

Monday, September 28, 2015
Educational Focus Board Of Education Meeting

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◇ **Recognition of District 88 Successes**

88's Best Students

88's Best Students Zachary Tyler Novak from Addison Trail and Stephaney Cheng from Willowbrook were recognized for the month of September. The students were congratulated on their many accomplishments, and they thanked the Board, their teachers and their families for their support. As a token of their achievements, Zachary and Stephaney were given an 88's Best glass sculpture and a certificate.

◇ **Public Hearing on the Budget for 2015-16**

A public hearing took place on the budget for 2015-16.

Mr. Edward Hoster, Chief Financial Officer, reported the projected deficit for the tentative budget as of June was at \$1,987,426, and the final budget reflects a deficit of \$1,847,054. Mr. Hoster further gave an overview of changes in the final budget from June. Those changes included a decrease in revenue from property taxes, state and federal programs. The expenditure budget decreased overall, with final student enrollment and staffing driving most of the related changes. The final budget reflects a minor increase in revenue by \$33,520 over the prior year budget. The district's expenditure plan reflects an increase of \$19,000 over the prior year budget. Significant constraint was necessary throughout the budgeting process to minimize the use of financial reserves.

◇ **Educational Focus Items**

Concussion Protocol

Mr. Bob Daly, Willowbrook Athletic Director, and Mr. Matt Thompson, Addison Trail Athletic Director, presented on Senate Bill 07. That bill amends the School Code and repeals provisions of the Code concerning concussions and head injuries and student-athletes. Daly and Thompson informed the Board the schools have had similar protocols in place to ensure student safety, and the only new aspect for the schools under Senate Bill 07 is formalizing a concussion oversight team to establish a return-to-play protocol for a student's return to interscholastic athletics practice or competition following a force or impact believed to have caused a concussion. They outlined who is part of that team and the process and protocols that are in place at the schools.

Special Education Inclusion Update

Mr. Sam Bentsen, District 88 Director of Student Services, shared information about District 88's initiatives to ensure special education students are included in extracurricular sports and programs. Bentsen discussed guidance provided by the Office for Civil Rights, which states students with disabilities must be afforded the opportunity to benefit from the programs offered by the school district to all students; school districts should not make generalizations when determining the participation level of those students; and school districts should provide needed accommodations, modifications and supports for those students (as long as it does not fundamentally alter the program). Bentsen informed the Board the district is in compliance with regard to special education inclusion, and many special education students participate in District 88 sports and activities, including Special Olympics teams.

- ◇ **The CONSENT AGENDA, which included the following items, was approved by the Board:**
 - ✚ List of Bills for August 2015.
 - ✚ Proposed Bond Refinancing and Borrowing.
 - ✚ Fundraisers exceeding \$1,000.00.
 - ✚ Donations.

- ◇ **SEPARATE ACTION Items, which included the following, were approved by the Board:**
 - ✚ Treasurer's Report for August 2015.
 - ✚ List of Bills exceeding \$5,000.00.
 - ✚ Adoption of the 2015-16 Budget.
 - ✚ Fundraisers exceeding \$1,000.00: Addison Trail Wrestling Team to sell cookie dough to raise money for wrestling equipment; Addison Trail 2016 Social Studies European War History Trip to hold a Split the Pot raffle at the Boys Basketball Games to raise money to offset the cost of the trip.
 - ✚ Donations: Monetary gifts from Victor Lesch and Beale Payne to the Koch Scholarship Fund; Monetary gift from Norine Luft to Willowbrook High School; Monetary gift from Knights of Columbus to the LIFE Transition Program.
 - ✚ Personnel Report
 - Certified Staff Appointments:
 - Jason Avelar, Willowbrook Part-time Physical Education Teacher, effective September 30, 2015.
 - Edgar Dorado, Addison Trail Part-time Math Teacher, effective September 21, 2015.
 - Karen Martinez, Addison Trail Part-time Literacy Teacher, effective September 21, 2015.
 - Classified Staff Re-hire:
 - Marianne Easley, Addison Trail In-School Intervention Teacher Aide, effective September 29, 2015.
 - Classified Staff Appointments:
 - Mike Carlson, District Office Special-Education Teacher Aide, effective September 29, 2015.
 - Michael Graham, Addison Trail Vocational Teacher Aide, effective September 29, 2015.
 - Jessica Riopell, Addison Trail Behavior Interventionist Teacher Aide, effective September 29, 2015.
 - Classified Staff Retirement:
 - Roberta Keavy, Willowbrook Special-Education Teacher Aide, effective at the end of the 2017-18 school year, at which time Roberta will have 16 years of service with District 88.
 - Classified Staff Resignations:
 - Cindy Bruns, Addison Trail Literacy Teacher Aide, effective October 2, 2015.
 - Mohmedirfan Langiya, Willowbrook Literacy Teacher Aide, effective October 5, 2015.
 - Debra Muhlena, Willowbrook Financial Secretary, effective September 30, 2015.
 - ✚ Resolution declaring the intention to issue Working Cash Fund Bonds of the District for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law.
 - ✚ Resolution calling a public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Education of the District to sell \$4,000,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District.
 - ✚ The following meeting minutes: August 17, 2015, Regular Business Board meeting; August 17, 2015, Closed Session Board meeting; August 24, 2015, Special Board meeting; August 24, 2015, Closed Session meeting; August 25, 2015, Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting; August 25, 2015, Finance Committee meeting; August 31, 2015, Educational Focus Board meeting; and August 31, 2015, Closed Session Board meeting.

- ◇ **SEPARATE ACTION Items, which included the following, were not approved by the Board:**
 - ✚ Villa Park Intergovernmental Agreement: The Village of Villa Park requested District 88 provide the street address and phone number (no names) of Villa Park residents who attend District 88, so the village could contact them with emergency notifications. The Board asked several questions regarding the agreement to ensure they understood the request. Those questions included whether the district was providing similar information to the Village of Villa Park already; whether other school districts in Villa Park have agreed to provide this information to the village; whether the village has another way to collect the requested information; whether parents could opt out if they prefer not to have their information shared with the village; and whether the district has a similar agreement with the Village of Addison.

- ◇ **Information/Discussion Items**
 - Credit Card Summary
Mr. Hoster reviewed the district's credit card use report for August 2015, as outlined in Board Policy 4:55 Use of Credit and Procurement Cards.

 - Salary Compensation Reports
Mrs. Jean Barbanente, Assistant Superintendent, reported the Salary Compensation Reports are required in Illinois. Those reports are to be posted on the district's website and submitted to the Regional Superintendent and/or the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).

 - Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel Services
Mr. Hoster presented information regarding the engagement of Chapman & Cutler LLC to provide specialized legal services throughout the upcoming bond refunding and new issuance process. Ensuring conformity with all current legal requirements and providing a legal opinion is critical to the outcome of this potential bond issuance process. Chapman & Cutler LLC has provided these services for the bond issuance undertaken by the Board of Education in the past.

- ◇ **School Recognition**
 - Addison Trail
 - ✚ Addison Trail celebrated Homecoming Week with a variety of activities and events from September 21 to 26. The Variety Show on September 21 featured 14 acts, the seniors and freshmen won the Powder-Puff games on September 23, the Football Team won the Homecoming game against Leyden on September 25 and a school record of more than 1,200 students attended the dance on September 26. The Homecoming Queen is Allison Rusotto, and the Homecoming King is Ryan Zygowicz.
 - ✚ Four students have qualified for the Top Technician competition. They are Abraar Ahmed, Sal D' Ugo, Ryan Selvaggio and Luis Garcia.
 - ✚ Business Professionals of America (BPA) recently named its officers. Good luck to the students as they lead the BPA Team in competition and school activities this year.
 - ✚ Upcoming events: 7:30 a.m. September 29: Honor Roll Assembly; 7 p.m. September 30: Fine Arts Showcase; 8 p.m. October 1: District 88 Crosstown Powder-Puff Game at Addison Trail; October 7 and 8: Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - ✚ Athletics: The Football Team is 3-2 overall and 2-1 in Conference; the Girls Tennis Team took 2nd place at the Addison Trail Quad and 4th place at the Willowbrook Invite; and the Boys Soccer Team is 9-3 overall and 2-1 in Conference.

Willowbrook

- + Willowbrook celebrated Homecoming Week with a variety of activities and events from September 21 to 26. The juniors won the Powder-Puff Game on September 23, and Distinguished Alumni/Distinguished Service class of 2015 inductees were recognized during the Homecoming Pep Assembly on September 25. They also were recognized during a dinner in their honor on September 24. The Homecoming dance took place on September 26, with refreshments provided by The Brook Catering Co.
- + Throughout October, Willowbrook will host activities and events to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
- + Upcoming events: 7 p.m. September 29: Addiction Seminar at Willowbrook; October 7 and 8: Parent-Teacher Conferences; 7:15 a.m. October 15: Outstanding Student Breakfast; 7 p.m. October 15: Collage Concert and Bake Sale

◇ **Action Necessitated by Closed Session**

No action was necessitated by Closed Session.

Board Of Education Meeting Dates

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

7:15 p.m. Wednesday, October 14, 2015: Joint Board Meeting at Allegra Banquets in Villa Park

6:30 p.m. Monday, October 19, 2015: Regular Business Board Meeting

Monday, October 26, 2015: Educational Focus Board Meeting

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