

**Monday, October 26, 2015**  
**Educational Focus Board Of Education Meeting**

◇ **Recognition of District 88 Successes**

88's Best Students

88's Best Students Jessica Mell from Addison Trail and Galen Bergsten from Willowbrook were honored for the month of October. The students were recognized for their many accomplishments. The students thanked the Board, their teachers and their families for the support. As a token of their achievements, Jessica and Galen were given an 88's Best glass sculpture and a certificate to a local restaurant.

◇ **Educational Focus Items**

District 88's Data Summary & 2015-16 ISBE Assessment Updates

Mr. Adam Cibulka, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, shared information on District 88's student growth in reading and math, reduction in behavior incidents, graduation rate, enrollment in Advanced Placement (AP)/college-level courses and assessment performance. The 2014-15 5Essentials Survey revealed students gave high ratings on topics relating to teachers and student learning, school safety, respect and preparing students for college.

The updates for the 2015-16 PARCC Assessment include: only one assessment (last year there were two) to be administered between March and May; reduction in testing time (60 minutes less in math and 30 minutes less in English language arts); and administer same assessment as in 2014-15, which for District 88 was ELA I and Algebra I. The all-school assessment will possibly be postponed for 2015-16. The State has not released information regarding ACT or SAT. The district is exploring other options for the April 9, 2016, National Test date at ATHS or WBHS, and prep opportunities will be available for students. Incoming students will take the EXPLORE and GRADE (a reading diagnostic assessment) exams. The State's science assessment will be administered in spring 2016.

◇ **The CONSENT AGENDA, which included the following items, was approved by the Board:**

- ✚ List of Bills for September 2015.
- ✚ Fundraisers exceeding \$1,000.00.
- ✚ Shared Services Report.
- ✚ Disposal List.

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

- ✚ Treasurer's Report for September 2015.
- ✚ Budget Status Report for September 2015.
- ✚ List of Bills exceeding \$5,000.00.
- ✚ Fire Alarm Control Panel Upgrade Project.
- ✚ Parking Lot Crack Filling and Basin Repair Project.
- ✚ Donations: Monetary gift from Emily Collins to the Koch Scholarship fund; variety of speakers from Sarah and Teresa Noah to the Theatre program at Willowbrook; a 2006 Ford 500 to the CTE Automotive program at Willowbrook.

# DISCUSSION BOARD RECEIPTS

- ✚ Personnel Report  
Classified Staff Appointment:
  - Anisa Haxhij, Addison Trail Literacy Teacher Aide, effective October 28, 2015.Classified Staff Change In Status:
  - Genaro Chanez, from Willowbrook Teacher Aide to Willowbrook Financial Secretary, effective September 30, 2015.Classified Staff Resignation:
  - Nikcole Rushing, Willowbrook Guidance Office Secretary, effective October 30, 2015.
- ✚ The following meeting minutes: September 14, 2015, Regular Business Board meeting; September 14, 2015, Closed Session Board meeting; September 28, 2015, Educational Focus Board meeting; and September 28, 2015, Closed Session Board meeting.

## ◇ Information/Discussion Items

### Tax Levy 2015

Mr. Edward Hoster, Chief Financial Officer, presented information regarding the upcoming tax levy process. He also presented the 2015 Tax Levy schedule and said he would bring a resolution for the tax levy for the board to adopt at its next meeting, November 16, 2015.

### Thermal Scanning of Electrical Equipment Project

Mr. Hoster shared the 10-year Health/Life Safety Report completed in March 2015 revealed that a portion of the buildings' electrical distribution system is approaching the end of its usefulness. The district conducted a Request for Proposals (RFP) to conduct infrared thermal scanning of the electrical distribution system panels at each school. The lowest responsible proposal for both schools was received from TSI Energy Solutions in the amount of \$7,400. The proposal was approved by the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

### Credit Card Summary

Mr. Hoster reviewed the district's credit card use report for September 2015, as outlined in Board Policy 4:55 Use of Credit and Procurement Cards.

## ◇ School Recognition

### Addison Trail

- ✚ Addison Trail hosted the West Suburban Conference Young Leaders Conference. Students participated in leadership training. It was a fun day!
- ✚ The last performances of "Twisted Tales of Terror" will take place this weekend. Join them at 7 p.m. on either October 29 or 30.
- ✚ Congratulations, Daniel Nowosad! Selected as a member of the U.S. Army All-American Marching Band, Nowosad will perform with the band at the U.S. Army All-American Bowl at the Alamodome in January 2016. Nowosad is the first Blazer to receive this honor.
- ✚ On October 21, State Sen. Tom Cullerton was the Principal for the Day. The senator met with students and discussed bills he sponsored and shared new laws that impact students such as the acceptance of Advanced Placement scores of 3, 4 and 5 at all state colleges and universities.
- ✚ This year's Tradition of Excellence Award presentation will take place at 3:15 p.m. on November 3. Adam Amin, Class of 2005, is this year's recipient. Congratulations!
- ✚ Boys Cross Country Demetrio Cervantes advanced to Sectionals. Congratulations, and best of luck!
- ✚ Congratulations, Boys Soccer, on a great season!
- ✚ Girls Volleyball Regionals will be at Addison Trail, where the Blazers take on Leyden at 7 p.m. on October 27. Go, Blazers!
- ✚ Congratulations, and best of luck to the Girls Swim Team! The team competes on October 31 at Downers Grove South, with a chance to capture the Conference Title.

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**Willowbrook**

- + The Class of 2020 transition begins with Eighth-Grade Parent Nights taking place at 7 p.m. on October 27 at Jefferson School, October 28 at Albright School, October 29 at Jackson School and November 5 at Willowbrook. The Placement Exam will be administered on November 14 at Willowbrook.
- + The Choir Invitational will take place at 7 p.m. on October 27. The middle school choirs will participate in this event.
- + November 6 is the Blood Drive. Please donate and help our local communities.
- + The Girls and Boys Cross Country Teams qualified for Sectionals. Congratulations, and best of luck!
- + Congratulations, Girls Volleyball! The team moved to the Semi-Finals. Go, Warriors!
- + The combined Girls Swim Team will compete in the West Suburban Conference Meet this weekend. Best of luck!
- + Congratulations, Boys Soccer, on a great season!
- + Winter sports will begin on November 2.

◇ **Action Necessitated by Closed Session**

The Board approved the Settlement Agreement between the DuPage High School District 88 Board of Education and Teresa Carreno.

**Board Of Education Meeting Dates**

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

**7:00 p.m.** Monday, November 9, 2015: Special Board Meeting

Monday, November 16, 2015: Regular Business Board Meeting

Monday, November 30, 2015: Educational Focus Board Meeting

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