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Sunday, June 1

BOARD-O-GRAM

Educational Focus Meeting of April 21, 2008

Board Honors "88's Best" for April

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 accomplishments in performing arts/elective areas.



Marcie Streza has demonstrated success in academics and performing arts at **Addison Trail**. Her strong commitment to challenging herself has led her to take a rigorous academic schedule, while striving to fulfill her creative passion.

As a three-time IMEA District IX participant and two-time All-State Honors Orchestra participant, Marcie's musical accomplishments are numerous. She is an Orchestra Officer and President of Tri-M Music Honor Society, which allows her to make an impact in the music department and inspire other students to do their best. In addition, Marcie has participated in pit orchestra for the school musicals, sung in the choir and led many string quartet performances for the AT Chamber strings.

Marcie will be attending DePaul University in the fall and plans to major in Psychology. In addition, she will be auditioning for a position in the viola section.

Diane Couzens has exemplified success both in the performing arts and academically in the classroom at **Willowbrook High School**. She is a leader in the building and beyond and shines with extraordinary talent in the music department.

In addition to being the number two flutist in the state of Illinois, Diane has been the top chair among 45 schools in the district orchestra for the past three years. She is also the president of the theatre troupe and manages the crew that prepares and lights the sets for school plays and musicals. Diane is also an active member of the National Honor Society, the Social Studies Honor Society CIVITAS and volunteers in the community with her youth group.

Diane plans to attend the University of Illinois in the fall and study flute performance.



BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP SIGNING CEREMONY:

Mr. Mark Johnson, President of the Board of Education, and **Dr. Steve Humphrey**, Superintendent of Schools, honored McDonald's Corporation for their contributions to District 88. The signing ceremony was held in recognition of existing partnerships for their **leadership, commitment, and dedication to the schools and district**. April honorees included **Laura Cudebec and Margie Bowling of McDonald's Corporation in Oak Brook**.



BUILDING THE FUTURE IN DISTRICT 88:

Dr. Steve Humphrey indicated that visible signs of the project are underway with the arrival of the construction trailer on the Willowbrook campus this week and Addison Trail's scheduled to arrive next month. He invited the community to participate in **groundbreaking celebrations on June 1** at 1:30 for ATHS and 4:00 p.m. for WBHS. The bids were recently released and **construction is scheduled to begin the week of June 9** following the graduation ceremonies.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Mrs. Jean Barbanente, Director of Learning Services, presented information about the staffing trends** for the 2008-2009 school year for both schools. Staffing for the 2008-2009 school year will include an increase of 9.9 Certified Staff (including all new and grant funded positions) as compared to staffing numbers from the spring staffing for the 2007-2008 school year.
- The **District 88 Technology Committee** discussed the topic of changing current purchasing procedures for technology in light of the complexities, volume and time constraints of the Building The Future project. Discussion focused on changing from a bid process to a multiple quote process. Further discussion will take place during the May Board meetings.
- The Board members previewed **revised and amended board policies to be discussed at the April 21 meeting:** 6:10, 6:15, 6:20, 6:30 6:40, 6:50, 6:60, 6:65, 6:70, 6:80, 6:100, 6:120, 6:130, 6:140, 6:145 and 6:150.

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

The **List of Bills** from March 2008; **recommendation to accept purchase bids** for Athletic Trainer Services, Music Equipment, Student Agenda Planners and Calendars, Industry and Technology Equipment, Photography Services, Yearbook, Computer Network Equipment and Installation; **recommendation to accept bids** for actuarial services; **authorization for Contract, Purchase, and Change Order Approval** by Board's Building The Future Planning/Construction Committee; recommendation to accept **fundraiser contracts**; **approve the membership in the Illinois High School Association** for Addison Trail and Willowbrook; **appointment of Superintendent Dr. Steve Humphrey as the SASED representative and Board President Mr. Mark Johnson as the alternate representative to serve on the SASED board**; **personnel items** as presented at the April 14, 2008 board meeting and approve participation of the new partners and allow District 88 to continue involvement in the **Spotlight on Addison Community Newsletter**.

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

- The **Treasurer's Report and Budget Status Report** from March 2008.
- Recommendation to **accept the bid from Sentinel Technologies** for computer network equipment installation.
- Recommendation to **accept the Addison Agreement** for School Resource Officers.
- **Meeting minutes** from the March 10, 2008, **Regular Business meeting**.
- **Meeting minutes of closed session** from the March 10, 2008 Board meeting.
- **Meeting minutes** from the March 17, 2008, **Educational Focus meeting**.
- **Meeting minutes of closed session** from the March 17, 2008 Board meeting.
- **Meeting minutes** from the April 5, 2008, **Board Leadership Workshop meeting**.
- **Meeting minutes of closed session** from the April 5, 2008, **Board Leadership Workshop meeting**.
- **Meeting minutes** from the April 14, 2008, **District 88 Technology Committee meeting**.
- Recommendation to **accept the Restructuring Plan for Willowbrook High School** filed with the Illinois State Board of Education as part of the NCLB compliance.
- Recommendation to **adopt the new textbooks for the 2008-2009 school year**.
- Recommendation to **purchase Dell extended warranty** for existing computers.
- Recommendation to **approve the 2008-2009 Technology Budget**.

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

- Certified Staff Retirement for **Kathleen Smead**, AT LSC/ESL Dept. Chair effective the end of the 2009-10 school year.
- Classified Staff Appointment for **Erin Kerrigan**, WB Part-Time Art Teacher effective the 2008-09 school year.

SCHOOL RECOGNITION:

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

- Ebony Wiley earned a gold medal, DeAnna Garci, Ilma Gjini and Harsha Paul earned silver medals and Prem Joshi earned a bronze medal at the FCCLA State competition.
- Business Professionals of America has 8 students that qualified for the National conference in Reno, NV in May.
- DECA has four students that qualified for the National conference in Atlanta, GA in late April.
- Upcoming events include: PSAE/ACT exams, Student of the Quarter Breakfast and the Orchesis show.

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

- The Symphonic Wind Ensemble was awarded a rating of "Superior" at the Chicagoland Invitational Concert Band Festival held at Hersey High School.
- Approximately 200 people attended the second annual "Meet The Coaches" night held for incoming freshman.
- More than 170 juniors attended weekly lunch-n-learn sessions in preparation for the PSAE exam.
- Upcoming events include: PSAE/ACT exams, Freshman Awards Night and the Warriors for a Cure Fundraiser.

Mark Your Calendars: May 12, 2008 7:30 p.m. Board of Education, Regular Business Meeting District Boardroom
May 19, 2008 7:30 p.m. Board of Education, Educational Focus Meeting District Boardroom