

District 88 Names New Chief Financial Officer for 2009-10 School Year

During the January 12th DuPage High School District 88 Board of Education meeting, board members voted to approve Mr. Bruce Martin as the new Chief Financial Officer, effective with the 2009-10 school year.

He will officially begin his duties on July 1, 2009. Martin replaces the Assistant Superintendent for Operations, Mr. Michael Welch, who will be retiring this school year marking 7 years in the position and 30 years in District 88.

Martin brings more than 17 years of experience to the position, having served previously as Business Manager for the Lockport Area Special Education Cooperative (LASEC) as well as Golf School District 67 in Morton Grove. Currently, he works as the Business Manager for Community Consolidated School District 64 serving elementary students in Park Ridge and Niles.



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

- **Recommendation to appoint Bruce Martin as Chief Financial Officer**, replacing outgoing Assistant Superintendent for Operations, Michael Welch who will retire June 30, 2009.
- **Ratification of BTF committee actions** to reject and re-bid BTF#5 Masonry bids and accept the proposal to conduct BTF#5 Quality Assurance/Quality Control Testing.
- **Recommendations from Bid Release #3 – BTF Projects #5**: base building packages at ATHS & WBHS and Phase 4 re-bids and recommendations.
- **Resolution authorizing settlement agreement** and release to Prairie Steel Construction, Inc. as part of the Building The Future project.
- Resolution authorizing the **annexation of property in Addison**.

DISCUSSION ITEMS REQUIRING NO ACTION:

- The **List of Bills** from December 2008 except check #452522 to Mark Johnson, check #452528 to Sharon Kucik and check #452725 to James Irvin.
- The **Treasurer's Report and Budget Status Report** for December 2008 will be presented at the January 26, 2009 meeting.
- **Fundraiser contracts** with anticipated revenue of \$1,000 or more.
- **Resolution authorizing permanent Inter-Fund Transfer** for capital projects purposes.
- The **2009-2010 Supply/Capital Outlay Budget** has been reduced due to the "Building The Future in District 88" project. The capital outlay allocation again represents a 45% decrease from the 2007-2008 budget with an increase of 1% for supplies.
- **Recommendation to accept a monetary donation** from the Lauren M. Kiefer Foundation, Inc. to the Willowbrook Athletic Department in honor of Lauren Kiefer to help in funding the new fitness center and **a donation of a Sigma guitar, Model DM-4** from Mr. Tom Gervais, to be used by the Willowbrook music department.
- Review of **revised and amended Board Policies** 8:10, 8:20, 8:25, 8:30, 8:40, 8:70, 8:80, 8:90, 8:95, 8:100 and 8:110.

PERSONNEL ITEMS DISCUSSED FOR ACTION:

- Certified Staff Appointments for **Brett Blair**, WB English Department Chair; **Dave Kowalski**, AT English Department Chair; and **Pete Montgomery**, WB Social Studies Department Chair.
- Classified Staff Appointment for **Jamie Engel**, WB GOAL Program Teacher Aide.
- Classified Staff Resignation for **Anna Kass**, WB Math Teacher Aide.
- Classified Staff Military Leave of Absence for **Chad Thomas**, AT Teacher Aide, effective Jan. 9, 2009 – March 22, 2009.
- Buildings & Grounds Appointment for **John Boubek**, AT 3rd Shift Custodian.

INFORMATION ITEM:

- **Mrs. Beth Yacobi**, Director of Curriculum and Learning, previewed the Educational Focus items that will be presented at the next board meeting on January 26, 2009. This will include **88’s Best** for academics and a report from the Guidance Departments regarding course selection and the registration process.
- **Review of School District 94 letter** of January 5, 2009 regarding interest in forming a new athletic conference with West Chicago High School.

SCHOOL RECOGNITION:

Addison Trail Assistant Principal Mrs. Lisa Bollow highlighted recent events and recognition:

- Patty Rust, Reading teacher, has been named “Teacher of the Year” by Sam’s Club and earned a monetary donation for the high school.
- Seniors Joey Hua and Lorena Shkurti have been awarded Honorable Mention in the Daily Herald Leadership Team program.
- A graduation breakfast was held to celebrate the 35 students graduating this January.
- Upcoming events include: Freshman Course Information Night, “Pack the Place” for the Special Olympics Basketball game, “Thoroughly Modern Millie” musical and T.P.O. Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser.

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

- The Advanced Placement alumni luncheon was well attended by upperclass students seeking additional information about advanced placement courses.
- Nearly 450 eighth graders will be visiting this week for “A Look at the Brook” to learn about course selection, extra-curricular activities and the Warrior Code.
- Thirty students from Thespian club went to Illinois State University to participate in the Illinois Theatre Festival.
- Upcoming events include: Battle of the Bands, Curriculum Showcase Night and the winter musical, “Sweeney Todd.”

Mark Your Calendars:

January 26, 2009	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Educational Focus Meeting	District Boardroom
February 9, 2009	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Regular Business Meeting	District Boardroom