

BOARD-O-GRAM Educational Focus Meeting June 15, 2009

# Guidance Departments Report '08-09 Successes, Student-Centered Model for '09-10

### **EDUCATIONAL FOCUS ITEM:**

• Mrs. Jean Barbanente, Director of Learning Services, highlighted Guidance Department enhancements to the processes of registration, course selection and financial aid during the 2008-09 school year. Additionally, the Principals reviewed the role of the guidance counselors, particularly as it relates to Smaller Learning Communities. Mrs. Barbanente then previewed the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) Model, which is the most nationally accepted "best practice" framework for school improvement. With intended implementation in the 2009-10 school year, the model focuses on four key areas: foundation, accountability, management system, and delivery system. The model includes a social and emotional component and emphasizes helping prepare students for beyond high school.

## **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS:**

The Board of Education adopted resolutions for Michael Welch, Assistant Superintendent of DuPage High School District 88 and Mark W. Johnson, Villa Park Chief of Police. Welch and Johnson, who will both retire at the end of this month, were recognized for their years of service and collaboration with District 88.

#### **BUILDING THE FUTURE IN DISTRICT 88:**

Jeannine Eicker, of Bovis Lend Lease construction management, reported the kickoff to a very busy summer is underway with much demolition and renovation expected to occur over the next few months. She reviewed the status of bid packages, provided progress updates and showed aerial photos of the recent work at both campuses. Her report also highlighted a description and samples of the Mondoturf Ecofill System for the artificial turf fields.

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

A list of bills from May 2009; resolutions regarding Prevailing Wages for the Addison and Villa Park governmental agencies; payment to Collective Liability Insurance Cooperative (CLIC) in the amount of \$154,024 to provide property/casualty/liability insurance coverage for the 2009-10 school year; payment to School Employees Loss Fund (SELF) in the amount of \$227,469 to provide workers' compensation coverage for the 2009-10 school year; fundraiser contracts with anticipated revenue of \$1,000 or more, purchases for Addison Trail, District Office and Willowbrook: School Buses, Custodial Supplies; reject the Technology bid from SMARTNET firmware (District), approval for Gas Line repair (AT) to be rescinded and approval to proceed with underground Gas Line repair as submitted by C. Acitelli Heating and Piping; the tentative budget for the 2009-10 school year to be displayed on June 16, 2009; a public hearing regarding the 2009-10 tentative budget for Monday, September 21, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the District Boardroom; appointment of Beth Yacobi as the DuPage High School District 88 Board representative to the DAOES Board of Directors for the 2009-10 school year and the personnel report as presented at the June 8, 2009.

## **PERSONNEL ACTIONS**: the following items were <u>approved</u> by the Board:

- Certified Staff Appointments for Andrea Kenny, WB Math Teacher; Julie Kuefner, AT Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher; Katherine Lipowski, WB Reading Teacher; Traci McNamara, WB Part-time Art/Literacy Teacher; Dana Memenas, WB Science Teacher; Jamie Mroz, AT Part-time Science Teacher; Sean Mulcrone, AT Psychology Intern; Crystal Penn, WB Math Teacher; Linda Radtke, WB Part-time Music Teacher; Kristin Schultz, WB Reading Teacher and Kathryn Trathen, AT Social Work Intern.
- Certified Staff Change of Status for **Brendan Lyons**, AT Dean of Students to AT Director of Deans.
- Certified Staff Re-Hire for Stacy Moshos, AT Science Teacher from Part-time to Full-time.
- Classified Staff Appointment for Traci McNamara, WB Part-time Teacher Aide.
- <u>Classified Staff Change of Status</u> for **Lisa Crotty**, AT 10-month Library and I&T Secretary to AT Student Accounting effective October 1, 2009.
- Classified Staff Re-Hire for Christine King, WB Part-time Industry & Technology Teacher Aide

#### **SEPARATE ACTION ITEMS:** the following items were approved by the Board:

- The treasurer's report and budget status report from May 2009.
- Purchase of Music lab equipment for Willowbrook.
- Purchase of Office and Classroom equipment for both schools.
- Ratification of BTF Planning/Construction Committee Actions: Approval of bid packages and change orders and rejection of bid package #2.55W.
- Final review of revised and amended Board Policies: 2:80 Board Ethics and Oath and 6:235 Internet Safety.
- Appointment of Vanessa Duffin, Director of Human Resources, as the District 88 IMRF authorized agent upon the retirement of Michael Welch.
- Minutes of May 4, 2009, Board Reorganization Meeting.
- Minutes of May 11, 2009, Regular Business Board Meeting.
- Minutes of May 11, 2009, Closed Session Board Meeting.
- Minutes of May 13, 2009, Officers Meeting.
- Minutes of May 18, 2009, Educational Focus Board Meeting.
- Minutes of May 18, 2009, Closed Session Board Meeting.
- Minutes of May 30, 2009, Board Workshop.
- Minutes of the June 1, 2009, Safety and Security Committee Meeting.

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEM:**

- Mrs. Beth Yacobi, Director of Curriculum and Learning, reported an overview of technology and the implications for the 2009-2010 school year. Although Christine Tomasino will officially begin duties as Director of Technology effective July 1, 2009, she has been spending transition time in the district to familiarize herself with staff members, programmatic needs and Building The Future timelines. Due to summer construction, all building computers will need to be relocated and she is working with the support team to make this process smooth and efficient. As a result, the timeline to allow students to bring individual devices will occur after expectations can be communicated to students when the school year begins.
- Mr. Michael Welch, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, indicated that the June and July Contractor Payment Requests will be presented to the BTF Committee for approval and ratified by the full Board of Education at the August meetings. This change is warranted because Bovis and Wight were not yet able to review the payment requests in time for the advanced June board meeting dates.
- **Dr. Steve Humphrey**, Superintendent of Schools, updated the Board of Education regarding the proposal to pursue a **Joint Educational Foundation with Districts 4, 45, 48 and 88** following a recent meeting with the feeder districts. The advantages of this approach include the ability to amend existing by-laws and expedite the approval process for a 501(c)(3) status as well as saving money administratively and pursuing grant funding. However, District 4 has expressed a desire to maintain their own identity by operating their existing Foundation for Educational Excellence rather than combining efforts across the district communities. The remaining districts will meet in July to review the proposed bylaws, ask questions of legal counsel and discuss the Joint Foundation framework. The Board of Education will receive a status update in August.

#### **SCHOOL RECOGNITION:**

Addison Trail Principal Scott Helton summarized accomplishments and recognition:

- Recognition in Newsweek as one of the Top 1500 high schools in the nation.
- The school year concluded with Prom and post-prom activities as well as Graduation ceremonies for 371 students.
- The second community wide Athletic Articulation took place with great momentum to continue working in the fall.
- Summer sports camps are underway with an increased participation level. Summer school will begin on June 22.

# Willowbrook Principal Dan Krause summarized accomplishments and recognition:

- Recognition in Newsweek as one of the Top 1500 high schools in the nation.
- The school year concluded with Prom activities as well as Graduation ceremonies for 482 students who earned over \$3.5 million in scholarship money.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Remembering Lauren 5K Family Run/Walk will be hosted on Saturday, June 20.
- Summer sports camps are underway at the feeder school districts. Summer school will begin on June 22.