

## ***2011-2012 Focus on Achievement: Preparing Students for College and Careers***

### **EDUCATIONAL FOCUS ITEMS:**

- **Dr. Steve Humphrey, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Jean Barbanente, Assistant Superintendent, and Principals Dr. Scott Helton (AT) and Mr. Dan Krause (WB)** presented an overview of District 88's College and Career Readiness focus to prepare students with the skills necessary for success after graduation. Despite alarming media reports about national ACT benchmarks and trends, research supports that test scores alone cannot predict college readiness. The strongest predictor of college classroom performance is determined by a combination of test scores and high school grades.

District 88 focuses on the achievement of each student by measuring their individual growth. By **holding high expectations for all students** and providing specific interventions, the schools are helping students gain the skills they need for success. The ongoing School Improvement Process focuses on the areas of: curriculum, assessment, instructional strategies, behavior intervention and social emotional learning. Articulation efforts among Districts 4, 45, 48, and the College of DuPage, as well as strengthening connections with our parents, have also contributed to the achievement gains.

- **Assistant Principals Mike Bolden (AT) and Sam Bentsen (WB) reported on the success of the 2011 Summer School program.** The six-week session included freshman interventions that targeted specific skills and raised achievement for students below grade level in reading and math. In addition, Credit Recovery, ESL Reading, Speech and Geometry sessions were offered for sophomores, juniors and seniors.

They also highlighted the **introduction of a 35-minute Resource Period** into the school day, which is designed to provide academic support to all students, monitor grades and deliver information regarding social-emotional learning and transition to college/career. Although the schedule and implementation is unique to each building, both schools now operate on a 9-period day with all other instructional periods being 45-minutes in length.

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

- The **list of bills** from June 2011, with the exception of checks to Thomas Edmier, Mr. and Mrs. Cain, Thomas and Sharon Kucik and Timothy Gillen; the **list of bills** from July 2011; **the treasurer's report from June and July 2011**; and the **personnel report** as presented at the August 15, 2011 Board meeting.

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

- **Payment of checks** #478558 to Thomas Edmier, #480765 to Timothy Gillen, #480648 to Thomas and Sharon Kucik, and #480277 to David and Donna Cain.
- **List of bills to date for August 2011** exceeding \$5,000.
- **Ratification of the Teacher Aide Contract** during the 2011-2013 school years.
- **Ratification of BTF Building and Grounds Committee Actions** including: Wight & Co. - construction parking lot (WB) and additional paving at football field (AT).
- **Ratification of Summer Purchasing Committee Actions:** Riddell Equipment Purchases
- **Meeting minutes** from the June 13, 2011 Regular Business meeting.
- **Closed session minutes** from the June 13, 2011 Board meeting.
- **Meeting minutes** from the June 20, 2011 Educational Focus meeting.
- **Meeting minutes** from the July 12, 2011 Board Officers meeting.
- **Meeting minutes** from the July 13, 2011 Building & Grounds Committee meeting.
- **Meeting minutes** from the July 14, 2011 Special Board meeting.
- **Closed session minutes** from the July 14, 2011 Special Board meeting.
- **Meeting minutes** from the August 3, 2011 Building & Grounds Committee meeting.
- **Meeting minutes** from the August 8, 2011 Board workshop.
- **Closed session minutes** from the August 8, 2011 Board workshop.
- **Meeting minutes** from the August 18, 2011 Building & Grounds Committee meeting.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- **Policy 4:171 – Concussions and Head Injuries**
- **Policy 4:170a – Movable Soccer Goals**

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

- Certified Staff Change in Status for **Stephanie Ennis**, from AT CTE Teacher to WB CTE Teacher.
- Certified Staff Retirement for **Dennis Doyle**, WB Guidance Counselor, effective June 16, 2011.
- Certified Staff Re-Hire for **Linda Radtke**, WB Part-Time Music Teacher.
- Certified Staff Appointments for **Megan Frawley**, WB PE Teacher; **Jennifer Kowalski**, AT Part-Time CTE Teacher; **Juan Leal**, AT Part-Time World Language Teacher; **Diana Placek**, WB Part-Time English Teacher; and **Paul Wohler**, AT Part-Time I&T Teacher.
- Certified Staff Resignation for **Lauren Corso**, AT Part-Time English Teacher.
- Classified Staff Appointments for **Kathie Anderson**, AT ESL Teacher Aide; **Jason Avelar**, WB Study Hall Teacher Aide; **Ignacio Escamilla**, AT Study Hall/Special Education Teacher Aide; **Jennifer Kowalski**, AT Part-Time Special Education Teacher Aide; **Juan Leal**, AT Part-Time Special Education Teacher Aide; **Diana Placek**, WB Writing Center Teacher Aide; **Reed Sundberg**, WB Math Teacher Aide; and **Paul Wohler**, AT Part-Time Teacher Aide.
- Classified Staff Re-Hire for **Kaitlin Korenchan**, AT Credit Recovery Teacher Aide.

**SCHOOL RECOGNITION:**

**Addison Trail Principal Dr. Scott Helton** highlighted events that helped launch the school year:

- Congratulations to senior Hayley Nichol for being crowned Miss Addison at a pageant hosted this summer. She will receive a scholarship of \$2,000 to be applied towards the school of her choice.
- A student assembly on September 9 will commemorate the 10-year anniversary of September 11. The program will involve the Addison Police and Fire Departments, who will also be recognized at the home football game.
- Upcoming events include: Joint C.A.C. meeting, September 11 Remembrance assembly and Open House.

**Willowbrook Principal Mr. Dan Krause** highlighted events that helped launch the school year:

- Over 2000 existing, new and transfer students completed paperwork and purchased books during Registration Week to be ready for the opening of school which kicked off with the drumline in the hallways on Aug 24.
- Faculty members are scheduled to host upcoming “Warrior Code” student assemblies by grade level and communicate behavior and academic expectations.
- Upcoming events include: Joint C.A.C. meeting, Open House and Distinguished Alumni/Staff Program.

**Mark Your Calendars:**

September 12, 2011	7:00 p.m.	Summer Graduation Ceremony	District Boardroom
September 12, 2011	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Regular Business Meeting	District Boardroom
September 26, 2011	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Educational Focus Meeting	District Boardroom