

***Board Honors “88’s Best” for February;  
 Continues to Review Cost Management Proposal to Reduce Budget Deficit by \$1.7M***

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:



**Michael Gontarek** has demonstrated Blazer Pride in academics and extracurricular activities at **Addison Trail**. He has been a two-year member of the National Honor Society and earned honor roll status for all four years.

Outside the classroom, Michael is involved in Student Council as co-vice president for the Senior Class and has participated as a three sport athlete each year of high school. In addition, he gives back to the community by working with the Addison Rec Club as an assistant coach, umpire and record bookkeeper and assists St. Philip the Apostle church as a lector, altar server and volleyball coach.

Michael’s work as an Honor Caddy at Medinah Country Club contributed to him earning the prestigious Chick Evans Scholarship for outstanding caddies with excellent academic and extracurricular credentials. He will be applying that scholarship at the University of Illinois and majoring in kinesiology.

**Ini Inyang** has excelled in academics and extracurricular activities at **Willowbrook High School**. She is enrolled in five Advanced Placement courses, has completed five other AP classes and a lengthy list of honors courses. Additionally, Ini is a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta and Civitas.

While at Willowbrook, Ini has taken prominent leadership roles in several activities. She is a Student Ambassador for transfer students, a New Beginnings Leader for freshmen, a member of O Ambassadors, Environmental Club, Philosophy Club and editor of the school newspaper. During junior year, Ini was Vice President of Student Council and currently serves as Senior Class President.

Ini has been accepted at the University of Illinois and awaits confirmation from Cornell and Syracuse. She plans to study communications and hopes to work for an advertising firm in either the creative or marketing departments.



**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**Superintendent of Schools Dr. Steve Humphrey and Chief Financial Officer Bruce Martin** presented for further review the detailed cost containment proposal that would reduce expenditures in the district by **\$1.7 million in the 2011-12 school year**. The proposed reductions would occur across the board in the Education, Operations & Maintenance and Transportation Funds, while revenue enhancements are proposed with increased Driver’s Education, Student Parking and Activity fees.

**Factors that continue to impact district deficits** include the low Consumer Price Index (CPI), loss of interest revenue, uncertainty in the state budget and grant funding as well as the elimination of stimulus funding next year. **Committed to a balanced multi-year approach, the Board of Education** will use existing fund balances to address the constrained revenues.

The conclusion of student registration allows for the staffing process to begin based on preliminary course enrollments. Planning will continue with throughout the spring as factors change and more info becomes available from the State.

### INFORMATION ITEMS CONTINUED:

- A **Freedom of Information request** was received from Ann Scott related to the Timber Trails/Merry Lane Subdivision Petition for Annexation and Detachment. The requested information has been forwarded to her.

### EDUCATIONAL FOCUS ITEMS:

- **Mrs. Jean Barbanente**, Assistant Superintendent, discussed changes to the Illinois State Board of Education **SIS (Student Information System) and PSAE (Prairie State Achievement Examination) grade 11 impact**. School districts previously had the autonomy to promote or demote students for testing rosters based on credit status. However, now all students in grade 11 will be tested this spring, which is anticipated to significantly increase the number of students on the roster and affect the expectations for 85% to meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) standards. The district will focus on a growth model of individual improvement for all students.

**Mrs. Barbanente** also presented information a preview of the upcoming Illinois State Board of Education Special Education compliance visit from March 1-4. The audit team will conduct an entrance meeting, file review, a public forum, interviews with staff at each campus, classroom observations and an exit meetings with Special Education staff and District Office administrators.

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

The **List of Bills, Treasurer's Report and Budget Status Report for January 2011; recommendation to appoint Bruce Martin**, Chief Financial Officer, as the School Treasurer for the 2011-2012 school year; **proposed fundraiser** with anticipated revenue in excess of \$1,000; **proposal from Mathieson, Moyski, Celer & Co., LLP** to perform audit services through FY2013; and a **recommendation for two additional psychologist interns** for the 2011-12 school year.

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

- The **List of Bills** to date for February 2011.
- **Minutes** from the January 10, 2011 **Evaluation and Compensation Committee Meeting**.
- **Minutes** from the January 10, 2011 **Closed Evaluation and Compensation Committee Meeting**.
- **Minutes** from the January 22, 2011 **Special Board meeting**.
- **Minutes** from the January 22, 2011 **Special Closed Board meeting**.
- **Minutes** from the January 24, 2011 **Regular Business Board meeting**.
- **Minutes** from the January 24, 2011 **Closed Board meeting**.
- **Minutes** from the January 31, 2011 **Educational Focus Board meeting**.

### SCHOOL RECOGNITION:

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

- Congratulations to the Industry & Technology Department for qualifying the highest number of students to compete in Automotive Service in the State Finals for Skills USA.
- Congratulations to the Business Professionals of America (BPA) team for participating in the State Competition and advancing students to National Competition.
- Congratulations to the Boys Golf Team for earning the honor of Academic Achievement with a team combined 3.3 GPA.
- Upcoming events include: Mr. A.T., International Fest, Pops Concert, Flower Show and Spring Break.

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

- Congratulations to the Business Professionals of America (BPA) team for participating in the State Competition and advancing nine students to Nationals.
- Congratulations to the Math Team for hosting the regional competition and advancing students to the State Competition.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Facial Hair February was a success with 25 male staff members participating and helping to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. Donations will be accepted and tallied during the Brook Olympics.
- Upcoming events include: Brook Olympics, Turnabout Dance and Spring Break.

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### Mark Your Calendars:

March 14, 2011	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Regular Business Meeting	District Boardroom
March 21, 2011	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Educational Focus Meeting	District Boardroom