

**Monday, December 14, 2015**  
**Regular Business / Educational Focus**  
**Board Of Education Meeting**

◇ **Public Hearing on the 2015 Tax Levy**

The proposed tax levy for 2015 was reviewed during the October 26, 2015, and November 16, 2015, Board meetings. During the November 16, 2015, meeting, the Board adopted a resolution to establish the aggregate amount of taxes estimated to be levied for the year 2015 in the amount of \$53,510,050. That request represents a 4.9-percent increase, but we expect to receive an increase of about .96 percent based on the CPI at 0.8 percent and limited new-property growth. Because the value of total property and new property is unknown at this time, the district levied higher. No changes or updates were made since the proposed tax levy was approved in November. In compliance with the Truth in Taxation Law, a notice was published on December 3, 2015, that public comments would be heard at the December 14, 2015, meeting. The public hearing was opened during the December 14, 2015, Board meeting for Board members and audience members to ask questions and discuss the 2015 proposed tax levy.

◇ **Recognition of District 88 Successes**

88's Best Students

88's Best Students John Scorza from Addison Trail and Eugene Ciesla from Willowbrook were honored for the month of December. 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, John and Eugene were given an 88's Best glass sculpture and a certificate to a local restaurant.

◇ **Educational Focus Item**

Assessment Update

Mr. Adam Cibulka, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, shared the results of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) and further stated the district will administer the exam to students enrolled in Algebra I and English 9 in April 2016. The National ACT test will be offered on April 9, 2016, at both campuses. Students can register now, with a deadline of March 4, 2016. The state selected the SAT as the college entrance exam of choice moving forward, but no details are available for SAT or the new science assessment at this time.

Mr. Cibulka stressed this was the first year of the PARCC assessment and provided information on enhancements in the testing environment for the 2016 assessment.

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

- ✚ 2015 Tax Levy.
- ✚ List of Bills for November 2015.
- ✚ Treasurer's Report for November 2015.
- ✚ Budget Status Report for November 2015.
- ✚ List of Bills exceeding \$5,000.00.
- ✚ Copier Replacement Lease.
- ✚ Authorization to Negotiate Replacement Bus Lease.

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- + Disposal of Surplus Buses.
- + Fundraiser exceeding \$1,000.00: Willowbrook Softball and Golf Teams to sell cookie dough and golf passes to offset the cost of uniforms and practice gear.
- + Building Improvement Projects 2016-17.
- + Donations: A monetary donation from Crystal and Alan Goldberg to Willowbrook's Special Olympics; Mark Chorazyczewski donated a 2007 Ford Freestar to the Willowbrook CTE Department's automotive program.
- + Personnel Report
  - Classified Staff Appointments:
    - Frank Nino, Willowbrook Part-time Student Supervisor, effective December 15, 2015.
    - Lenae Williams, Addison Trail Library Teacher Aide, effective December 15, 2015.
  - Classified Staff Change In Status:
    - Tim Homan, from Addison Trail Special-Education Teacher Aide to Addison Trail Custodian, effective December 21, 2015.
- + The following meeting minutes: November 9, 2015, Special Board meeting; November 9, 2015, Closed Session Special Board meeting; November 16, 2015, Technology Committee meeting; November 16, 2015, Regular Business Board meeting; November 16, 2015, Closed Session Board meeting; November 30, 2015, Educational Focus Board meeting; and November 30, 2015, Closed Session Board meeting.

## ◇ Information/Discussion Items

### Freedom of Information Request

The following Freedom of Information request was received and fulfilled:

A request from Mr. Andrew Healy for:

1. *A list of the 1989 graduates of Willowbrook High School.*

### Credit Card Summary

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

### Bond Issuance Update Series 2015B New Borrowing

Jennifer Currier, Assistant Vice-President from PMA Securities, presented the final results of the new \$4,000,000 Working Cash Bond Issuance that was completed on November 24, 2015. The negotiated sale approach was successful, with a final borrowing interest cost of 2.67 percent, which is better than the estimate of 3.42 percent presented by PMA Securities in September. We were able to save approximately \$861,000 for the bond refunding earlier in November and apply that to the new borrowing. The combined final results indicate that we were able to borrow \$4,000,000, with a very low-interest cost of \$67,219 over the 10-year term.

## ◇ School Recognitions

### Addison Trail

- + Congratulations to the following All-State Musicians! They are Jesus Thomas Bonilla-Bass Clarinet/Orchestra, Ryan Cabildo-Baritone Saxophone/Jazz Ensemble, Arthur Lee-Alto Saxophone/Concert Band and Daniel Nowosad-Tuba/Concert Band. These musicians will travel to Peoria in January to attend the Illinois Music Education Conference and will re-audition for placement within these ensembles. Best of luck, Blazers!
- + Twenty-three Business Professionals of America (BPA) students competed in 41 contests at the area-level competition hosted by DeVry. Twenty-one students qualified for State. Congratulations!

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- + BPA organized the annual school Toys for Tots and more than 75 children from the Addison community were sponsored. The sponsors were clubs/activity groups, classes, staff members in the building and at district office, and departments at Addison Trail.
- + Semester Final Exams are December 16, 17 and 18.
- + Upcoming events: Dec. 16 – TPO meeting; Jan. 7 – FAFSA Financial Aid Night; Jan. 8 – Young Alumni Day

**Willowbrook**

- + Semester Final Exams are December 16, 17 and 18.
- + Congratulations to Allison Rodwell for being selected into the Illinois Music Education Association All-State Future Music Educators Seminar!
- + On December 14, 2015, CenterStage performed on WGN 720 Radio.
- + The Student Council Warrior Project provided toys for the community and gift cards to local families. Thank you for your contribution!
- + Congratulations to Elijah Rochel for being named to the Daily Herald All-Area Team and the News-Gazette All-State Special Mention Team!
- + Congratulations to Jack Jessen for being named to the Daily Herald All-Area Honorable Mention Team!
- + William Degnan, Jack Jessen, Mark Molitor, Elijah Rochel and Kyle Martyniuk were named to the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association Academic All-State Team. Congratulations!
- + Upcoming events: Jan. 4 – Young Alumni Day; Jan. 6 – AP Alumni Luncheon

◇ **Action Necessitated by Closed Session**

Approved the Resolution of Closed Session Meeting Minutes. Opened meeting minutes of August 24, 2015.

**Board Of Education Meeting Dates**

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

**6:30 p.m.** Monday, January 11, 2016: Regular Business Board Meeting

Monday, January 25, 2016: Educational Focus Board Meeting

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