

Board Recommends \$3.2M Budget Reduction for 2010-2011 School Year

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:



Ryan Merkel has demonstrated success in academics and extracurricular activities at **Addison Trail**. His strong commitment to challenging himself has led him to take numerous Advanced Placement courses including AP European History, AP Biology, AP U.S. History, AP English Language and Composition, AP U.S. Government, AP English Literature, AP Psychology and AP Calculus BC.

Ryan has participated in many extracurricular organizations including the Math Team and Student Council. He has been a member of the basketball and volleyball team and is currently the President of the Letterman's Club as well as a P.E. Leader. In addition, Ryan also makes time to participate in philanthropic endeavors.

Ryan has been accepted at the University of Illinois School of Business and is awaiting notification from Duke University before he makes a final decision about future plans.

Patrick Hannon has excelled in academics and extracurricular activities at **Willowbrook High School**. He has been recognized as an AP Scholar and Illinois State Scholar. Patrick has completed five Advanced Placement courses, and is currently enrolled in six Advanced Placement courses. He is also a member of the Social Studies honor society, Civitas, the Science Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, the National Honor Society and Student Council.

Patrick has also sought involvement outside the classroom as a member of the Speech team, BPA, Mock Trial, Model UN, and the Tennis and Soccer teams. He also spends his time tutoring and coaching youth soccer.

Patrick is awaiting acceptance from several universities including DePaul, St. Louis University and the University of Illinois. He plans to study Actuarial Science with a minor in Political Science or Economics.



DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Dr. Steve Humphrey**, Superintendent of Schools, reported that the administrative team met with PMA (district financial adviser) to look at the budget picture that included the news of reductions in state aid. **A 25% reduction in that revenue stream was projected, amounting to \$1.3M being added to the forecasted deficit of \$5.9M for next school year.** The initial plan for a \$2M reduction will not be adequate to address the growing deficit conditions.

The District 88 Board of Education recommended planning for **a reduction of \$3.2M** in anticipation of the larger deficit problem in 2010-2011. No decisions have been made on how to achieve that amount of reduction and will continue to be discussed at future board meetings. **The potential of a \$3.2M reduction has dramatic implications for programs, services and staffing for 2010-2011.** Strategies to achieve that level of reduction while holding on to programs that are making a difference in student achievement are underway. Analysis of the budget information will continue in order to find ways to reduce the budget that will lessen the impact on students and staff.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- To help identify the future goals for District 88, the Board of Education is launching a community **Vision and Strategic Planning Process** in February 2010. With valuable input about the future of the schools from community members, parents, students, teachers, and business partners, District 88 will continue providing a rigorous curriculum and a safe, supportive learning environment for all students. The workshops are scheduled from 9 a.m.– 12 noon on February 13 (WB), March 13 (AT) and May 1 (AT).

EDUCATIONAL FOCUS ITEMS:

- **Mrs. Jean Barbanente**, Assistant Superintendent for Learning Services, presented a report from the Guidance Departments. The Guidance Department has increased opportunities for students and their parents to learn more about course options and meet with guidance counselors during the selection process. Also outlined were interventions and support resources for students.
- **Mrs. Beth Yacobi**, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Learning, and **Mrs. Jean Barbanente**, presented a report regarding parental involvement in course selection and registration for next school year. Counselors are available to field questions about the process and ensure students are aware of course opportunities. In addition, changes to the summer school programs were also presented. Due to financial reductions in state grant funding, no fee waivers will be available for COD, or semester courses (i.e. Speech, Consumer Education) or accelerated math courses offered by the district. All summer school offerings will be available to students and parents during scheduling for the 2010-2011 school year.

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

- The **List of Bills** from December 2009; **fundraiser contracts** with anticipated revenue of \$1,000 or more; **purchase of projectors, sound systems, and DVD players** for both schools; the **personnel report from January 11, 2010**; a **monetary donation** to the WB Choir program and adoption of the **2010-2011 School Calendar**.

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

- The **Treasurer's Report and Budget Status Report** from December 2009.
- **Building The Future** Contractor Payment Request #18.
- **Ratification of BTF Committee Actions.**
- Transition Facility build out based on tentative plans and funding from federal stimulus money.
- **Authorization to prepare tentative 2010-2011 Budget**
- The appointment of Carolyn Pakeltis, Pam Baldwin, Debbie Sassen, Karen Roder, William Degnan and Anne Tobey-Garcia to the WB C.A.C to fill existing vacancies.
- **A monetary donation** from the Ms. Lisa Jarmoszka, Vice President of Community Affairs at Harris Bank, to support the financial education program at Willowbrook and a donation of a used Sharp copy machine from Mr. Jeff Harris of IMAGES Copier Services, Inc. for use by the Willowbrook Music program.
- **Fundraiser contracts** with anticipated revenue of \$1,000 or more
- **Meeting minutes** from the December 7, 2009, **Special Board meeting**
- **Meeting minutes** from the December 14, 2009, **Regular Business/Educational Focus meeting.**
- **Meeting minutes** from the December 14, 2009, **Closed Session Board meeting.**

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

- Classified Staff Appointment for **Kimberly Littwin**, WB Special Education Teacher Aide part-time; and **Amanda Seymore**, WB Special Education Teacher Aide.

SCHOOL RECOGNITION:

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

- The JV cheerleading squad took first place and the Varsity squad took third place at the Andrew High School competition. Both teams have qualified for the ICCA Cheerleading Championships.
- Ten students received awards in Elmhurst College's 11th Annual High School Art Exhibition.
- Upcoming events include: Course Information Night, "Little Shop of Horrors" and the T.P.O. Spaghetti Dinner

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

- The Speech team placed 1st out of 23 schools at our own Willowbrook Invitational.
- The 8th grade Step-Up days welcomed students from the feeder schools as they learned about course selection, the Warrior Code and getting involved at Willowbrook as they prepare to become Warriors.
- Upcoming events include: Elective Fair, Curriculum Showcase, Student of the Quarter Breakfast and "Peter Pan" performances.

Mark Your Calendars:

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