

# BOARD-O-GRAM

Educational Focus Meeting of March 17, 2008



## *Board Honors "88's Best" for March*

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 service accomplishments:



**Daniela Saporito** has demonstrated success in academics and service activities at **Addison Trail**. Her strong commitment to challenging herself has led her to take a rigorous academic schedule while giving her time to serve those in need.

Daniela has participated in many extracurricular organizations including the National Honor Society, Student Council, Key Club and Orchesis. While at Addison Trail, she has been involved with the CROP walk, Humanitarian Service Project food drive, the senior luncheon and Toys for Tots. Outside of school, Daniela has volunteered her time for many service organizations including NEDSRA, Special Olympics, March of Dimes, Cystic Fibrosis, Relay for Life, Addison Kiwanis, Habit for Humanity and the Chicago Food Depository.

Daniela will be attending the University of Illinois. She has plans for a career in architecture.

**Christopher Grazian** has excelled in service activities at **Willowbrook High School**. Chris has immersed himself into the learning environment and dedicated his time and service to the Industry and Technology department.

While at Willowbrook, Chris has volunteered his time in the auto shop. He has rescued many teachers and staff with automotive problems. He has taken care of problems from dead batteries to oil changes and tune-ups. Chris has stepped into a leadership role among his peers in SkillsUSA. He placed first in the written test and is headed to the State competition in April. In addition, he dedicates his time as a student assistant to the Auto 10 class. Outside of school, Chris finds the time to be a volunteer at his church and Lions Club. He also works part time at Staples.

Chris plans to attend Wyoming Technical University. He plans to become a technician at a BMW or Mercedes dealership in the future.



## **BUILDING THE FUTURE IN DISTRICT 88:**

- **Dr. Steve Humphrey** updated the Board that **construction will begin this summer**. The most recent schematic designs are available for viewing on the district website at: [www.dupage88.net](http://www.dupage88.net). In addition to hosting Lunch & Learn sessions for the staff, the administration and architects have been **making public presentations to communicate** the construction plans and timeline. More details will be announced regarding a groundbreaking ceremony to be hosted in late May/early June. The extensive planning and design work will be **released for bid in April 2008 with work to being in June 2008**.

## **EDUCATIONAL FOCUS ITEM:**

- **Mrs. Beth Yacobi**, Director of Curriculum and Learning, introduced several guests to discuss the implementation of school improvement plans to ensure focused strategies on student achievement. **Mr. Jim Frontier** from the Regional Office of Education, Willowbrook Social Studies Department Chair **Mrs. Margo Littlehale**, Willowbrook Industry & Technology Department Chair **Mr. Matt Feuerborn** and Addison Trail Physical Education Department Chair **Mr. Paul Parpet** presented classroom strategies and first semester results that identify areas in which students are growing academically and where they need more help.

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

The **List of Bills for February 2008; recommendation to accept purchase bids** for paper; physical education uniforms; combination locks; athletic equipment and supplies and driver education cars; recommendation to accept **fundraiser contracts and revised and amended Board Policies** 5:230, 5:240, 5:250, 5:260, 5:270, 5:280, 5:285, 5:290, 5:300, 5:310, 5:320, 5:330, 6:110, 6:280, 6:300, 6:310, 7:50, 7:60 and 7:70.

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

- **Check #443134** to Paul Habel.
- **Treasurer's Report and Budget Status Report** from February 2008
- Recommendation for **change in Administrative Structure**. **Establish new positions** of third Assistant Principal for each high school, I.E.P. Coordinator for each high school and District position for Human Resources.
- **Elimination of the position** of Addison Trail PPS Supervisor for the 2008-2009 school year.
- **Elimination of the position** of Willowbrook PPS Supervisor for the 2008-2009 school year.
- **Addison Tax Consortium:** Letter and Resolution authorizing intervention in certain tax appeal cases.
- **Meeting minutes** from the February 4, 2008, **Board Leadership Workshop**.
- **Meeting minutes** from the February 11, 2008, **Regular Business meeting**.
- **Meeting minutes** from the February 11, 2008, **Closed Session Board meeting**.
- **Meeting minutes** from the February 23, 2008, **Board Leadership Workshop**.
- **Meeting minutes** from the February 23, 2008, **Closed Session Board Leadership Workshop**.
- **Meeting minutes** from the February 25, 2008, **Educational Focus meeting**.
- **Personnel appointment** as presented at the March 10 board meeting.

**IN PERSONNEL ACTION:** the following item was approved by the Board:

- Certified Staff Appointment for **Ann Eakley**, District Office Special Education Program Transition Teacher, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

**DISCUSSION ITEM:**

- **Mrs. Jean Barbanente**, Director of Learning Services, provided an overview about the requirements for "Highly Qualified Teacher" status. In addition to holding valid certification and endorsements, each teacher in a defined Core area must meet **Highly Qualified requirements**. The staff audits determined unique situations requiring three teachers to complete a "road map" within a two-year grace period. All of these individuals will have the requirements completed next year.

**SCHOOL RECOGNITION:**

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

- Over 170 students participated in the International Fest Dance show.
- The 36<sup>th</sup> annual Flower Show took place on March 11 and showcased several local florists.
- The first ever "Letterman's Week" is being celebrated this week with many opportunities to show Blazer Pride.
- Upcoming events include: Parenting Teens Today seminars, the annual Blood Drive and Interact Club's Luau.

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

- Congratulations to the 11 BPA students who competed in the State competition, four of who have advanced to the National competition.
- The "Unifying Diversity" series will include a presentation for parents on April 9 in conjunction with CAC.
- In preparation for the PSAE exams on April 23-24, this year's theme is "Every Warrior Counts."
- Upcoming events include: Parent Resource Night, Key Club Blood Drive and music concerts in the spring series.

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**Mark Your Calendars:**

April 14, 2008	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Regular Business Meeting	District Boardroom
April 21, 2008	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Educational Focus Meeting	District Boardroom