

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:



Victoria and Denise Hernandez have demonstrated success in academics and service activities at **Addison Trail**. Their strong commitment to challenging themselves has led them to take rigorous academic schedules while giving their time to service projects.

Victoria and Denise have participated together in many extracurricular organizations including the National Honor Society, Student Council, Academic Team, basketball team, physical education leaders and the music department. Outside of Addison Trail, Victoria has served as the Addison Trail basketball statistician and as a member of her church's music group. Denise has served the community by working with the Red Cross, American Kennel Club, Links and Tees and volunteering with church youth group.

Victoria plans to continue her education at the University of Iowa and Denise plans to attend the University of Illinois.

Lucas Werner has excelled in service activities at **Willowbrook High School**. While at Willowbrook, Luke has volunteered his time with the I.E. Speech Tournament. He has also been an active member of Model UN and earned the designation of Delegate with honors.

Luke has earned the honor of Eagle Scout and lives by the Scout Promise to do his best each day to make his training, example, and influence felt in his troop, in his community, and in his contacts with other people. His most magnificent achievements have been for both Scouts and his church. Luke has earned the Order of the Arrow, CCW Christian Service Award and the Ad Altore Dei Award. He has also been a confirmation sponsor and altar server at his church.

Luke plans to attend Western Illinois University next fall. He plans to study Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement.



BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP SIGNING CEREMONY:

Mr. Mark Johnson, President of the Board of Education, and **Dr. Steve Humphrey**, Superintendent of Schools, honored **Pat Neuber (right)**, Branch Manager of Harris Bank in Addison and **Jeff McClory**, general manager of Chipotle Mexican Grill in Oakbrook Terrace, for their generous contributions to District 88 students.

The signing ceremony was held in recognition of existing partnerships for their **leadership, commitment, and dedication to the schools and district.**



BUILDING THE FUTURE IN DISTRICT 88:

- **Jeannine Eicker**, of Bovis Lend Lease construction management, stated that each month Board members would be receiving an "Owners Report." She reviewed the status of bid packages, updated the progress at AT and WB and showed aerial photos, reviewed work that will be started over spring break, indicated the Regional Office of Education will issue occupancy approval for swing space at WB, and explained the "Incident & Injury Free Workshops" that are being held to ensure the safety of students, staff and workers during ongoing construction.

EDUCATIONAL FOCUS ITEMS:

- **Mrs. Beth Yacobi**, Director of Curriculum and Learning, reported the **2009 Summer School program will be conducted June 22-July 24** at offsite locations in District 4, 45, and DeVry University due to “Building The Future” construction. The freshman intervention programs will include the areas of reading and math, a pullout math program, ESL reading programs, a Sophomore Seminar credit recovery in Math and English, and Junior Seminar credit recovery in math and English. Additional offered classes include **Speech, Consumer Management, Economics as well as an accelerated algebra and geometry course**. Communication to all eighth grade parents and students is ongoing through the use of mailings, bulletins and parent orientation nights.
- **Mrs. Jean Barbanente, Director of Learning Services**, presented **preliminary information about the district wide staffing trends** for the 2009-2010 school year. Currently, staffing for the 2009-2010 school year reflects a certified staff **increase of 1.7 Full-time Equivalence (FTE)** due to increased Advanced Placement enrollment as well as State mandates in Special Education regarding class size maximums. Some AP, Integrated and Capstone courses will remain open for now with an enrollment of less than 18 students to give the Guidance Departments and buildings an opportunity to encourage student participation in these classes. Further information will be presented to the Board as the staffing is finalized this spring.

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

The **List of Bills for February 2009** with the exception of check #454979 to Paul Habel; the **Treasurer’s and Budget Status Reports for February 2009**; **recommendation to accept purchase bids** for combination locks, physical education locks and physical education uniforms for AT and WB; authorization to purchase computer / software / audio-visual equipment for AT, WB and District; authorization to purchase a lawn mower; paper; **authorization to dispose** of items on the disposal lists, the **personnel report** as presented March 16, 2009 and recommendation to accept **donations to Willowbrook** from Mr. Matt Roth and Dr. Gregory Merrick.

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

- **Resolution to Accept the Bid Results** of the Public Offering of Bonds.
- **Resolution to Authorize the Issuance** of \$24,700,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2009.
- **A fundraiser contract** with anticipated revenue over \$1,000.
- BTF contractor payment request **Construction Trade Billing #8**.
- **Check #454979** to Paul Habel.
- **Meeting minutes** from the February 9, 2009, **Special Board Meeting**.
- **Meeting minutes** from the February 9, 2009, **Regular Business meeting**.
- **Meeting minutes** from the February 9, 2009, **Closed Session Board meeting**.
- **Meeting minutes** from the February 23, 2008, **Educational Focus meeting**.
- **Meeting minutes** from the February 26, 2008, **Closed Session Evaluation & Compensation Meeting**.

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

- **Recommendation for three-year contracts** for Dr. Scott Helton, Addison Trail Principal and Mr. Dan Krause, Willowbrook Principal.
- **Recommendation for administrative salary allocation**.
- **Recommendation for retirement stipend** for a non-certified administrator.
- Certified Staff Resignation for **Tiffany Chavez**, AT Director of Deans, effective the end of the 2008-09 year.

SCHOOL RECOGNITION:

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

- Science Olympiad earned 5th place and qualified for the State competition marking 9 times in the last 10 years.
- The 37th annual Flower Show took place on March 17 and showcased several local florists and student work.
- The Medical Careers class was invited to Mercy Provena Hospital to observe open heart surgery. The students were able to ask the cardiologist questions during the surgery and meet the heart team after the surgery.
- Upcoming events: the annual Blood Drive, PSAE testing, and P.E. Week.

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

- The University of Northern Iowa Orchestra performed a joint concert with the Willowbrook orchestra.
- The Mock Trial team earned two outstanding attorney and witness awards at a recent competition.
- Parent Expo was held in partnership with District 45 and 48. The event included a keynote speaker and sessions focused on school transitions and student success.
- Upcoming events: Jazz Band/Center Stage concert, Student of the Quarter breakfast, and Meet the Coaches Night.

Mark Your Calendars:

April 13, 2009	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Regular Business Meeting	District Boardroom
April 20, 2009	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Educational Focus Meeting	District Boardroom