

Monday, December 17, 2018

Regular Business/Educational Focus Board Of Education Meeting

◇ **Recognition of Successes**

88's Best

For the month of December, the district recognized Chloe Ludwig from Addison Trail and Jackson Hathaway from Willowbrook as 88's Best students and congratulated them on their many accomplishments. The students thanked the Board, their teachers and their families for their support. As a token of their achievements, Chloe and Jackson received an 88's Best glass sculpture and a certificate to a local restaurant.

State Recognitions

Students from Addison Trail and Willowbrook were recognized for their state-level achievements for the fall season. Those students are: Rosemarie Mercado-IHSTF All-State production (Cast/Ensemble); Connor White-IHSTF All-State production (Cast/Ensemble); John Daniels-IHSFCA All-State; Victoria Palma-IHSA Girls Cross-Country; Emma Rattana-IHSA Girls Golf; Samuel Tumilty-IHSFCA Academic All-State, IHSFCA All-State, News Gazette All-State Special Mention, Edgy Tim All-State; Scott Tumilty-IHSFCA Academic All-State, IHSFCA All-State Honorable Mention, News Gazette All-State Special Mention; Matthew Knudtson-IHSFCA Academic All-State; Mohammad Ayesh-IHSFCA Academic All-State; Elissa Haake-IHSA Girls Swimming & Diving; Mary Elizabeth Hassler-IHSA Girls Swimming & Diving; Maria Gonzalez-Special Olympics Illinois Fall Games; Jonathan Ramos-Special Olympics Illinois Fall Games; Joseph Bertuca-Special Olympics Illinois Fall Games; Angel Vazquez-Special Olympics Illinois Fall Games; Jonathan Leal-Special Olympics Illinois Fall Games; Brian May-Special Olympics Illinois Fall Games; Madelyn Tincknell-Special Olympics Illinois Fall Games; Jack Tincknell-Special Olympics Illinois Fall Games; Mohammad Salamah-Special Olympics Illinois Fall Games; and Dania Salamah-Special Olympics Illinois Fall Games. As a token of their achievements, these students were given a certificate. Congratulations!

◇ **Public Hearing on the 2018 Tax Levy**

The proposed tax levy for 2018 was reviewed during the October 29, 2018, and November 12, 2018, Board meetings. During the November 12, 2018, meeting, the Board adopted a resolution to establish the aggregate amount of taxes estimated to be levied for the year 2018 in the amount of \$56,080,763. That request represents a 4.9-percent increase, but we expect to receive an increase of about 2.37 percent based on the CPI at 2.1 percent and new property/construction growth. Because the value of total property and new property is unknown at this time, the district levies higher. No changes or updates were made since the proposed tax levy was approved in November. In compliance with the Truth in Taxation Law, a notice was published on December 5, 2018, that public comments would be heard at the December 17, 2018, meeting. The public hearing was opened during the December 17, 2018, Board meeting for Board members and audience members to ask questions and discuss the 2018 proposed tax levy.

◇ **Educational Focus Items**

Strategic Planning Process Update

Mr. Jeff Cohn of Brave Dialogue provided an update on the district's Strategic Planning Process and shared the responses from the various groups who participated in the process. The Mission statement will remain the same but the Vision statement will be updated. A brief overview of the proposed Vision statement was shared, including the addition of *Graduates who...*, a section devoted to outlining the skills and abilities of a District 88 graduate.

The administration will review the proposed commitment statements and will prepare a final draft for the Board in January.

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)

Dr. Adam Cibulka, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, provided an update on the next steps for the AVID program pilot that will run at Addison Trail in the 2019-20 school year. The AVID program will support student academic, social-emotional and college/career goals. The program is a four year process for the student and is an elective.

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

- ✦ Adoption of the 2018 Tax Levy – Resolution Authorizing and Directing Tax Levy and Resolution Authorizing and Directing Certain Special-Purpose Tax Levies.
- ✦ List of Bills for November 2018.
- ✦ List of Bills Exceeding \$5,000.00.
- ✦ Treasurer’s Report for November 2018.
- ✦ Budget Status Report for November 2018.
- ✦ Fundraiser Exceeding \$1,000.00: Addison Trail/Willowbrook Swim Teams to swim laps based on donation amount to buy T-shirts, fast-skin suits and accessories for the athletes.
- ✦ Building Improvement Project Recommendation for 2019-20.
- ✦ Property Tax Relief Grant.
- ✦ Personnel Report:
 - Certified Staff Appointment:
 - Zachary Joiner, Willowbrook Part-time Science Teacher, effective January 7, 2019.
 - Classified Staff Appointments:
 - Michael Bailey, Willowbrook P.M. Bus Driver/Student Supervisor, effective December 13, 2018.
 - Kristen Cornell, Willowbrook Special-Education Teacher Aide, effective January 7, 2019.
 - Derrick Coy, Willowbrook Vocational Aide, effective December 3, 2018.
 - John Gomes, Willowbrook A.M. Bus Driver/Student Supervisor, effective December 13, 2018.
 - Victor Gomez, Willowbrook Literacy Teacher Aide, effective January 7, 2019.
 - Classified Staff Change In Status:
 - Marigold Cordero, From Addison Trail 1:1 Registered Nurse to AT Registered Nurse, effective October 29, 2018.
 - Classified Staff Resignations:
 - Brett Ambrosino, Willowbrook In-School Intervention Teacher Aide, effective December 20, 2018.
 - Jennifer Rodriguez, Willowbrook Literacy Teacher Aide, effective November 30, 2018.
 - Nico Tangorra, Addison Trail Literacy Teacher Aide, effective December 20, 2018.
- ✦ Donation: Mr. Heikes of Glen Ellyn donated a 2006 Mercury Grand Marquis LC to Willowbrook’s automotive program.
- ✦ The following meeting minutes: November 6, 2018, Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting; November 12, 2018, Regular Business/Educational Focus Board meeting; November 12, 2018, Closed Session Board meeting; and November 14, 2018, Board Candidate Workshop.

◇ **Information/Discussion Items**

Credit Card Summary

Mr. Edward Hoster, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the district’s credit card use report for November 2018, as outlined in Board Policy 4:55 Use of Credit and Procurement Cards.

Post Issuance Tax Compliance Report

Mr. Hoster, who serves as the district's Compliance Officer for debt issuance and compliance reporting, reported the district is in compliance with the applicable tax law requirements.

School Violence Prevention Grant

Mr. Hoster shared District 88, Addison District 4 and the Village of Addison submitted a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services for the School Violence Prevention Program to purchase a school communication enhancement for a crisis. The grant application was approved for \$329,782.50 or 75-percent of the full \$428,790 total project cost. District 88's share of the project will be \$45,335.90. The administration has worked with representatives from BluePoint, a 24/7 communication center, to finalize the placement of pull stations and strobes throughout the three locations (Addison Trail, Willowbrook and the District Office). Installation will take place in the spring/summer of 2019.

Interpreter Position

Mrs. Jean Barbanente, Assistant Superintendent, presented a proposal for Title One Interpreter/Translator position to be shared between Addison Trail and Willowbrook. She shared the need for oral interpretation and written translation services has grown over the years. There is a significant need for interpretation/translation in our Special Education department that requires a certain level of qualification/licensing. Federal law requires the district to have all written communication in Spanish for our families. The Board engaged in a brief discussion on the strengths and limitations of the proposal.

Tennis Court Project at Willowbrook

Mr. Hoster presented information regarding the two sets of tennis courts and the cost estimates to repair each. There was discussion regarding the request to reconstruct the north courts, the need for lights, and the history behind the proposal.

◇ **School Recognitions**Addison Trail

- ✚ Twenty-nine students were recognized as Illinois State Scholars. Congratulations!
- ✚ Final exams begin tomorrow. Good luck!
- ✚ Young Alumni Day will take place on Friday, Jan. 11.
- ✚ Eighth-Grade Course Information Night will take place on Thursday, January 17.
- ✚ Mark your calendar for February 1 - Pack the Place.
- ✚ The winter musical performance of "Newsie" will take place at 7 p.m. on February 7 through 9 and also at 2 p.m. on February 8. Come out and join us!
- ✚ Boys Basketball took 1st place in the Elmwood Park/Ridgewood Thanksgiving tournament. John Daniels and Adam Mehmeti were named All-Tournament team. Congratulations!
- ✚ Girls Basketball took 2nd place in the Fenton/Addison Trail Thanksgiving tournament. Serena Gilliam was named All-Tournament team. Congratulations!
- ✚ Wrestling currently holds 1st place in conference. The team took 5th place at the Prospect 16 Team tournament on December 8. Go, Blazers!
- ✚ Girls Bowling defeated Leyden last Tuesday, winning their 1st Conference match. Clare O'Connell had a high score of 202. Congratulations!

Willowbrook

- ✚ Thank you to the Music Department for an awesome set of Winter Concerts!
- ✚ The Willowbrook Speech Team hosted its own Speech Tournament this past weekend and placed 4th overall. Congratulations!
- ✚ Final exams begin tomorrow. Good luck!

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- ✚ Congratulations to the Illinois State Scholars and December Graduates!
- ✚ Winter athletics are under way.
- ✚ Second semester will begin on January 7.
- ✚ An Advanced Coursework Lunch-n-Learn will take place on January 9 for students.
- ✚ This year's Curriculum Showcase will take place on Thursday, January 17. Welcome, class of 2023!

◇ **Action Necessitated by Closed Session**

- A. Adoption of the Resolution of Closed Session Meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval of Willowbrook's Principal Performance-Based Contract.

Board Of Education Meeting Dates

All meetings are at 7:30 p.m. in the District 88 Boardroom (unless otherwise noted)

Monday, January 14, 2019: Regular Business Board Meeting

Monday, January 28, 2019: Educational Focus Board Meeting

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