

Board Honors “88’s Best” for October

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 academic accomplishments:



Magdalena Naziemiec has demonstrated success in academics and extracurricular activities at **Addison Trail** and is currently is ranked third in her class. Her outstanding performance in the classroom, including 10 Advanced Placement courses, has earned Magdalena a place on the Distinct Honor Roll for all four years.

In addition to excelling in academics, Magdalena is the Vice-President of the National Honor Society, a four-year member of the Blazettes and Science Olympiad team. During her lunch periods, Magdalena also works with the Science department to organize their stock room and set up labs.

She is hoping to attend the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Illinois-Champaign, University of Illinois-Chicago or Yale University for biochemistry and a career in embryology.

Lauren Firanek has excelled in academics and extracurricular activities at **Willowbrook**. Currently, she is in the top 1% in the senior class, is enrolled in five Advanced Placement courses, and has completed five AP courses as well as numerous honors courses.

She is a member of New Beginnings, the Ambassadors program, Blue Crew, Scholastic Bowl and Key Club. Outside of school, Lauren works at the Wheaton Animal Hospital for 15 hours every week during the school year.

Lauren plans to apply to several highly selective universities including Northwestern, the University of Chicago, Stanford and Princeton where she anticipates majoring in medicine. She hopes one day to become a surgeon who specializes in either orthopedics or emergency care.



EDUCATIONAL FOCUS ITEM:

- **Mrs. Jean Barbanente**, Assistant Superintendent, recognized parents involved in the **Latino Parent Advisory Council** with certificates of completion for their participation in three academies. These parent volunteers have emerged as leaders and served as a resource for other families, particularly during school events like registration.
- **Mrs. Barbanente** provided a summary of **PSAE assessment data from 2009-2010** for both Addison Trail and Willowbrook as well as 10-year demographic data and 5-year assessment data. The long-term comparisons are on an upward trend and continually rank above state averages. More junior students are qualified for testing due to district interventions that are helping students gain the skills they need for success.
- **Mrs. Barbanente and Principals Dr. Helton and Mr. Krause** reported on an enthusiastic meeting of the **Curriculum Council hosted** on October 19. The agenda items focused on reviewing needs of the future workforce, examining the current district graduation requirements and a timeline for future recommendations. Curriculum decisions will be recommended based on what is best for student learning, rather than budget concerns.

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

The **list of bills, treasurer’s report and budget status report** from September 2010; authorization given to Bruce Martin, Bob Flemming, Rita Christopher, and Melissa Sears as **Board Secretary Designee(s)** authorized to conduct the April 5, 2011 election; **fundraiser contracts** with anticipated revenue of \$1,000 or more; and the **personnel report as presented** at the October 18, 2010 meeting.

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

- Building The Future **Contractor Payment Request #27**.
- **Meeting minutes** from the September 20, 2010, Regular Business meeting; September 23, 2010 Board Officers Meeting; September 27, 2010, Educational Focus meeting, September 27, 2010 Closed Session meeting, October 4, 2010 Buildings and Grounds meeting; and October 6, 2010 Joint School Board meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **Mr. Bruce Martin**, Chief Financial Officer, presented information to the Board regarding the **2010 Tax Levy**. Mr. Martin showed how tax rates compare to other school districts and governmental agencies and **stated that the Consumer Price Index (CPI) will be 2.7%**. He recommended the Board pass a resolution for the Tax Levy at the November 15, 2010 Board Meeting, establishing December 13, 2010 as the public hearing for the tax levy.
- **Mr. Scott Flanagan from Wight & Co.** presented an explanation of the code requirements and construction scope of work in the science laboratories. Although all code violations have been met, the Board will review cost estimates for additional mobile casing and eyewash stations to ensure high levels of student and staff safety.
- **Dr. Steve Humphrey**, Superintendent of Schools, outlined the next steps and tentative timeline for **transitioning to a new Superintendent following his retirement effective June 30, 2012**. The Board of Education indicated consensus to **employ a superintendent from the current staff in District 88** to ensure stability. The Superintendent position will be posted in December 2010 and Board members will meet with staff, parents and other individuals in January 2011 to determine the qualities expected from the next leader. A final recommendation is expected by January 24, 2011.
- **Freedom of Information requests** were received from Daria Cooper and Joseph Weber. The information related to their separate requests has been forwarded to these individuals.
- **Mrs. Barbanente reviewed a Supplemental Educational Services (SES) mailing** that was sent to all Willowbrook families in Low Income status. The district is required to allocate a portion of federal funds specifically for tutoring purposes because of WB's school improvement status according to *No Child Left Behind*. Parents have an opportunity to register students for free tutoring services with an approved list of providers.
- **Mrs. Barbanente presented the Special Education Service Agreement** between District 88 and the parochial schools in the district boundaries that include Montini, Timothy Christian and the Islamic Foundation. The agreement outlines how students with disabilities attending private schools will be served by District 88.
- **New and revised Board Policies 2:110, 4:50, and 7:285.**

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

- Certified Staff Appointments for **Susan Halek**, AT Part-time Math Teacher; and **Mary Claire Sullivan**, AT Part-time Social Studies Teacher.
- Classified Staff Appointments for **Mary Clare Sullivan**, AT Part-Time Special Education/Reading Teacher Aide; and **Barbara Finnie**, District Office Substitute Caller.
- Classified Staff Unpaid Leave of Absence for **Anne Price**, AT Student Supervisor.
- Buildings & Grounds Change in Status, effective October 22, 2010, for **Ronald Kolodziej**, Director of Buildings & Grounds to AT Custodial Foreman.

SCHOOL RECOGNITION:

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

- The Tradition of Excellence Committee will be honoring 1988 alumnus Scott Johnson for his professional accomplishments as a science fiction illustrator and lead artist for Marvel Entertainment.
- More than 50 students will be recognized as A.T.'s Best for contributions made to the school community.
- The Theatre Department will open the season with performances of "Arsenic & Old Lace" from November 4-6.
- Upcoming events include: Parent College Fieldtrip, Outstanding Student Breakfast and Parent/Teacher Conferences

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

- The Music department will host students from Jackson Middle School, Jefferson Middle School and Albright Middle School during the annual joint String Festival and Choir Festival.
- Members of the administration will present information for parents during upcoming 8th Grade parent nights.
- The student body will participate in a special Veteran's Day assembly on November 11.
- Upcoming events include: Red Ribbon Week, Key Club Food Drive and Parent/Teacher Conferences

Mark Your Calendars:

October 30, 2010	8:30 a.m.	Board of Education, Leadership Workshop	District Boardroom
November 15, 2010	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Regular Business Meeting	District Boardroom
November 22, 2009	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Educational Focus Meeting	District Boardroom