

Board Honors “88’s Best” for January

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:



Pietro Conte has demonstrated success in academics and extracurricular activities at **Addison Trail**. His strong commitment to challenging himself has led him to take numerous Advanced Placement courses, rank in the Top 2% of the senior class, and earn Honor Roll distinction for all four years.

In addition to his academic accolades, Pietro has participated in many extracurricular organizations including the Debate Team, Youth in Government and Business Professionals of America. He is President of the National Honor Society and has also been a member of the swimming, basketball, golf and baseball teams.

Pietro has been accepted at the University of Michigan and DePaul. He is awaiting notification from Northwestern, Duke and the University of Notre Dame. His future plans include majoring in Economics and possibly pursuing a law degree.

Laert Skreli has excelled in academics and extracurricular activities at **Willowbrook High School**. He has been recognized as an AP Scholar with Distinction and Illinois State Scholar. Laert has completed six Advanced Placement courses and is currently enrolled in six more AP courses. He is also a member of the Social Studies honor society, Civitas, the Math Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and the National Honor Society.

Beyond the classroom, Laert participates in numerous co-curricular activities including the Math team, BPA, Model UN, Speech Team and Econ Challenge. He also is a member of the Improv Club and has had many roles in theater productions.

Laert has been accepted at the University of Illinois and is awaiting acceptance from several universities including Harvard, Princeton, Northwestern, DePaul, and MIT. He plans to study either Economics or engineering.



SEPARATE ACTION ITEM approved by the Board:

- **Recommendation to approve the Performance-Based Administrator’s Contract for Dr. Scott Helton as District 88 Superintendent of Schools designee**, effective January 31, 2011 through June 30, 2014. This contract includes transition planning with Dr. Steve Humphrey who will retire June 30, 2012 with 12 years of service in District 88 and 42 years in education.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- **Mr. James Mathieson**, auditor from Mathieson, Moyski, Celer, LLP **presented the 2009-10 financial audit reports** reflecting the June 30, 2010 year-end balances. He highlighted that despite deficit funds and the difficult economic times, the **district remains in the “Recognition” category which is the highest level acknowledged by the State Board of Education**. Although the district reached the recognition level, he indicated that financial challenges will continue to loom in future years for District 88 as well as most school districts throughout Illinois.
- **Ms. Doreen Linderman**, Senior Financial Advisor from PMA, **presented the district’s Financial Planning and Projection Model**. Using the FY11 adopted budget as the starting point, and assumptions developed with the administration going forward, she presented the 5-year financial outlook of the district. **The trend indicates that expenditures will continue to outpace revenue growth for the next five years**. Although some savings will be realized with associated staff retirements, the district must continue to look at ways to reduce the deficit and to align expenditures more closely with revenues.

EDUCATIONAL FOCUS ITEMS:

- **Reading Department Chairs Ann Peters (AT) and Barb Willson (WB)** presented information on year-long Tier 2 and Tier 3 reading interventions that employ research based models. Tier 2 interventions provide skill development while Tier 3 approaches are more diagnostic and prescriptive in nature. Each high school provided benchmark data related to student scores and the number exiting the program. Pleased with the preliminary results, the departments will continue progress monitoring.
- **Assistant Principals for Curriculum & Instruction Adam Cibulka (AT) and Ann Kimpton (WB)** reported about course selection and registration for next school year as well as summer school information. The upcoming freshmen information nights provide students and parents with details about course registration. Counselors are available to field questions about the process and ensure students are aware of course opportunities. March 1 is the deadline for all course requests so that staffing review can begin and low enrollment courses can be submitted to the Board of Education for consideration at the March 14 meeting.

Mirroring the schedule of previous years, **summer school** is scheduled for June 20-July 22, 2011. Classes will be hosted onsite at the buildings now that construction is complete. The traditional classes of Reading and Math will be mandatory for some freshmen students based on EXPLORE test results. A variety of other courses for upperclassmen, such as Speech, Driver's Ed and Consumer Management will again be offered for a fee.

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 December 2010; **revised and amended Board Policy: 4:150 Facility Management and Building Programs; purchase of athletic equipment** for both schools; the **personnel report as presented on January 24, 2011**; adoption of the **2011-12 School Calendar**; a **donation** of musical instruments to the WB Music Department and a **fundraiser contract** with anticipated revenue of \$1,000 or more;

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

- **Physical education waiver for students** with interventions in 3 or more core subject areas.
- Check #474049 to Olga Flores.
- **Revised and amended Board Policy: 4:50 Payment Procedures.**
- **Meeting minutes** from the December 13, 2010, **Regular Business/Educational Focus meeting.**
- **Meeting minutes** from the December 13, 2010, **Closed Session Board meeting.**

DISCUSSION ITEM REQUIRING ACTION was rejected by the Board:

- **Physical education waiver for students** participating in 6 or more AP/Honors courses.

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

- Classified Staff Appointment for **Stephen Johnson**, WB Special Education Teacher Aide.
- Buildings & Grounds Termination for Isa Meleqi, WB Custodian.

SCHOOL RECOGNITION:

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

- Students receiving awards and scholarships in Elmhurst College's Annual High School Art Exhibition were congratulated.
- Letterman Club hosted "Pack the Place" for the girls and boys basketball teams to kickoff second semester.
- Upcoming events include: Course Information Night, "Willy Wonka" and the T.P.O. Spaghetti Dinner

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

- The annual "Battle of the Bands" hosted on the last night of finals helped to raise over \$1,000 that will be donated to the Children's Memorial Hospital.
- The Speech team placed 4th out of 19 schools at the Libertyville Invitational.
- Upcoming events include: Elective Fair, Curriculum Showcase, and Relay for Life Week Kickoff.

Mark Your Calendars:

February 19, 2011	8:30 a.m.	Board of Education, Special Workshop	District Boardroom
February 21, 2011	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Regular Business Meeting	District Boardroom
February 28, 2010	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Educational Focus Meeting	District Boardroom