



BOARD-O-GRAM

Educational Focus Meeting of May 19, 2008

Board Approves New Assistant Principals for Willowbrook High School

During District 88 Board of Education meeting on May 19, board members voted to approve **Mr. Sam Bentsen and Mrs. Ann Kimpton** as the new Assistant Principals of Willowbrook High School, effective the 2008-2009 school year. They will begin official duties on July 1, 2008.

*Since the spring of 1984, the **David Koch Board of Education Scholarship** has been given in honor of former District 88 Superintendent (1974-1983) Dr. David Koch. The \$1,500 scholarship is awarded annually to a student from Addison Trail and Willowbrook. The 2008 recipients are:*



Anna Mikulski has demonstrated success in academics and extracurricular activities at **Addison Trail**. Ranking in the top 1% of her senior class, Anna has taken a rigorous curriculum having enrolled in eight Advanced Placement classes. Anna has been a member of the National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society and Student Council.

Anna will attend the University of Chicago and plans to pursue a degree in pre-law and minor in Spanish.

Vytautas Kunickas has excelled in academics and extracurricular activities at Willowbrook High School. He has challenged himself with a rigorous curriculum. Currently, Vito ranks second in the senior class, has completed one Advanced Placement course, and is currently enrolled in four Advanced Placement courses.



Vito will attend the College of DuPage and plans to pursue a degree in a medical field.

The Board of Education has selected three recipients from each school for the **Robert Lopatka Art Scholarship**. Their artwork will be displayed in the Board Room for one year. The scholarships are \$500 each and are named in honor of District 88's former superintendent (1988-2001).

Addison Trail Students

Sarah Adams
Malgorzata Popowska
Nicole Sanchez

Willowbrook Students

Nicole Brainer
Richard Draski
Rachael McIndoo

BUILDING THE FUTURE IN DISTRICT 88:

- **Superintendent Dr. Steve Humphrey** updated the Board about progress that continues to happen with the relocation of the server room as well as the District Office to the existing Addison Public Library building. Another visible sign of the project was the arrival of the construction trailer on the Addison Trail campus. The communities are invited to participate in **groundbreaking celebrations on June 1** at 1:30 for ATHS and 4:00 p.m. for WBHS. These events **kick-off construction that is scheduled to begin the week of June 9** following graduation.

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

The **list of bills** from April 2008, with the exception of check #444386 to Paul Habel; resolution to **deposit interest to Education Fund** (2007-2008); authorization to **prepare tentative 2008-2009 budget**; allocation of **corporate personal property replacement taxes** (2008-2009); **early taxes resolution**; **bank depositories** 2008-2009; **fundraiser contracts** with anticipated revenue in excess of \$1,000; certify the **Hazardous bus conditions**; authorize the **Disposition of Equipment**; purchases for Willowbrook and Addison Trail: athletic/fitness equipment; **purchase of four school buses**; ratification of the BTF Planning/Construction Committee actions for the **server room relocation**; the **personnel report** as presented May 12, 2008; **donations** to Willowbrook High School; the final **amended school calendar** for 2007-08; and the **2008-09 Board of Education meeting calendar**.

DISCUSSION ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION: the following items were approved by the Board:

- **Check #444386 to Mr. Paul Habel** for reimbursement of expenses incurred.
- The **Treasurer's and Budget Status Reports** from April 2007.
- Recommendations for the General Trades, HVAC, Plumbing, Fire Protection and Electrical relocation bids for the **District Office/Special Education Transition Program projects** as part of the Building The Future.
- Recommendation to utilize a price proposal process for technology purchases over \$10,000 on a trial basis.
- Recommended **changes to the Student Handbook** including language changes to loitering/trespassing sections.
- **Meeting minutes** from the Regular Board meeting of April 14, 2008.
- **Meeting minutes** from the Educational Focus Board meeting of April 21, 2008.

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

- Certified Staff Appointments for **Doug Wildes**, AT Social Studies Teacher to Social Studies Department Chair; **Erik Borne**, WB English Teacher; **Laura Remedi**, WB Science Teacher and **Colleen Smith**, WB Reading/Literacy Teacher.
- Classified Staff Appointment for **Laura DiNatale**, AT Bookstore Manager.

DISCUSSION ITEMS REQUIRING NO ACTION:

- **Mr. Michael Welch**, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, reported the district is in the process of joining a consortium comprised of up to 78 districts to **contract with a single third-party administrator for 403b compliance**.
- **Mrs. Beth Yacobi**, Director of Curriculum and Learning, reported the **summer curriculum projects** for 2008-09. Staff members from the **Science Departments** at both schools will review all courses in sequence and the mastery expectations for students. The **English Department** is moving into year two of this curriculum review process.
- Review of **Revised and Amended Board Policies** 6:160, 6:170, 6:180, 6:190 6:210, 6:230, 6:235, 6:240, 6:250, 6:255, 6:260, 6:270, 6:290, 6:330, and 6:340.
- **Ms. Sherri Anderson**, Director of Community Relations, described the **purpose and process for redesigning the District 88 logo**. The timing is appropriate and cost-effective since new letterhead, business cards and other marketing materials will need to be reprinted due to the relocation of the district office.
- **Mrs. Jean Barbanente**, Director of Learning Services, provided an update on the implementation of Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (**PBIS**). District wide, a reduction of 5-10% has been documented in tardies, unexcused absences and other discipline data. District 88 has been commended for having the **strongest first year implementation** at the high school level statewide.
- A **Freedom of Information Act** request was received and information has been forwarded to Mr. Jim Vodak of Modern Energy Management of Illinois regarding natural gas usage for the last two fiscal years, payments for therms and contracts made with natural gas suppliers.

SCHOOL RECOGNITION:

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

- The annual spring recognition ceremony was hosted to honor student achievements and the retiring staff members.
- Over \$800 was donated to the savedarfur.org organization in the name of Addison Trail as a result of the awareness bracelet sales and BBQ.
- Calvin Cheaney and Nick Ostapa placed in the top ten at the State Gymnastics competition.
- Upcoming events include: Senior Awards Night, Senior Athletic Awards, Yearbook distribution, PBIS Cookout, Prom and Graduation.

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

- "Operation Prom Night" was an informational meeting hosted for parents in conjunction with the Villa Park Police and Fire Departments and the DuPage County State's Attorney's office.
- Nearly 200 students were honored at the Human Relations Breakfast.
- The band and cheerleading squad participated in the annual Lilac Day parade in Lombard.
- Upcoming events include: Willyfest, Senior Carnival, Senior Recognition Awards, Senior Athletic Awards, Prom and Graduation.

SEPARATE ACTION ITEMS, following closed session, were approved by the Board:

- Resolution for Notice to Remedy of employee #051908.
- Resolution for condemnation of four properties in Addison.
- Resolution authorizing the board attorney to purchase a property in Addison.

Mark Your Calendars:

June 16, 2008	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Regular Business Meeting	District Boardroom
June 23, 2008	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Educational Focus Meeting	District Boardroom