

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS



GLENBARD TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 87, GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS

October 27, 2008 Board of Education meeting

Glenbard East High School

Present – President David Brown, Rose Malcolm, Kathleen Schmidt, Steve Sebby, Tom Trefilek and F. Thomas Voltaggio. Lorraine Schuller was absent.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. Superintendent Mike Meissen reported that the district received a Freedom of Information Act request from the Illinois Department of Labor seeking information concerning compliance concerns regarding United Asphalt Maintenance for asphalt patching work performed at Glenbard. Bob Verisario, director of buildings and grounds, has responded to the request.

2. In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Glenbard South and Glenbard West hosted “Volley for the Cure” fund-raisers.

Approximately \$7,000 was raised during Glenbard West’s Sept. 29 Volley for the Cure girls volleyball game against Willowbrook High School. The money was donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Fans bought pink Volley for the Cure T-shirts and wore them to the game. The girls realized their goal of playing in a “sea of pink.”

The Glenbard South and Yorkville volleyball teams came together to Volley for the Cure on Oct. 16 and raised \$3,518 for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

3. Congratulations to the dozens of Glenbard District 87 students who have been selected to participate in the Illinois Music Educators Association All-District Festival.

They will perform in the festival on Nov. 22 at Plano High School in Plano, Illinois. The students were selected based on a rigorous audition procedure of etudes, musical excerpts, scales, triads, and sight-reading.

Glenbard East students Samantha Gubricky, senior, Bb clarinet; Maggie Leonard, senior, flute; Sarah Lieb, senior, Bb Clarinet; Alexis McAdams, junior, flute; Janine Means, junior, Bb clarinet; Jeremy Sison, senior, trombone; Rick Weber, junior, Bb clarinet; Ben Haimann, freshman, percussion; Scott Luedtke, Percussion; Andrea Ferguson, sophomore, violin; Robbie Meek, sophomore, cello; David Bacon, sophomore, tenor; Rebecca Blumer, junior, soprano; Bartlomiej Ciezobka, senior, bass; Erik Dunn, senior, bass; Jason Eddington, senior, tenor; Charlotte Eltoft, senior, soprano; Daniel Judd, senior, bass; Robert Leahy, junior, tenor; Marquis Mason, senior, bass; Elianne Nascimento, senior, alto; Sharron Palm, senior, soprano; Ben Slabik, junior, bass; Nick Young, junior, bass; Sam Pennisi, junior, jazz piano.

Glenbard North students include: in band: senior Owen Carlos, senior Brenda Dratnol and freshman Michael Fagan; in choir: sophomore Alex Dahlquist; and in orchestra: senior Noah Huh.

Glenbard South High School students selected to participate in the festival include: in band: Molly Clark, Junior Flute; Joe Flores, Senior Bass Clarinet; Denis Telalovic, Senior Tuba; Mollee Thermos, Senior Euphonium; and Amanda Walborn, Senior Clarinet; orchestra: Andrea Cebulski, Junior Clarinet; and Amy Lewis, Senior String Bass; and choir: Kelly Djoum, Senior Alto I; Emi Hayashi,

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Senior Soprano I; Erica Koch, Junior Soprano II; Celinne Mencias, Senior Alto II; Michael Norton, Sophomore Bass I; and Cathryn Volk, Sophomore Soprano II.

Congratulations to the following Glenbard West students: in band, senior clarinetist, Stephen Gonzalez, senior clarinetist, Sarah Grotto, and sophomore bassoonist, Kevin Minkus. In orchestra: senior bassoonist, Melanie Studzinski, junior clarinetist, Rebecca Tobin, senior cellist, Peter Ilhardt, junior string bassist, Katie Howell, freshman string bassist, Stephen Ilhardt, and freshman violinist, Shauna Kaske. In choir: senior soprano, Rachel Wendte, senior soprano, Jacklyn Ortiz, senior tenor, Parks Payton, junior alto, Abbie Reifel, junior alto, Emily Crowe, and junior tenor, Alex Cooper.

4. Congratulations to Glenbard West students Kyle Kochevar and Brooke Kochevar, who competed at the IHSA golf state tournament. Kyle finished first in sectionals and 25th in state. Brooke was third in sectionals and finished 30th in state.

5. The “meet the principals” episode of Conversations with Glenbard is available on our Web site at: http://www.glenbard87.org/sitepages/videos/cable_access

This episode of our monthly series features information about the principals’ goals for themselves and their students and shares insights into how principals motivate students and help them succeed. The show also will be available on Comcast Channel 19 and on our communities’ local cable stations (Addison Channel 6, Carol Stream Channel 6, Downers Grove DGTV Channel 6, Glendale Heights Channel 6, Glen Ellyn Channel 17, Hanover Park Channel 17, Lombard Channel 6 and Wheaton Channel 17.)

6. Tennis players from Glenbard South and Glenbard West competed at the IHSA state tournament last week. Glenbard South’s 1st doubles team of Alyssa Zavislak and Emily Kaczmarek advanced to state, and Glenbard West students Audrey Young and Olivia Schwartz qualified for state after finishing third in sectionals. They competed as doubles on Oct. 23.

7. We had a successful Institute Day for the faculty and staff today. This important staff development opportunity offered connections with colleagues across the district; connection to our district and school improvement planning; strands that continue to follow our topic of differentiation to provide for ongoing conversation and deeper understanding of the ways in which we can provide for opportunities for all students. Dr. Meissen commended Pam Zimmermann, associate superintendent for educational services, and the staff development committee for organizing a successful institute.

8. Glenbard will hold parent-teacher conferences on Nov. 6 and 7. These conferences give parents an opportunity to ask questions and share concerns with staff members. The conferences also provide an opportunity for parents to learn more about the school and discuss their students’ strengths and weaknesses in particular courses. Over the past years, parent participation has been outstanding. This year we started an online appointment scheduling system, which has been very popular with parents. We also offered parents hard copies of the conference scheduling information. There will be no school for students on Nov. 7.

9. Congratulations to Glenbard North teacher John Chamberlain on being selected 2008 DuPage Valley Conference Golf Co-Coach of the Year. His hard work and organization are appreciated by Glenbard North and the entire DVC.

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THE BOARD APPROVED:

- minutes from the Oct. 14 regular meeting and the Oct. 14 closed session meeting.

- the following personnel items:

CERTIFIED STAFF – EMPLOYMENT:

Name	School/Subject	FTE	Effective Date
Mulsoff, Kenneth	Directions/Mathematics	100%	10/14/08

CERTIFIED STAFF – LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Name	School/Subject	Term	Reason
Myers, Bridget	North/Science	11/18/08-End Of School Year	Maternity

SUPPORT STAFF – EMPLOYMENT:

Name	School/Subject	Effective Date
Collie, Brandon	Directions/Teacher Aide	10/23/08
Knoll, Cynthia	South/Computer Lab Aide	11/03/08
Remis, Patricia	South/Bookstore Manager	09/24/08
Thompson, Kristin	East/Math Lab Aide	10/13/08

SUPPORT STAFF – RESIGNATIONS:

Name	School/Subject	Effective Date
Egert, Mallory	Directions/Teacher Aide	10/17/08
Scanlon, Bobbi	East/Study Hall/In School Suspension	09/18/08

- Policy 6:282 – course offerings. The policy was revised to reflect the elimination of basic courses, beginning with the 2009-2010 school year. Other course offerings, including regular education, special education, English language learners, Technology Center of DuPage, Directions and summer school were added to the policy.

- Policy 4:55 - use of credit and procurement cards, administrative procedure 4:55- R1 – controls for the use of district credit and procurement cards, and exhibit 4:55-E1- cardholder's statement affirming familiarity with requirements for using district credit and/or procurement cards.

- a \$6,500 contract with Jacob and Hefner Associates to complete topographical survey of the parking areas, underground utilities and northeast detention basin at Glenbard North. The survey will allow the district to identify a cost effective solution to current and future drainage issues related to underground drainage utilities in the area.

- having Telesolutions Consultants LLC perform the first three phases of the study of the school district's telephone system for a cost not to exceed \$6,240. The school district's phone system is more than 11 years old and has extremely limited support. The phone system does not offer the functionality that newer systems include, and it is no longer cost effective to expand the system. Telesolutions Consultants, LLC will provide recommendations regarding a course of action that best meets the district's needs.

- an electricity market contract. Glenbard's contract for electricity supply expires Dec. 31. Glenbard will lock into a two-year supply of electricity of 3.12 percent.

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- premiums for the 2009 health insurance plan year.
- graduation requirements. The administration and a faculty committee recommend increasing graduation requirements to 23 credits from 21 credits for the Class of 2013. Students would be required to take an additional year of science and an additional course in civics. The increase represents an educational philosophy to continue providing a comprehensive high school experience for all students. The opportunity for elective credits will remain constant under these new requirements.

BOARD INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS INCLUDED:

- an update on activities at Glenbard East. Science department chairman Jim Carter discussed student council activities, including homecoming activities. Freshman Academy director Tricia Nikrandt presented an overview of the strategies being implemented to increase freshman student achievement. Principal Josh Chambers and dean Megan Murray explained the use of the Plasco Trak System technology used to increase instructional time.
- course fees. The cost of consumables for some courses has increased in the past few years, and fees have remained unchanged. The board discussed fee increases in the following courses for 2008-09: art, foods, independent living, daily living skills, science courses and computer-aided design 1 and 2.
- the 2008 tax levy. The total tax levy, excluding the Bond and Interest levy, is \$103,600,000, which represents a 7.48 percent increase over the prior year's aggregate tax extension. The district is limited by the Tax Cap to receiving an increase of 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. Chris McClain, assistant superintendent for business services, said the district levies more than it expects to receive to ensure all tax dollars, including those from any new construction within the district, are captured.
- the athletic strategic plan. Rod Molek, assistant superintendent for human resources and student services, worked with the Athletic Strategic Plan Committee and assistant principals for athletics to develop a long-term plan for athletics. The planning process translated needs and requirements into goals, measures and actions.
- assessment of students. Loren May, superintendent in Marquardt School District 15, shared information regarding Prairie State Achievement Exam and ISAT testing for 2008.
- the Illinois Association of School Board report to the membership.
- Glenbard West field enhancements. Community input from the forum held Oct. 21 was reviewed and options detailing scope and cost were discussed. Further discussion is planned for the Nov. 10 Board of Education meeting.

The next meeting of the Glenbard Board of Education will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov.10, at the administrative center, 596 Crescent Blvd. in Glen Ellyn.