyline* newspaper and a member of the National Honor Society, Civitas, and Quill and Scroll. Other school activities include the Environmental Club, Mindprints and New Beginnings.

Her spirit of volunteerism has contributed to the UNICEP Tap Water Project, Feed My Starving Children and Free the Children International. She is also involved in several social networks to help create awareness of social justice such as the Vlog Project for Awesome on YouTube.

Isabelle plans to study International Relations with an emphasis on Social Justice at Roosevelt University next fall.



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

- Personnel Resolutions including authorizing the elimination or reduction of certain certified and educational support employment positions; re-assignment and transfer of teachers; notice of dismissal and non-renewal of part-time teachers, and full-time first, second and third year probationary teachers; notice of dismissal and non-renewal of fourth year probationary teachers; honorable reduction of employment of a teacher in contractual continued service; reduction in hours worked of educational support personnel; and notice and honorable dismissal of educational support personnel.
- Check #475637 to Sharon Kucik.
- The list of bills to date for March 2011 in excess of \$5,000.
- Authorization to purchase furniture, primarily computer workstations and chairs, for the Special Education Departments at AT, WB, and DO using grant money.
- Meeting minutes from the February 19, 2011, Special Board meeting.
- Meeting minutes from the February 19, 2011, Closed Special Board meeting.
- Meeting minutes from the February 21, 2011, Regular Business Board Meeting.
- Meeting minutes from the February 28 2011, Educational Focus meeting.

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

The List of Bills for February 2011 with the exception of check #475637 to Sharon Kucik; the Treasurer's and Budget Status Reports for February 2011; the 2011-2012 supplies and capital outlay budget; the purchase of products and services for the Pentamation software upgrade, a fundraiser contract with anticipated revenue over \$1,000; and the personnel report as presented March 14 2011.

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

- <u>Certified Staff Retirement</u>, effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year, for **Janis Piedra**, WB Art Department Chair.
- <u>Classified Staff Resignation</u> for **Nicholas Pingel**, AT Part-Time Special Education Teacher Aide.
- <u>Classified Unpaid Personal Leave of Absence</u> for **Jason Hardy**, AT Custodian; and **Annette Whitaker**, WB Student Supervisor.

## **SCHOOL RECOGNITION:**

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

- The Guidance Department's "Life After AT" activities include conducting individual interviews with juniors about post-secondary options and scheduling parent fieldtrips to Elmhurst College and DePaul University.
- As a culmination to Music In Our Schools Month, the ATHS Choir is presenting an open mic/coffeehouse to showcase the musical, writing, acting, and dancing talents of students and staff.
- Upcoming events: the annual Blood Drive, Open Mic Night, Spring Break and College Field Trips.

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

- Sponsored by the American Cancer Society, Willowbrook will host an All Youth "Relay for Life" event from April 9-10 in the Fieldhouse. Participation in this overnight lock-in is open to all District 88 students and staff.
- In preparation for PSAE, Lunch & Learn sessions will be conducted for juniors and seniors every Wednesday. The ACT "10 in 10" concept will challenge seniors with 10 questions in 10 minutes as test prep boosters.
- Upcoming events: Jazz Band/Center Stage concert, Outstanding Student breakfast and PSAE Lunch & Learns.

## Mark Your Calendars:

| April 18, 2011 | 7:30 p.m. | Board of Education, Regular Business Meeting  | District Boardroom |
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| April 25, 2011 | 7:30 p.m. | Board of Education, Educational Focus Meeting | District Boardroom |
| April 28, 2011 | 6:00 p.m. | Board of Education, Re-Organizational Meeting | District Boardroom |