

### ***Board Honors "88's Best" for November***

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 Addison Trail student for his academic accomplishments: *(Please note that Willowbrook's student will be presented in December.)*



**Nick Addante** has demonstrated success in academics and has consistently enrolled in a rigorous curriculum at **Addison Trail**. Nick ranks third in his senior class with a G.P.A. of 4.619. His strong commitment to challenging himself has led him to take many Advanced Placement courses. Nick is currently taking four Advanced Placement courses.

During his high school career, Nick has participated in the music program and has been a four-year member of the football and basketball teams. He has also participated in track and baseball. Nick has devoted himself to a variety of organizations including Student Council, National Honor Society, Best Buddies, Letterman's Club, Tri-M Music Society and Pay It Forward.

Nick has applied to the University of Illinois/Champaign, the Milwaukee School of Engineering, Purdue University and the University of Wisconsin. He would like to pursue a degree in civil engineering.

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

- **Mr. John Doherty**, of Bovis Lend Lease construction management, reported that the remainder of the work has been bid out, and that following scope review, recommendations will be presented to the Board. Construction is on schedule, including the creation of "swing space" and provisions have been made for the cold weather.

#### **EDUCATIONAL FOCUS ITEMS:**

- **Mrs. Beth Yacobi**, Director of Curriculum & Learning, presented a brief overview of the **2008-2010 District Improvement Plan (DIP) and the 2008 Willowbrook School Improvement Plan (SIP)**. The documents, which contain a description of interventions and strategies to increase student achievement, will be submitted to the Board for approval at the December 15 Board of Education meeting.
- **Addison Trail Guidance Director Kevin Redding, Willowbrook Guidance Director Mrs. Cathy Bendicson, along with the respective Assistant Principals of PPS, Mrs. Lisa Bollow and Mr. Sam Bentsen**, outlined changes that have been implemented this school year in the Guidance Department. Increased focus has been given to customer service, hands-on assistance with college planning, communication and academic decision-making.

Programmatic enhancements and communication vehicles including newsletters and cable TV have helped to increase awareness of services and participation at resource nights for parents. The counselors will continue to research best practice models in other districts and access more detailed information on highly selective colleges.

In January 2009, the Board will receive an update from the Guidance Departments about enhancements to the course selection process.

**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 October 2008; the **purchase of technology equipment for both building and District office**; a **donation from Target**, Take Charge of Education Program; **revised and amended Board Policies** 7:160, 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; and the **personnel report as presented on November 17, 2008**.

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

- **Check #451373 to Paul Habel** in the amount of \$15.00 for a bookstore refund.
- **Building The Future** Contractor Payment Request
- **Building The Future** Release #3 - Building The Future Projects #5 Recommendations.
- Building The Future Asbestos Abatement Projects Recommendations.
- **Meeting minutes** from the October 20, 2008, **Regular Business meeting**.
- **Meeting minutes** from the October 27, 2008, **Educational Focus meeting**.
- **Meeting minutes** from the October 27, 2008, **Closed Session Board meeting**.
- **Meeting minutes** from the November 8, 2008, **Board Leadership Workshop**.

**IN PERSONNEL ACTION:** the following item was approved by the Board:

- Classified Staff Appointment for **Earl Buckley**, WB Technical Assistant I.

**INFORMATION ITEM:**

- **First Review of Revised & Amended Board Policies:** 8:10, 8:20, 8:25, 8:30, 8:40, 8:70, 8:80, 8:90, 8:95, 8:100, 8:110.

**SCHOOL RECOGNITION:**

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

- Approximately 160 senior citizens attended the annual Kiwanis Senior Thanksgiving luncheon hosted in the cafe.
- Tradition of Excellence recipient and 1972 alumna Kim Chao presented during a recent student assembly.
- Members of the AT leadership team learned about “Demystifying the PSAE” during a workshop with ROE staff.
- Upcoming events include: Institute Day, Senior Art Exhibit, the Holiday Benefit Concert Series and the Golden Blazer Breakfast.

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

- Over 800 parents pre-registered and attended Parent/Teacher conferences. They received a handout featuring information about building successes and encouraged feedback through use of an online survey.
- The Speech team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 27 teams at the Lake Forest tournament and received 5 first places finishes.
- Planning has begun for the celebration of Willowbrook’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary during the 2009-2010 school year.
- Upcoming events include: Institute Day, winter season athletic events and the holiday music concerts.

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**Mark Your Calendars:**

December 15, 2008 6:30 p.m.

Board of Education, Business/Educational Focus Mtg. District Boardroom