

Monday, December 16, 2013
Regular Business / Educational Focus
Board Of Education Meeting

◇ **Public Hearing on the 2013 Tax Levy**

The tentative tax levy for 2013 was reviewed at the October 21, 2013, and November 11, 2013, board meetings. At the November 11, 2013, meeting, the Board adopted a resolution to establish the aggregate amount of taxes estimated to be levied for the year 2013 in the amount of \$51,368,014. No changes or updates were made since the tentative tax levy was approved in November. In compliance with the Truth in Taxation Law, the public hearing was opened for Board members and audience members to ask questions and discuss the 2013 proposed tax levy.

◇ **Recognition of District 88 Successes**

88's Best Students

88's Best Students, Hector Sanchez-Rios, Addison Trail, and Alex Bardesi, Willowbrook, were recognized for the month of December. 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, Hector and Alex were given an 88's Best glass sculpture and a certificate.

◇ **Motion to Amend Agenda**

- ✚ The Board moved to strike item 17E, Possible Action to Discipline and/or Dismiss a Specific Employee of DuPage High School District 88, from the agenda.

◇ **Educational Focus Item**

Ombudsman Plus Program

Mrs. Jean Barbanente, Assistant Superintendent, presented the Ombudsman Plus Program, which is an alternative education program for special education high school students. The program provides intensive behavioral support, comprehensive wrap-around services, rigorous academics and ongoing support for re-integrating students into their district schools. District 88 and District 87 would partner together in this program, allowing District 88 to have two-thirds of the enrollment and take the lead on the curriculum.

◇ **Discussion Items Requiring Action, which included the following, were approved by the Board.**

- ✚ Adoption of the 2013 Tax Levy: Resolution Authorizing and Directing Tax Levy, including authorizing the Certificate of Tax Levy for the year 2013 to be filed with the DuPage County Clerk and Resolution Authorizing and Directing Certain Special-Purpose Tax Levies.
- ✚ The List of Bills, Treasurer's Report and Budget Status Report for November 2013.
- ✚ Fundraiser Contracts Exceeding \$1,000: Willowbrook Boys Basketball – selling candy to raise money for team uniforms; Willowbrook Girls Basketball – selling candy to raise money for basketball equipment and summer camp; and Willowbrook Boys Baseball – hosting a baseball clinic to raise money for team uniforms.
- ✚ Donations.
- ✚ List of Bills Exceeding \$5,000.

Discussion Items Requiring Action - continued

✦ Personnel

CLASSIFIED STAFF RESIGNATION:

- Danielle Fritsche, Willowbrook Special Education Teacher Aide, effective December 13, 2013.

CLASSIFIED STAFF RETIREMENT:

- Rita Christopher, District Office Executive Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer, effective June 30, 2015, at which time Rita will have 15 years of service with District 88.

✦ Ombudsman Plus contract to be tabled for January.

✦ School Community Coordinator position.

✦ Meeting minutes from the following meetings: November 5, 2013, Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting; November 11, 2013, Regular Business Board meeting; November 11, 2013, Closed Session Board meeting; November 12, 2013, Evaluation and Compensation Committee meeting; November 12, 2013, Closed Session Committee meeting; November 18, 2013, Educational Focus Board meeting; November 18, 2013, Closed Session Board meeting.

◇ Information Item

✦ Credit Card Payment Summary

Mr. Ed Hoster, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the district's credit card use report for November 2013, as outlined in Board Policy 4:55, Use of Credit and Procurement Cards.

◇ School Recognition

✦ Addison Trail

- Congratulations, Maggie O'Brien! She was recognized for her excellence in community service and volunteerism and selected as a member of the 2013-14 Daily Herald Leadership Team.
- Congratulations to Ernesto Ramirez, who received the Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship! Ernesto is the third Addison Trail student in the last four years to earn a Chick Evans Scholarship.
- Congratulations to our Blazer Golden Apple Winners! The recipients of this award were recognized for their outstanding work in the classroom and making a difference in the lives of their students. The Blazer Golden Apple winners are: Elizabeth Clifford, Mike Galfi, Stacey Puccini, Enza Spilotro, Steve Nelson, Jason Bugajsky, Eric Norberg, Mike Maaske, Jim Perusich, Patty Hochheimer, Sheri D'Ambrose, John Turner, Mary Kelsay, Jose Hernandez, Mark Olson and Itzel Carranza.
- Fifty-eight students were recognized as Illinois State Scholars. Congratulations!
- Congratulations to the Coed and JV Cheerleading teams! Both teams took 1st place at competition and qualified for the ICCA Championship, which will take place in January.

✦ Willowbrook

- Congratulations to the JV Cheerleading team! The team qualified for the ICCA Championship in January.
- The girls basketball team is undefeated. Go, Warriors!
- Congratulations to Shaun Hurdelbrink, who received the Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship!

Willowbrook-continued

- This week, we invited alumni to participate in several events such as: Art Alumni Day, AP Lunch-n-Learn and Alumni Day. Today we hosted Art Alumni Day, where graduates came back to share their work and accomplishments with current students.
- Congratulations to the CenterStage Choir, who sang live on WGN 720 radio last Thursday! Later that day, they put on a fantastic Holiday Concert with our Guitar, Orchestra and Choir students.
- The WB student council collected toys and gifts for local families and children who might otherwise not receive them. The collected items were recently delivered to York Township in Lombard.
- Final exams will be January 14 through 16, 2014.

◇ Action Necessitated by Closed Session

- ✚ Adopted the Resolution of Closed Session Meeting Minutes.
- ✚ Adopted the Employer Criteria for Early Retirement Option.
- ✚ Approved Mike Farina's Request to Exercise the Early Retirement Option.
- ✚ Approved the Contracts for the Current Administrative Team.

Board Of Education Meeting Dates

All meetings are at 7:30 p.m. in the District 88 Boardroom

Monday, January 13, 2014: Regular Business Board Meeting

Monday, January 27, 2014: Educational Focus Board Meeting

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