

Board Reviews Cost Containment Plan to Reduce Budget Deficit by \$3.2M

COST CONTAINMENT PROPOSALS AND CURRICULUM CONSIDERATIONS

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Steve Humphrey presented a cost containment proposal that would reduce expenditures in the district by \$3.2 million in the 2010-2011 school year. The changes needed to reach that level of reduction **will have dramatic implications for programs, services and staffing**. Factors impacting district deficits are due to the record low CPI that reduces local revenues, loss of interest revenue and cuts in the state budget and grant funding. **A balanced multi-year approach is recommended** to allow time for the economy to improve.

Mrs. Beth Yacobi, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Learning, presented a summary of responses from the Curriculum Council meeting on February 11. Students, parents, staff and administrators reviewed the impact of eliminating speech class and incorporating the curriculum into other English courses. They also examined the pros and cons of making Yearbook an extra-curricular activity and compared survey results as to how it is offered in other school districts. This information **was intended to provide feedback from all stakeholders** as the District considers curriculum decisions that could impact cost containment strategies. Changes in the speech curriculum would require a Board vote to change graduation requirements. The Board will continue to consider proposals at the February and March Board meetings prior to making any decisions on specific reductions.

PUBLIC HEARING ON MODIFICATION OF THE USE OF SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

In compliance with Public Act 96-640 of the School Code, a public hearing was conducted for Board members and audience members to ask questions and discuss the modifications for legal school holidays for student attendance.

BUILDING THE FUTURE IN DISTRICT 88:

- **Jeannine Eicker**, of Bovis Lend Lease construction management, recapped bid packages awarded, those out to bid and what is currently in design. She discussed construction that is either phased or in-progress until August and showed photographs of the progress in the commons area, Fieldhouses and Fitness Centers at each campus.

DISCUSSION ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION: the Board approved:

- **Modifications for Legal School Holidays** to use Casimir Pulaski's Birthday, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day and Lincoln's Birthday as student attendance days.
- Resolution to Amend the **School Association for Special Education (SASED)** in DuPage County Articles of Agreement.
- **Intergovernmental Agreement with the Addison Public Library** to allow the Transition Program students to open the coffee café in the Library.

DISCUSSION ITEMS REQUIRING NO ACTION:

- The **List of Bills** from January 2010, with the exception of check #465016 to Mr. Thomas Edmier.
- **Treasurer's Report and Budget Status Report** from January 2010.
- **Recommendation to appoint Mr. Bruce Martin**, Chief Financial Officer, as the School Treasurer for the 2010-2011 school year.
- **Proposed fundraisers** with anticipated revenue in excess of \$1,000.
- **Ratification of Building The Future Committee's approval** of BTF #6c bid package 2.75-Fencing.
- **Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Proceedings** before the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board.
- **Resolution Authorizing pooled health and life insurance** administered by the Educational Benefit Cooperative (EBC) effective March 1, 2010-June 30, 2012.
- **Building The Future Purchases** of Music Equipment/Furniture for AT.
- **Recommendation to accept a donation** from Mr. Jeffrey C. Miles to the District 88 Foundation.

PERSONNEL ITEMS DISCUSSED FOR ACTION:

- Certified Staff Retirement effective the 2013-14 school year for **Ann Kimpton**, WB Assistant Principal.
- Certified Staff Unpaid Personal Leave of Absence effective May 2010 through the end of the 2009-10 school year for **Julie Rana**, AT Part-Time Math Teacher.
- Classified Staff Change of Status for **Alma Villegas** from AT Deans Attendance Clerk to Guidance Office Secretary.
- Classified Staff Retirement effective the 2009-10 school year for **Rosalyn Pasquale**, AT Reading Teacher Aide.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- **Mrs. Beth Yacobi**, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Learning, previewed the Educational Focus items that will be presented at the next board meeting on February 22, 2010. This will include **88’s Best** for extra-curricular activities, a report about the work of the **Behavioral Intervention Committee** and an update about **My Digital Tools @ School** which will allow students to bring personal devices to campus.
- **A Freedom of Information Act Request** was received from Mr. Tom Jansen of Oce North America Document Printing Systems. The requested information has been forwarded to Mr. Jansen.
- **The Board’s Evaluation and Compensation Committee** met on February 10 to review the performance of the Superintendent. President Mark Johnson indicated that the Board is currently seeking community input regarding the evaluation process to be completed in June 2010.

SCHOOL RECOGNITION:

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

- All freshman, sophomore and junior students had the opportunity to attend an Elective Fair to showcase the wide variety of courses offered at Addison Trail. This event was also available during Course Information Night.
- The Young Hearts for Life Cardiac Screening program provided free EKGs to over 850 students with the help of more than 100 community volunteers.
- The winter musical Little Shop of Horrors was well attended and the TPO Spaghetti dinner raised over \$2,000.
- Upcoming events include: Student of the Quarter Breakfast, Addison Trail/Indian Trail Concert Series and the Pay It Forward 8th grade transition program.

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

- Experiencing sellout crowds all weekend long, the winter musical Peter Pan involved flying.
- Many athletes qualified for State competition including the girl’s Bowling team, the Pom Pon team and undefeated sophomore wrestler Steve Congenie.
- Jake Robertson and Ty Baumann will be representing Willowbrook in two events at the State Speech competition: Original Comedy (Jake) and Humorous Duet Acting (Jake & Ty).
- Upcoming events include: junior class practice ACT, the Inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony and the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast.

SEPARATE ACTION ITEMS: Following closed session, the Board approved:

- A Notice to Remedy for employee #021510.

Mark Your Calendars:

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