

***ISBE Auditors Commend Special Education Staff
for Demonstrating Best Practices and High Quality Differentiation***

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Mrs. Jean Barbanente**, Assistant Superintendent, reported feedback from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) **Special Education compliance visit** conducted from March 1-4. The audit team reviewed files, hosted a parent forum, conducted interviews with staff at each campus and observed classrooms. The exit report provided as many commendations as did findings, which means the future role of the auditors will be supportive rather than directive. Observations included remarks that “staff members were amazing” and “love coming to work each day.” Furthermore, the auditors were so impressed with the Response to Intervention (RtI) Tier 3 discussions that they wished the meetings could be videotaped as a resource for other schools. The district will remain in a 2-year monitoring cycle and continue working on a system conversion of Individual Education Plans (IEPs) to be more compliant with ISBE regulations by July 1, 2012.

Mrs. Barbanente also presented the proposed list of dropped courses for 2011-2012 based on student enrollment and financial projections to reduce 18 Full Time Equivalent (FTE). The most significant programmatic change to accomplish the reduction in force is by adding a sixth assignment for all staff to provide additional academic support for students. This model impacts existing resources like the Learning Support Center (LSC) and Academic Resource Center (ARC). Other changes include expansion of day-time Credit Recovery Models with Title I funding, changes in release time allocated to coaching models (Social & Emotional Learning, Response to Intervention, Mentoring) and expanded co-taught Special Education programming.

- **Superintendent of Schools Dr. Steve Humphrey and Chief Financial Officer Bruce Martin** continued an ongoing dialogue about the district’s cost containment proposal that would reduce expenditures in the district by **\$1.7 million in the 2011-12 school year**. Reduction of staff, as outlined above in the programmatic changes, represents the largest component of the plan to reduce expenditures.

Committed to maintaining a vital and comprehensive curriculum focused on student achievement, the Board of Education will employ a balanced, multi-year approach of using existing fund balances to address the long-term deficit budget.

- **Educational Focus Items** including recognition of 88’s Best and follow-up discussion to programmatic changes due to staff releases were previewed for the March 21, 2011 meeting.
- **Freedom of Information requests** were received from Ann Scott and Mark Colosimo, Executive Editor of Suburban Life Publications. The requested information has been forwarded to both individuals.
- **Following the Consolidated Election on April 5, 2011, a Board organizational meeting is scheduled to be conducted on Thursday, April 28 at 6:00 p.m.** to swear-in new board members, elect board officers and determine the regular meeting schedule.

DISCUSSION ITEMS REQUIRING NO ACTION,

- The **List of Bills** with the exception of check #475637 to Sharon Kucik, **Treasurer’s Report and Budget Status report** from February 2011.
- The **Supply and Capital Outlay Budget** for 2011-2012.
- Purchase of products and services from SunGard Public Sector Company to **upgrade the Business Office’s financial software Pentamation**.
- **Proposed fundraiser** with anticipated revenue in excess of \$1,000.

PERSONNEL ITEMS DISCUSSED FOR FUTURE ACTION:

- Classified Staff Appointment for **Kelvin Taylor**, AT Part-Time Student Supervisor; and **David Whitaker**, AT Full-Time Student Supervisor.
- Classified Staff Retirement effective September 9, 2011 for **Bill North**, WB Cafeteria Custodian.

SEPARATE ACTION ITEMS approved by the Board:

- Ratification of Core Team Actions: **Building The Future Contractor Payment Request #30.**
- **List of Bills to date for March 2011** in excess of \$5,000.

SCHOOL RECOGNITION:

Addison Trail Assistant Principal Mr. Adam Cibulka highlighted recent events and recognition:

- Congratulations to the Science Olympiad team for advancing to State Competition after earning 18 medals in 23 events and placing 4th in the Regional Competition.
- Congratulations to senior Mike Delawder for competing with 12 other students and earning the title of Mr. AT.
- The Hot Brass Ensemble of the Air Force Band of Mid America performed for Music In Our Schools Month.
- Upcoming events include: Honor Roll Assembly, 39th Annual Flower Show and Blood Drive.

Willowbrook Assistant Principal Mrs. Ann Kimpton highlighted recent events and recognition:

- The 3rd Annual Brook Olympics was celebrated with spirit days and class competitions. Congratulations to the senior class for earning Gold Medal honors.
- The Guidance Department presented the second program in the "First in the Family" College Parent Night series.
- Music In Our Schools Month featured an exchange concert with the Elmhurst College Symphonic Band.
- Upcoming events include: Choir Concert, Jazz Band, Center Stage and Guitar Concert and spring break.

Mark Your Calendars:

March 21, 2011	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Educational Focus Meeting	District Boardroom
April 18, 2011	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Regular Business Meeting	District Boardroom
April 28, 2011	6:00 p.m.	Board of Education, Re-Organizational Meeting	District Boardroom