
Academic Interventions Support 2009 PSAE Test Score Growth
Congratulations to the Students and Staff of District 88!

EDUCATIONAL FOCUS ITEMS:

- **Mrs. Beth Yacobi, Director of Curriculum & Learning**, provided a summary of **PSAE assessment data** from 2008-2009 for both Addison Trail and Willowbrook High Schools. The success of ATHS to achieve **Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)** means students met or exceeded the 70.0% standard in Reading and Math (raised from 62.5% last year) for **No Child Left Behind (NCLB)**.

Although WBHS test scores are currently in an appeal process with the Illinois State Board of Education, results indicate the students and staff **experienced significant gains and continue to close the achievement gap**. In addition, this marks the first time that **District 88 has made AYP**, which is factored by the combined results of both schools.

Both schools are commended for their continuous work to raise student achievement. District 88 holds **high expectations for all students** and specific interventions are helping students gain the skills they need for success. Examples of these interventions include: increased graduation requirements, elimination of basic classes, credit recovery, summer school, math restructuring, practice tests and the work of all departments.

- **AT Summer School Coordinator Mr. Mike Phillips and WB Assistant Principal Ann Kimpton** presented data from the **2009 Summer School programs**. The Freshman Interventions program **targeted specific skills and raising achievement** for students below grade level in reading and math. Incoming freshman Algebra as a bridge to Geometry Honors and sophomore Geometry as a bridge to Advanced Algebra Honors were offered as well. Participation rates increased this year and students also experienced gains in their EXPLORE testing scores. The District will **work with feeder school districts to share results**. Sophomore and Junior Credit Recovery in math and English, ESL reading intervention, Speech, Consumer Education and Geometry were concurrent programs offered to help students achieve specific skills and provide greater schedule flexibility.

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

- The **list of bills from June 2009** with the exception of checks to David Cain, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Milburn Cain, Mr. Tom Kucik, Mr. Thomas Edmier and Mr. Sergio Flores; the **list of bills from July 2009**; the **treasurer's report from June 2009 and July 2009**; **resolution authorizing Bruce E. Martin and Robert L. Flemming as agents** specified on the District's account with MB Financial Bank; authorization to initiate an RFP for electric rates/providers to enter into a **new contract to purchase electricity**; **insurance consultant agreement** effective September 1, 2009; the **personnel report as presented at the August 24, 2009 board meeting** and **membership renewal** in the Legislative Education Network of DuPage (LEND).

DISCUSSION ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION: the following items were approved by the Board

- **Payment of checks** #458053 to David Cain, Jr., #458699 to Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Cain, #459076 to Mr. Tom Kucik, #460171 and #460172 to Mr. Thomas Edmier, and #460135 to Mr. Sergio Flores.
- **BTF contractor payment request** for Construction Trade Billing #13.
- **Ratification of BTF Planning/Construction Committee Actions:** Approval of bid packages for athletic trainer equipment, music filing system/risers/furniture, athletic equipment, vinyl floor tile and athletic field security equipment.
- **The 2009-2010 Application for Recognition of Schools** for Addison Trail and Willowbrook High Schools.
- **Meeting minutes** from the June 8, 2009 Regular Business meeting.
- **Closed session minutes** from the June 8, 2009 Board meeting.
- **Meeting minutes** from the June 15, 2009 Educational Focus meeting.
- **Meeting minutes** from the July 13, 2009 Special Board meeting.
- **Meeting minutes** from the August 4, 2009 Special Board meeting.
- **Closed session minutes** from the August 4, 2009 Board meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- **Mr. Bruce Martin, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Budget Status Report**, reflecting the unaudited results for the 2008-2009 school year. Overall, the budgeted to actual differences between revenue and expenditures for the total operating funds were more favorable than forecasted.
- In preparation for the 2009-2010 school year, plans have been made to **communicate procedures and prevention of the H1N1 illness.**

IN PERSONNEL ACTIONS: the following items were approved by the Board:

- Certified Staff Appointments for **Sue Nolte**, WB Part-Time Math Teacher.
- Classified Staff Appointment for **Michelle Akavuti**, WB 1:1 Special Education Teacher Aide; **Joan Andrews**, WB Special Education Aide; **Brianna Grazian**, WB Reading Teacher Aide; **Lynda Jrab**, AT Technical Assistant I; **Kara Larsen**, WB ESL Teacher Aide; and **Katrina Liller**, WB Math Teacher Aide.
- Certified Staff Change of Status for **Maria Oplawksi**, from WB Library Teacher Aide to Reading Teacher Aide.
- Classified Staff Re-Hire for **Christopher Perkins**, WB Special Education Teacher Aide.

SCHOOL RECOGNITION:

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

- Individual sports teams hosted Code of Conduct meetings for students participating in athletics.
- The AT Booster Leaders also participated in a planning meeting to set common goals for the year, review the calendar of activities and brainstorm ways to work together.
- Upcoming events include: joint C.A.C. meeting, Open House, parent feedback sessions and College Fair.

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

- Fall Code of Conduct meetings were hosted for students participating in athletics, clubs and activities.
- 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 50th anniversary celebration.

SEPARATE ACTION ITEM, following closed session, was approved by the Board:

- The Board voted to award a one month premium holiday for health insurance for the employer and employee which will be paid from reserves. The Board will review the possibility of awarding an additional premium holiday in six months.

Mark Your Calendars:

September 21, 2009	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Regular Business Meeting	District Boardroom
September 28, 2009	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Educational Focus Meeting	District Boardroom