



**Monday, January 13, 2014**  
**Regular Business Board Of Education Meeting**

◇ **Recognition of Business Partners**

Dr. Scott Helton, Superintendent of Schools, presented several Business Partners with a certificate acknowledging the alliance between District 88 and the Business Partners. They have supported District 88's Special Education Transition Program by allowing our students to learn life skills, obtain job training in a community setting and transition to life after District 88 through job opportunities. These Business Partners are: Parents Alliance Employment Project, Addison Police Department, Addison Public Library, Addison Park District and DuPage County Department of Community Services. Thank you for your support!

◇ **Information Items**

Financial Audit – FY 2013

Mr. James Mathieson, of Mathieson, Moyski, Celer & Co., LLP, gave an overview of the Audit ending in fiscal year 2013, resulting in a "clean" opinion.

Special Education Transition Services

Mrs. Jean Barbanente, Assistant Superintendent, and Christine DiRienzo, Vocational Coordinator, outlined the State-mandated guidelines for Special Education Transition Services, which services cognitively disabled students. Ms. DiRienzo and her Special Education team further demonstrated how District 88 ensures the transition of its students to be in State compliance, beginning with the students' freshmen year.

The Special Education team thanked the Board for their support. In response, the Board thanked them for their time and effort in putting this program together.

◇ **Discussion Items Requiring No Action**

✚ The List of Bills for December 2013, with the exception of check #50351 to Thomas Edmier and check #503519 to Tim Gillen.

✚ Personnel

CLASSIFIED STAFF APPOINTMENT:

➤ Alessandra Passarelli, District Office/Special Education 1:1 Teacher Aide, effective January 8, 2014.

CLASSIFIED STAFF RESIGNATION:

➤ Dorina Mangrum, Willowbrook Special Education Teacher Aide, effective January 13, 2014.

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

✚ Appointment of Iridia Nevarez-Niewinski, Addison Trail Assistant Principal.

✚ Authorization to Prepare Tentative Budget for 2014-15.

✚ Flex Benefit Plan Amendment.

✚ Financial Audit for FY 2013.

✚ Donation.

✚ Ombudsman Plus Contract.

◇ **Information/Discussion Items**

✦ Credit Card Payment Summary

Mr. Edward Hoster, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the district's credit card use report for December 2013, as outlined in Board Policy 4:55, Use of Credit and Procurement Cards.

✦ Educational Focus Items for January 27, 2014

Educational Focus Items for the January 27 Board meeting will include 88's Best Students and PARCC Assessment Pilot.

✦ 2014-15 School Calendar

Dr. Scott Helton presented for discussion the 2014-15 School Calendar and will recommend the adoption of said calendar at the January 27 Board meeting.

◇ **School Recognition**

✦ Addison Trail

- The Varsity and Junior Varsity Cheerleaders competed in the Illinois Cheerleading Coaches Association State Championship in Springfield last weekend, with Varsity placing 4<sup>th</sup> and JV taking 7<sup>th</sup> in the State. Congratulations, Cheerleaders!
- Twenty-three packages were shipped to Kuwait before Christmas as part of the Holiday Care Packages for Our Hometown Hero. Each package contained an Addison Trail T-shirt, a personalized letter and snowflakes.
- On December 17, 14 departments honored students at the Students of First Semester Breakfast.
- Young alumni were invited to Addison Trail on December 20, and about 175 students attended.
- Twenty-five students competed in the BPA Area Competition against three other schools, with 12 1<sup>st</sup>-place winners. Twenty-four of the students qualified to advance to the State competition in late February and will compete in 38 events.
- Staff, classes, clubs and departments sponsored 98 children in Toys for Tots.
- Boys Basketball took 2<sup>nd</sup> place the Addison Trail Pre-Holiday Tournament. Ronald Dooling and James Pupillo were selected as All-Tournament.
- Tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place in Conference is Girls Gymnastics. The team will host Downers Grove South for the Conference title on January 22.
- Upcoming Events: January 14 through 16 – Semester Exams; January 23 – 8<sup>th</sup>-Grade Course Information Night; January 28 – AT's Best Breakfast; January 30 – FAFSA Financial Aid Night; February 6-8 – Winter musical, "Once on This Island"

✦ Willowbrook

- Congratulations, Jack Corkery! As a junior, he participated in the Illinois High School Theatre Festival All-State production of "The Grapes of Wrath" this past weekend at Illinois State University.
- On January 18, the Willowbrook Speech Team will host its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Home Tournament. More than 500 students from 20-plus schools will compete in 15 different events.
- Congratulations to the Junior Varsity Girls Cheerleaders! They took 6<sup>th</sup> place at the Illinois Cheerleading Coaches Association State Championship in Springfield.
- The Boys Sophomore Basketball Team captured the championship at the Westmont Holiday Tournament. Congratulations!

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- Wrestler Matt Rowland won the Sycamore Invite, and Jake Kroger finished 2<sup>nd</sup>. Congratulations, Matt & Jake!
- The Girls Varsity Basketball Team won the Consolation Championship of the Wheaton North Holiday Classic and also defeated the two-time defending WSC Champion Hinsdale South Hornets at Hinsdale South. Congratulations!
- "Paint the Gym Pink" raised more than \$1,000 to support Relay For Life and the American Cancer Society.
- Congratulations to Head Football Coach Nick Hildreth, who has been invited by the University of Illinois Football Coaches to speak at their Annual Football Coaches Clinic in April.
- Willowbrook will host an Academy Awards night for the "High School Musical Junior" performers at 7 p.m. on Friday, January 17, with a commemoration for Darnell Holt.
- Upcoming Events: January 16 – Battle of the Bands; January 23 – Curriculum Showcase; January 30 – Outstanding Student Breakfast

◇ **Action Necessitated by Closed Session**

- ✚ Accepted the resignation of KerryLynn Hunter, pending Board Council review and approval of Agreement, effective January 13, 2014.

Board Of Education Meeting Dates

All meetings are at 7:30 p.m. in the District 88 Boardroom

Monday, January 27, 2014: Educational Focus Board Meeting

Monday, February 10, 2014: Regular Business Board Meeting

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