

Board Honors “88’s Best” for February

BOARD HONORS “88’s BEST”:

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 extracurricular accomplishments:



Matthew Turk has demonstrated success in academics and extracurricular activities at **Addison Trail**. Ranking in the top 2% in his senior class, Matt’s strong commitment to challenging himself has led him to take a rigorous academic schedule and striving to be as involved as possible.

Matt has earned several honors including Student of the Quarter, Illinois State Scholar, National Honor Society and a four-year member of the honor roll. Matt has also been a four-year baseball and basketball player and named co-captain for both this year. In addition to being an involved in the music program, Matt makes time to give back to the community through service.

Matt has applied to the University of Iowa, the Milwaukee School of Engineering, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He plans to major in Engineering.

Holly Kosir has excelled in academics and extracurricular activities at **Willowbrook High School**. Holly ranks in the top 4% in her senior class and has taken a wide variety of rigorous courses.

While at Willowbrook, Holly has also sought involvement outside the classroom and in athletics. She is a member of Civitas, the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Key Club and the Blue Crew. Holly has also been involved with the New Beginnings program and Student Council. She has been the Historian and Public Relations Coordinator for FCCLA and has qualified for State competition. Holly is the president of the senior class. She participates in athletics as a member of the volleyball and softball teams and is also as a member of the Varsity Athletic Club.

Holly will be attending Vanderbilt University in the fall. She plans to pursue a degree in medicine or veterinary medicine.



EDUCATIONAL FOCUS ITEMS:

- **Mrs. Beth Yacobi**, Director of Curriculum and Learning, reported the **enrollment data and test scores for Advanced Placement** classes from 2002-2008. The district’s commitment to providing access to rigorous level courses for all students has contributed to **an increase in students taking the AP courses**. Furthermore, more students have been taking the exams certified by the College Board and earning scores of 3, 4 and 5 that can be applied at most institutions for college credit.
- **Mrs. Yacobi** also provided a status report about changes in the Illinois State law and potential implications for the district wide **Driver’s Education program**. Some parents have inquired if Driver’s Education could be moved to the freshman year to accommodate the 9-month waiting period before students receive a license. The age requirement remains the same that **students must be 15 years old** before they receive their permit. All freshman P.E. classes will be surveyed to determine student interest in taking summer Driver’s Education for a fee. Based on the results, the district could consider offering instructional sessions and Behind The Wheel for

sophomores and concurrently for freshmen, prioritized by the earliest birthdays. In addition to these next steps, a staff survey would need to be taken to determine the resources available that could support an increased number of drivers.

- **Mrs. Jean Barbanente**, Director of Learning Services, reported **highlights from the DIRECTIONS program**, a collaborative effort that began in January 2008 with Glenbard High School District 87 and Downers Grove High School District 99. This alternative learning program is designed to be temporary, so that students can return to their home campuses following one semester to one year of targeted instruction. One of the significant successes has been the implementation of the **Positive Behavior and Interventions Support (PBIS) model**. The **2009-2010 budget**, which represents shared expenses among the districts, was also reviewed.

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

The **List of Bills for January 2009**; **recommendation to appoint Bruce Martin**, Chief Financial Officer, as the School Treasurer for the 2009-2010 school year; **a donation** of a pool/air hockey/ping pong table from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Monahan for use by the Transition Program and the **personnel report from February 9, 2009**.

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

- **Treasurer's Report and Budget Status Report** from January 2009.
- BTF contractor payment request **Construction Trade Billing #7**.
- **Bid Release #3 – BTF Projects #5**: Approval of bids and a change order for stadium bleacher repair.
- **A fundraiser contract** with anticipated revenue over \$1,000.
- **Recommendation to accept a donation** of \$1,200 from Better Benz Trading, Inc. for the AT Athletic Department and a donation of a variety of tool steel from Retco Alloy Company for use at Willowbrook.
- **Minutes** from the November 17, 2008 and February 5, 2009 **Technology Committee meetings**.
- **Minutes** from the January 12, 2009 **Special Board meeting, Closed Session Board meeting and Regular Business Board meeting**.
- **Minutes** from the January 20, 2009 **Emergency Special Board meeting**.
- **Minutes** from the January 22, 2009 **Evaluation and Compensation meeting**.
- **Minutes** from the January 26, 2009 **Educational Focus Board meeting and Closed Session Board meeting**.
- **DIRECTIONS Budget** for 2009-2010.

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

- Certified Staff Change of Status for **Tom Hubner**, from Coordinator of Directions Program to classroom teacher, effective 2009-10 school year.
- Certified Staff Retirement for **Kim Collings**, WB Science Teacher, effective end of 2009-10 school year.
- Classified Staff Appointment for **Christopher Perkins**, WB Special Education Teacher Aide.
- Classified Mid-Management Staff Resignation for **Jo McGraw**, WB Health Program Assistant.

SCHOOL RECOGNITION:

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

- The Varsity Cheer Squad placed 5th in State competition and the Junior Varsity team placed 8th.
- Nearly 400 juniors took the practice ACT test and the results will help prepare for the upcoming PSAT test.
- More than 375 eighth grade students participated in Pay It Forward program designed to help transition students to high school and reinforce messages about making good decisions.
- Upcoming events include: Mr. A.T., AT/IT Band Concert, International Fest, Pops Concert and Flower Show.

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

- Over 400 juniors took the practice ACT test and the results will help prepare for the upcoming PSAT test.
- The cast and crew of *Sweeney Todd* was praised for their hard work and all of the accolades that have been received.
- The Willowbrook Gospel Choir made a debut performance during the African-American History month celebration that also included a performance by the Willowbrook Steppers.
- Upcoming events include: Battle of the Bands and Turnabout Dance.

Mark Your Calendars:

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| March 16, 2009 | 7:30 p.m. | Board of Education, Regular Business Meeting | District Boardroom |
| March 23, 2009 | 7:30 p.m. | Board of Education, Educational Focus Meeting | District Boardroom |