

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS



GLENBARD TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 87, GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS

November 15, 2010 Board of Education meeting

Glendale Heights Civic Center

Present – President Rose Malcolm, Robert Friend, Yadav Nathwani, Steve Sebby, Tom Trefilek and F. Thomas Voltaggio. Rich Heim was absent.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. A \$950 donation was received from Noree Mares to be used for supplementary equipment for the Glenbard East Adventure Challenge Physical Education Course.
2. Several community leaders will get an up close look at life inside a high school by participating in our Principal for a Day program this week. The program is designed to help community leaders better understand the complex role of the school principal and gain a perspective on the school system from within. The following people have been invited to serve as Principal for a Day: Glen Ellyn Library Director Dawn Bussey, YMCA of Northwestern DuPage County Outreach Program Director Robbie Gonzalez, Glendale Heights Village President Linda Jackson, Carol Stream Police Chief Kevin Orr, Carol Stream Police Deputy Chief Jerry O'Brien and Carol Stream Police Deputy Chief Ed Sailer. Our guests will participate in a variety of activities, including visiting classrooms and the school library, speaking to student organizations and examining technology or science labs. Gonzalez was at Glenbard South this morning. West will host Bussey, Jackson and Jones on Nov. 18, and Glenbard North will host Orr, Sailer and O'Brien on Nov. 19. Glenbard East offers a similar experience to a larger audience. Glenbard East hosts "Experience East," which provides parents and others a unique opportunity to tour the building, visit classrooms, walk the halls, and hear what's happening at East. Experience East will be held Feb. 17.
3. Congratulations to Glenbard East students Lindsey Rakosnik and Maggie Angst for competing at the IHSA Girls Cross Country State Meet. Rakosnik finished in 39th place and Angst finished in 113th place.
4. The West girls cross country team finished 9th in the state at the IHSA State Girls Cross Country meet. Madeline Perez finished in 29th place; Maddie Nagle placed 45th; Lauren Sedall finished in 52nd place; Katie Born placed 89th; Emma Reifel placed 123rd and secured the team's 9th place showing. Rounding out the top seven were Kate Majewski in 132nd place and Madeline O'Brien with a 135th place finish.
5. Congratulations to the South Boys Cross Country team for placing 11th in state at the IHSA 2A Cross Country meet. John Wold came in 29th place, Collin White came in 57th place, Aarsal Shareef came in 86th place, Kyle Berenschot came in 103rd place, Joseph Singleton came in 109th place, David McGrath came in 111th place, and Grant Gibson came in 128th place.
6. Congratulations to West student Mike Lederhouse, who came in 86th place in the IHSA 3A State Cross Country Meet.
7. Our theater departments have been busy with their fall productions, which are wonderful events that showcase students' creativity and talent. We place great value on the role of the performing arts in a comprehensive education. Glenbard North will present the Complete Works of William

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Shakespeare Abridged from Nov. 18 through 20. Last week, three of our schools presented a wonderful range of productions. Glenbard East presented Sweeney Todd; Glenbard South presented South Pacific; and Glenbard West presented the Mystery of Edwin Drood.

8. Congratulations to Glenbard West student Miles Fox for earning rank of Eagle Scout. As part of the requirements for achieving the Eagle Scout rank, a scout must complete a project worthy of the honor. Miles' completed Eagle Scout project was in respect and honor to the men and women currently serving our military overseas.
9. Congratulations to Glenbard East student Robert Scott Meek for earning rank of Eagle Scout. Robert built a handicap-accessible picnic table, a bench, two textile boards and two tactile boards for Easter Seals of DuPage. During his project, Robert directed the design, construction and delivery of these items, as well as soliciting donations for materials and organizing the volunteer labor required to complete the project.
10. Congratulations to Glenbard South student Peter Stone for earning rank of Eagle Scout. Peter has completed all the requirements for Eagle Scout, which included his community service project. Peter's Eagle Scout Project consisted of building three picnic benches for Lincoln Academy in Roselle.
11. For the past several months, we have worked with the DuPage County Anti-Bullying Task Force, and this week the task force will release its best practice plan for all DuPage schools. The DuPage County Anti-Bullying Task Force was created in June 2010. Former Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan is the task force chairman and DuPage Regional Superintendent Darlene Ruscitti and DuPage State's Attorney Joseph Birkett are co-chairs. I have served on this task force, along with parents and representatives from DuPage schools, local police departments, and the FBI, YWCA and Circuit Court of the 18th Judicial District.

The group was charged to:

- Clearly define bullying
- Establish a recommended model policy for school districts
- Research and recommend best practices for schools to support bullying prevention and intervention efforts.

The model policy is intended to ensure a safe, orderly and respectful environment that promotes teaching and learning.

Results from our own student climate survey indicate that our students experience bullying. Over the past three years, the number of students who reported being bullied has decreased. While we are pleased to see this decline, we need to further reduce the incidence of bullying.

The following are among the steps we are taking to reduce bullying:

- We are following the Illinois Association of School Boards' recommendations regarding including cyber-bullying in our Board of Education policies.
- Each month, the Glenbard Parent Series presents tremendously valuable information to parents. In what promises to be a powerful program next month, John Halligan will discuss cyber-bullying, teenage depression and suicide prevention. Halligan's 13-year-old son committed suicide after relentless bullying by peers.

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- We are looking into Challenge Day, a program that involves group discussions and activities that address many of the issues our students face, including *violence, racism, teasing, stereotypes, tobacco, drugs and alcohol.*
 - East is using bullying contracts and mediation to address the issue. Also, the East Side Pride campaign sends a message that East prepares our students to “be ready, be respectful and be responsible.”
 - North’s new hotline – P.R.O.W.L - Please Reach Out We Listen – will help students feel safe and report inappropriate behavior.
 - South is emphasizing its Positive Behavior Intervention and Support slogan of students being “respectful, responsible and ready.”
 - West’s focus on The West Way – to be successful, involved and respectful – is an effective means of encouraging positive behavior.
 - During Live Life Well Week, Dr. Michael Fowlin will address our students on diversity and tolerance.
 - West deans and social workers created an anger management program that helps students who struggle with anger issues find alternate ways to cope.
 - PRISM - Many of our students who might be the focus of bullying are teens who identify as gay. PRISM is an organization that provides a safe place for students to talk. The club's mission is to promote tolerance.
 - We use the PowerSchool student data management system to track incidents of bullying.
12. Thousands of parents met with their students’ teachers during Parent-Teacher Conferences earlier this month. These conferences are an important opportunity for parents to partner with the schools and learn about their students’ successes and opportunities for growth. The following are statistics regarding the number of conferences held at each building: East: 4,934 conferences; North: 4,294 conferences; South: 2,837 conferences; West: 5,628 conferences
13. The District received a Freedom of Information Act request from Jim McConachie requesting the certified payroll records and the sign in/out sheets on AMW Environmental for the asbestos work that was performed at Glenbard West this year. The District has responded to this request.
14. The District received a Freedom of Information Act request from Bob Buck of Neopost requesting information about the school district’s mail machine/postage equipment from vendor Pitney Bowes, Pitney Bowes Credit Corporation or Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services. Specifically, a copy of the original purchase order or warrant issued to purchase, lease or rent the mail equipment from the school district to vendor Pitney Bowes, or a copy of the vendor agreement issued to purchase, lease or rent the mail equipment from the vendor Pitney Bowes to the school district. The District has responded to this request.
15. Eleven of our students qualified for the IHSA Girls State Swimming and Diving Championships,

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which will be held Nov. 19 and 20 at New Trier High School.

The Glenbard North/East girls swimmers who qualified for the state championships include Glenbard North student Mary Floren in the 100 breaststroke, Glenbard North student Danielle Homere in the 100 butterfly and Glenbard East student Sara Taege in the 200 individual medley and 500 freestyle. The 200 medley relay also qualified for State Championships and the relay participants were: Glenbard North students Mary Floren, Marisa Savegnago and Kaitlyn Campbell and Glenbard East student Sara Taege.

Six girls from the Glenbard West/South Swim Team qualified for the IHSA State Championship. State qualifiers include: Glenbard South students Connie Hsu (200 individual medley, 400 freestyle relay and 100 butterfly), Brenda Liu (relay alternate), Meg Beese (relay alternate) and Glenbard West students Katie Roeing (200 individual medley, 400 freestyle relay and 100 back), Allison McGavok (400 freestyle relay) and Joy Xue (400 freestyle relay).

THE BOARD APPROVED:

- minutes from the October 25 regular meeting and the October 25 closed session meeting.
- the following personnel items:

SUPPORT STAFF – EMPLOYMENT:

Name	School/Subject	FTE	Effective Date
Heimdal, Phyllis	North/API Secretary, Building Data	100%	10/25/10

CERTIFIED STAFF – LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Name	School/Subject	Term	Reason
Wilkins, Laura	North/Family & Con Sci	11/15/10 – 11/26/10	Parental

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Name	School/Subject	Term	Reason
Kellan, Jeri	East/ELL Aide	11/16/10 – 12/13/10	Family

- changes to Administrative Procedure 7:245-R1 *Procedures for Student Possession and Use of Electronic Communication Devices* and the renumbering of Policy 7:280 to 7:275 *Order to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment*, Policy 7:285 to 7:280 *Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease* and Administrative Procedure 7:285-R1 to 7:280-R1 *Communicable and Infectious Disease*.

- two educational tours and four field trips.

- the 2011-2012 student fee schedule. The Board approved the following changes.
 - Textbook Rental Fee: We propose that we charge an annual rental fee of \$125 per student. The fee pays for all textbooks required by the student for the school year. This fee does not include paperback novels, workbooks or other consumable instructional materials, which need to be purchased outright by the family.
 - Payment Plan – Convenience Fee: We propose that families who pay fees over a four-payment plan cycle pay a \$7 per student convenience fee. The fee covers administrative costs incurred to support this plan.

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- Special Education – Guided Foods Course: Adjust the fee from \$25 to \$35 to be consistent with our regular education program fee structure.
- Parking Fee – Off Site: Structure an additional annual parking fee for off-site student parking that is greater than .5 or ½ mile from student entrance to school site. The Sunset Knoll Parking Lot that serves Glenbard East would qualify for this revised fee.

The Administration does not propose fee increases or changes in any other areas of the schedule.

- a proclamation regarding American Education Week. Glenbard joins millions of Americans nationwide in celebrating public schools during the National Education Association's 89th annual American Education Week this week. Rose Malcolm read a proclamation declaring Nov. 14-20 as American Education Week.

- ratifying the settlement agreement between Glenbard District 87 and Abbey Paving Company, Inc. The Administration has been working for some time to resolve issue with Abbey Paving related to the JV baseball field at Glenbard North. There were issues with the "As Built" work that was performed by Abbey, as compared to the field design. Ensuing remediation of the field by Abbey was not approved by the district. Pursuant to the contract with Abbey Paving, they are required to properly remediate the field to the satisfaction of the contract and the scope of work that was required to be done. Due to the time delays that have been incurred to date and the lack of confidence that the district has in Abbey Paving to properly remediate the field, the Administration has contacted a firm that does reliable work for the school district's athletic fields. They have provided a quote to perform the necessary scope of work to remediate the field in the amount of \$17,500. We have advised Abbey Paving that we would like this firm to perform the work and our intention is to deduct this amount of money from the remaining dollars owed to Abbey.

BOARD INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS INCLUDED:

- recognition of the Glenbard Board of Education in honor of School Board Member's Day – November 15. The nearly 6,000 men and women who run for and serve voluntarily as members for their local boards of education in Illinois serve tirelessly and willingly. Our students benefit every day from the dedication and commitment to public education of school board members. They all make personal sacrifices and spend countless hours tending to board business. November 15 has been designated as School Board Members Day in Illinois. This is a time to show our appreciation and to begin to better understand how school board members work together to provide leadership for our schools. Mike Meissen read a proclamation declaring Nov. 15 as School Board Members Day. The Quad from Glenbard South sang a tribute to the Board.

- recognition of the partnership with the Glendale Heights Police Department. Glenbard is appreciative of its school and community partnerships. The Board recognized the Glendale Heights Police Department, and specifically, Police Liaison Officer Mike Summerville, for providing assistance and support to foster a safe environment for the students and staff at Glenbard. The Board also thanked Police Chief Mike Marron for his collaboration with Glenbard.

- Sandra Coughlin, Title I and Reading Coordinator, provided the Board with a report on two literacy strategies. As part of our goal to create pathways to success for every student there are two literacy strategies:

- Achieve measurable reading gains across the content areas for all 9th graders.

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- Continue and expand reading support for students not yet reading at grade level.

The first strategy is addressed by evaluating current reading data from the Class of 2014 and the action plans that are being implemented across the district. The second strategy is addressed by examining the current levels of support for at-risk readers, their effectiveness on increasing student proficiency, and how Response to Intervention (RtI) mandates impact and influence the need for these services.

- a permanent fund transfer to the Debt Service Fund. Under the new Illinois Program Accounting Manual, expenditures for debt and related interest expenses are to be paid out of the Debt Service Fund (Fund #31). However, the Debt Service Fund only receives tax levy funds for referendum debt that was tax levied. This would leave the Debt Service Fund in a negative balance position. Therefore, a permanent transfer of \$284,685 from the Operating and Maintenance Fund and a permanent transfer of \$383,788 from the Education Fund must be made to the Debt Service Fund to prevent a negative balance position.

- Policy 4:30 *Revenue and Investments*
Policy 7:190 *Student Discipline*
Policy 7:285 *Allergy Policy*

- the Illinois Association of School Boards Delegate Report to the Membership. The 2010 Resolutions Committee Report to the Membership will be acted upon at the Annual Meeting of the IASB Delegate Assembly on November 20. Participation in the resolutions process by submitting new resolutions and discussing the resolutions gives member districts ownership in the association and the opportunity to establish the direction of the association and its major policies. The district's IASB delegate will submit any suggestions or revisions to the IASB Resolutions Committee.

The next meeting of the Glenbard Board of Education will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29, at Glenbard North High School, 990 N. Kuhn Road in Carol Stream.