

Monday, December 15, 2014
Regular Business / Educational Focus
Board Of Education Meeting

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◇ **Moment of Silence for Mark Johnson**

Mrs. Donna Cain, Board President, asked for a Moment of Silence in honor of Mark Johnson. Johnson was an alumnus of Willowbrook High School (class of 1966) and served on the Board of Education since 1999. He passed away on Dec. 13 after a battle with bone cancer. Johnson was a friend, a leader and a supporter of our schools and community. More information about Johnson is available at <https://dupage88.net/site/page/3617>.

◇ **Public Hearing on the 2014 Tax Levy**

The proposed tax levy for 2014 was reviewed during the October 20, 2014, and November 10, 2014, Board meetings. During the November 10, 2014, meeting, the Board adopted a resolution to establish the aggregate amount of taxes estimated to be levied for the year 2014 in the amount of \$52,471,267. That request represents a 4.9-percent increase, but we are expecting to receive an increase of about 2.3 percent based on the CPI at 1.50 percent and limited new-property growth. No changes or updates were made since the proposed tax levy was approved in November. In compliance with the Truth in Taxation Law, the public hearing was opened during the December 15, 2014, Board meeting for Board members and audience members to ask questions and discuss the 2014 proposed tax levy.

◇ **Recognition of District 88 Successes**

88's Best Students

88's Best Students Jennyfer Puebla from Addison Trail and Destiny Williams from Willowbrook were recognized for the month of December. The students were congratulated on their many accomplishments. The students thanked the Board, their teachers and their families for their support. As a token of their achievements, Jennyfer and Destiny were given an 88's Best glass sculpture and a certificate.

◇ **Educational Focus Items**

PARCC Update

Dr. Scott Helton, Superintendent, highlighted the recent updates with the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) exam. The district has chosen to test students enrolled in English 1 and Algebra 1 (primarily freshmen) this spring.

◇ **SEPARATE ACTION Items, which included the following, were approved by the Board:**

- ✚ 2014 Tax Levy.
- ✚ List of Bills for November 2014.
- ✚ Treasurer's Report for November 2014.
- ✚ Budget Status Report for November 2014.
- ✚ List of Bills exceeding \$5,000.00.
- ✚ Final Pay Application (Roofing) to RB Crowther Company.
- ✚ Fundraiser Contracts exceeding \$1,000.00: Willowbrook's Softball Team to sell cookie dough and golf passes to offset the cost of personalized apparel for the team; Willowbrook's Wind Ensemble to sell cookie dough to raise money for the band trip to Memphis, Tenn.; Willowbrook and Addison Trail's Swim Team to swim laps based on donation amount to raise money for team swim apparel; Willowbrook's Varsity Club to sell T-shirts, sweats, hats and shorts to offset the cost of apparel and spirit wear; and Addison Trail's Theater to host a Character Breakfast to raise funds for the "Beauty and the Beast" set rental and prop costs.

✚ Personnel Report.

CLASSIFIED STAFF RETIREMENT:

- Troy Nelson, Willowbrook Physical Education Teacher, effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year, at which time Troy will have completed 30 years of service with District 88.

CLASSIFIED STAFF REHIRE:

- Barbara Juvan, Willowbrook Part-time Literacy/ESL Teacher Aide, effective November 19, 2014.
- Cory Little, Addison Trail Special-Education Teacher Aide, effective December 9, 2014.

CLASSIFIED STAFF APPOINTMENT:

- Abraham Leon, Willowbrook Literacy Teacher Aide, effective December 9, 2014.

- ✚ The following meeting minutes: November 4, 2014, Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting; November 5, 2014, Joint Board meeting; November 10, 2014, Technology Committee meeting; November 10, 2014, Regular Business Board meeting; November 10, 2014, Closed Session Board meeting; November 17, 2014, Educational Focus Board meeting; November 17, 2014, Closed Session Board meeting.

◇ **Information/Discussion Items**

Freedom of Information Request

The following Freedom of Information request was received. The district responded in the allotted time frame, but the request was denied. The district asked that the scope of the request be reduced.

A request from Dr. Vincent Miles for the following information:

Closing records for each debt issuance of this public body since January 1, 1984, through today.

- A "debt issuance" is defined as 1) a bond (referendum building bond, fire prevention & safety bond, tort judgment bond, working cash fund bond, funding bond, alternate revenue bond, revenue bond, refunding bond, and other types of long-term debt), 2) a debt certificate, 3) a tax anticipation warrant or note, and 4) other miscellaneous debt instruments.
- The "closing records" for each debt issuance are broken down into three subcategories: 1) the bond transcript files collected and executed before or at the time of closing, 2) the engagement contracts (including attachments and/or exhibits) with professional service providers such as underwriter, financial advisor, rating agency, bond counsel, disclosure counsel, and any other firm who is reimbursed from either the gross proceeds of the issuance or directly by the issuer, and 3) the pre-closing written communication identifying for the various parties the identified list of closing records which will be assembled into the final closing transcript. Of the three listed above, our research has shown that the only records that are likely still to be archived as paper records are the engagement contracts. Therefore, the only records which will need to be scanned into electronic pdf files will be the several contracts which usually are under six or so pages in length.

◇ **School Recognition**

Addison Trail

- ✚ Congratulations to seniors Jake Atiyeh, Eric Gilliam, Matt Gontarek and Tyler Schroeder-Zelek for being named to the 2014 Illinois High School Football Coaches Association (IHSFCA) 7A Academic All-State Team. Senior Mike Rybarczyk has been named to the All-State Team.
- ✚ Congratulations to the 33 students named as Illinois State Scholars for 2015-16.
- ✚ On Dec. 5, 77 junior and senior students were inducted into the Addison Trail Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS), and 65 seniors were reaffirmed.
- ✚ From Dec. 9 to 12, works of art created by Addison Trail seniors were displayed in the Commons area at the school. The Senior Art Show was open to all seniors and featured about 40 pieces in various mediums. Winners of the show are:

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Judge's Choice:

Cheyenne Lam for "Thorns"
Adam Madey for "Emily"

Principal's Choice:

Cheyenne Lam for "Sir Cheerios"
Kimberly Zaragoza for "3 Trees"

People's Choice:

Adam Madey for "Emily"

- ✚ On Dec. 10, Addison Trail hosted its annual Holiday Benefit Concert. During the concert, audience members were able to donate gently used instruments that will benefit students in Addison Elementary School District 4.
- ✚ From Nov. 24 to 26, the Addison Trail Boys Basketball Team competed in the Elmwood Park High School Thanksgiving Tournament. Addison Trail won the tournament 3-0, and seniors Matt Gontarek and Taylor White were named to the All-Tournament Team. The team is 6-1 overall after defeating Downers Grove South on Friday and then came back to beat Lake Park on Saturday in the Addison Trail tournament.
- ✚ The Girls Gymnastics Team is 2-0 in dual meets and placed 6th out of 12 teams this past Saturday at the Hersey Invite, with a team score of 130.025. This Saturday, December 20, is the Varsity Tumbleland Invite at Addison Trail, which includes six other schools.
- ✚ The Wrestling Team is 7-1 on the season after defeating Downers Grove South 29-28 on Friday. The team took 7th out of 17 teams at the tough Prospect Invite on Saturday.
- ✚ Upcoming events: The Students of First Semester Breakfast will begin at 7:15 a.m. tomorrow, Dec. 16. On Dec. 19, Addison Trail will welcome back graduates during the school's annual Young Alumni Day.

Willowbrook

- ✚ Willowbrook's first two Holiday Concerts were a success. The first event took place on Dec. 4 and featured the Jazz Band and CenterStage. The second concert took place on Dec. 11 and featured the school's Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Freshmen Band and Percussion Ensemble. The final event will begin at 7 p.m. on Dec. 17 and will feature the school's Chamber Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, Treble Choir, Beginning Choir, Concert Choir, Beginning Guitars and Guitar Ensemble.
- ✚ This week is alumni week at Willowbrook. On Dec. 15, more than 20 graduates and retirees participated in Art Alumni Day. On Dec. 17, graduates will participate in a presentation about the benefits of Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses. On Dec. 19, former students will return to Willowbrook for the school's Alumni Day.
- ✚ Willowbrook recently hosted its annual Warrior Project, where staff and students sponsor local children and families in need during the holiday season. This year, \$4,000 will be donated to children, students and families in need.
- ✚ On Dec. 19, Willowbrook will honor students who have displayed acts of selflessness. Those students will receive gift cards donated by staff in honor of Barb Wilson, a former Willowbrook staff member who recently passed away.
- ✚ Senior Kyle Rushing has been named to the 2014 Illinois High School Football Coaches Association (IHSFCA) 7A Honorable Mention All-State Team.
- ✚ Upcoming events: Final exams will take place on Jan. 13, 14 and 15.

◇ **Action Necessitated By Closed Session**

Approved the Resolution of Closed Session Meeting Minutes.

Board Of Education Meeting Dates

All meetings are at 7:30 p.m. in the District 88 Boardroom (unless otherwise noted)

7 p.m. Monday, January 5, 2015: Special Board Meeting (Public Hearing on Physical Education Waiver)

Monday, January 12, 2015: Regular Business Board Meeting

Monday, January 26, 2015: Educational Focus Board Meeting



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