

Monday, September 8, 2014
Regular Business Board Of Education Meeting

◇ **Recognition of District 88 Successes**

Newsweek/Washington Post

Dr. Scott Helton, Superintendent of Schools, shared Addison Trail and Willowbrook have been named as "Top High Schools" by Newsweek and as "America's Most Challenging High Schools" by The Washington Post. Addison Trail and Willowbrook ranked in the top 735 schools nationwide for 2014 by Newsweek and ranked in the top 6 percent of U.S. public high schools for 2014 by The Washington Post. This is the second consecutive year both schools have received both honors in the same year.

"Those Who Excel"

Dr. Helton announced Steve Nelson and Erik Engel are recipients of the Those Who Excel awards. This program annually recognizes and honors people who have made outstanding contributions to public and nonpublic elementary and secondary education. Mr. Nelson received an Award of Recognition in the classroom teacher category, and Mr. Engel received an Award of Merit in the student support personnel category. Congratulations, Steve and Erik!

"Letter To Me" Video

Dr. Helton shared a video created by a group of teachers, who wrote a letter to themselves with their own expectations for the school year. This video also was shared with the staff on Institute Day. To view the video in its entirety, go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rto41tsQP7M>.

◇ **Discussion Items Requiring No Action**

✚ Approve the List of Bills for August 2014.

✚ Personnel Report:

CLASSIFIED STAFF APPOINTMENTS:

- Stephanie Burroughs, Addison Trail Part-time Science Teacher Aide, effective August 25, 2014.
- Bianca Nelson, Addison Trail Special-Education Teacher Aide, effective September 4, 2014.
- Nyrissa Pawa, Addison Trail Special-Education Teacher Aide, effective August 25, 2014.
- Susan Sobyra, Addison Trail Special-Education Teacher Aide, effective September 8, 2014.

CLASSIFIED STAFF REHIRE:

- Jean Boston, Addison Trail ACHIEVE Teacher Aide, effective August 20, 2014.

CLASSIFIED STAFF RESIGNATION:

- Anthony Panatera, Willowbrook Teacher Aide, effective August 22, 2014.

◇ **SEPARATE ACTION Item, which included the following, was approved by the Board:**

✚ List of Bills exceeding \$5,000.00.

◇ **Information/Discussion Items**

Educational Focus Items for September 22, 2014

The Educational Focus Items for the September 22 Board meeting will include Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Initiatives, Social/Emotional Interventions and Programming as well as Parent Programs for the year.

Ombudsman PLUS Program Update

Mrs. Jean Barbanente, Assistant Superintendent, reported the facility housing the Ombudsman PLUS program, a joint venture between District 88 and Glenbard District 87, is open and designed to be our own special education outside placement facility, which will provide a local, cost-effective and higher-quality option to better meet the needs of our students. The program is using District 88's curriculum. An appreciation for such a program in the district has been expressed.

Transition Program Update

Mrs. Barbanente shared a number of local businesses have joined our Vocational Education Program that helps students with diverse needs obtain job training and gain work experience. The vision is for the students to gain independence in the workplace. Businesses are asked to complete a checklist evaluation each semester. Participating employers have reported positive customer feedback.

Freedom of Information Request

The following Freedom of Information request was received and fulfilled.

A request from Mr. Jake Griffin, Daily Herald Senior Writer, for:

- A list or documents sufficient to show the age and grade level of students disciplined with suspension from team or group activities, along with the number of days suspended and what teams and/or school-sanctioned organized group activities a student was suspended from, for violating the school district's athletic department and/or districtwide student drug and alcohol abuse/use policies for the school years: 2013-14; 2012-13; and 2011-12.
- The number of students enrolled at the district for the above listed school years.

Mrs. Barbanente explained how we took great caution in our response. The District did not want to provide information that would identify any students.

Budget Preparation Update

Mr. Edward Hoster, Chief Financial Officer, said progress is being made to finalize the budget since the tentative budget was put on file in June 2014. With adjustments/changes being made to staffing, revenue sources and the closing of two TIFs in Addison, it is difficult to predict how much the net change will be to our initial projected deficit. Hearing and adoption of said Budget is set for September 22, 2014. District 88 is working to improve on the budgeting methodology involving contingencies to ensure this budget is as representative of the financial resources needed for 2014-15.

School Recognition

Addison Trail

- ✚ Open House took place last Thursday; 300 students were represented in almost 1,300 sessions.
- ✚ The freshmen college trip to University of Wisconsin-Madison is Sept. 9, with additional trips on Sept. 11, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.
- ✚ Blazer Pride PBIS assemblies begin on Sept. 9 for seniors, Sept. 10 for juniors, Sept. 11 for sophomores and Sept. 12 for freshmen.

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Addison Trail - continued

- ✦ The football team will be featured as Comcast SportsNet Chicago's Team of the Week. The show will air at 11 p.m. on Sept. 12 on Comcast SportsNet Chicago - "High School Lites." Repeat airtimes at 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 13.
- ✦ The following events will take place during lunch periods: Sept. 16 - Activity Fair; Sept. 17 A.T. Career Fair, with 45 careers currently attending; Sept. 18 - A.T. College Fair, with more than 70 colleges attending.
- ✦ Homecoming Week is Sept. 22 through 27, with a Disney theme.
- ✦ Congratulations, Boys Soccer! The team took 1st place at the Addison Trail Invite last Saturday, defeating defending champ Maine West.
- ✦ Boys Golf took 2nd place at the Willowbrook Invite last Saturday. Congratulations!

Willowbrook

- ✦ The school year is off to a great start! Today is the 13th day of classes, hard to believe.
- ✦ Last week's Open House had a great turnout; 700 students were represented in more than 3,000 classes.
- ✦ Student Council hosted its 2nd annual Student Activities and Clubs Fair during lunch periods on Sept. 4, with 24 clubs and organizations participating.
- ✦ Congratulations to Tyler Rusnak, a National Merit Scholarship Semi-finalist! He is one of 16,000 semi-finalists nationwide from a pool of 1.4 million eligible high school students. Best of luck in the final round!
- ✦ Last weekend, the Girls Volleyball Team captured the championship in the Willowbrook Invite. Congratulations!
- ✦ Boys Golf is undefeated in conference, with wins over Morton and Proviso East. Congratulations!
- ✦ The Staff Development Team is hosting a period-by-period meeting on Sept. 11. The focus will be understanding the changing needs of our students, note taking and organizational strategies for students, and Google Tools that can be used for effective communication with students.
- ✦ Homecoming Week is Sept. 22 through 27. The annual Powder-Puff football game will begin at 7 p.m. on Sept. 24 at the stadium.

Board Of Education Meeting Dates
All meetings are at 7:30 p.m. in the District 88 Boardroom

Monday, September 22, 2014: Educational Focus Board Meeting

Monday, October 6, 2014: Regular Business Board Meeting

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