

# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS



GLENBARD TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 87, GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS

## November 23, 2009 Board of Education meeting

Glenbard South High School

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

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

1. Two Glenbard students qualified for the IHSA state swimming meet, which was held over the weekend. Glenbard East junior Sarah Taege placed second at the sectional meet in both the 200 individual medley and the 100 freestyle. Glenbard North freshman Mary Floren placed second in the 100 breaststroke at the sectional meet. Floren finished in 8th place in the 100 breaststroke at the IHSA State Finals. Her time of 106.12 qualified her as the fastest freshman in the state of Illinois. Floren accomplished a team record and qualified for the Junior National Swimming meet in Orlando this spring. She accomplished All-American status with her performance this weekend. Taege finished in 21st place in the 100 freestyle and in 10th place in the 200 Individual Medley at the IHSA State Finals. Taege qualified to swim both events at the Junior National Swimming Meet.
2. One Book, One Glenbard returns with “the Rules of Survival” by Nancy Werlin. Our librarians developed the One Book, One Glenbard program to promote reading for pleasure and to connect our students and representatives from the local public libraries. The program is supported by a grant from the Partnership for Educational Progress (PEP). In the Rules of Survival, 17-year-old Matthew recounts his attempts, starting at a young age, to free himself and his sisters from the grip of their emotionally and physically abusive mother.
3. An anonymous donation in the amount of \$1,185.00 was received from a group of Glen Ellyn fathers who wanted to do something nice for the school community. The donation will be used to purchase a defibrillator for Biester Gym at Glenbard West.
4. The proposal to include both Glenbard West and Glenbard South girls swimming as a co-op team in the Western Suburban Conference for the 2010-2011 school year has been approved by the member schools of the conference.
5. Dr. Meissen congratulated West's football team on advancing to the IHSA State Finals after defeating Lake Zurich 21-17. On Saturday, the Hitters travel to Champaign to take on Wheaton-Warrenville South for the Class 7A state championship.

### **THE BOARD APPROVED:**

- minutes from the Nov. 9 regular meeting and Nov 9 closed session meeting.

- the following personnel items:

#### **CERTIFIED STAFF – EMPLOYMENT**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School/Subject</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Allison, James	West/Science (Add'l FTE) (Current Employee)	20.0%	01/19/10

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## SUPPORT STAFF - EMPLOYMENT

<b>Name</b>	<b>School/Subject</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Hanschmann, Jeffrey	West/Math Lab Aide	11/09/09

## CERTIFIED STAFF-RESIGNATIONS & TERMINATIONS

<b>Name</b>	<b>School/Subject</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Formosa-Mayan, Agueda	North/Foreign Language	06/11/10

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Carino, Nancy	District Office/Business Office Assistant	11/10/09

- an annexation agreement with the Village of Glen Ellyn subject to confirmation of a statutory limitation. Glenbard received a request from the Village of Glen Ellyn to annex into the village a 300-foot portion of property at the east side of Glenbard South along Park Boulevard. The Village is interested in this property because two properties to the south of Glenbard South have agreements to annex into the village, but the properties are not contiguous to the village. Property that is not contiguous to a municipality is not eligible for annexation. Thus, the annexation of the 300-foot wide strip is necessary for the further annexation of the properties to the south of Glenbard South. The administration recommends that the Board approve an annexation agreement for the following reasons: If District 87 refused to voluntarily annex its property, the property could be forcibly annexed and the School District could incur legal costs; in a voluntary annexation the court is not involved and the annexation only requires village approval. In addition, Glenbard has the opportunity to negotiate the following favorable terms: the village will not annex more of the Glenbard South site without School District approval; the village will not subject the annexed property or the remainder of the Glenbard South site to village zoning requirements; the village will not condemn any portion of the Glenbard South site without the School District's consent; and the village will not subject the annexed property or the remainder of the Glenbard South site to the village utility tax or the village sign code. The village would make a payment of \$20,000 to the School District following execution of the agreement. District 87 would receive increased property tax dollars from development of the properties to the south of Glenbard South. Following the review and approval of the annexation agreement the Glen Ellyn Village Board must hold a public hearing related to the annexation agreement and would need to approve the agreement.

- field trips and educational tour

- adopting the tax levy. The total tax levy, excluding the Bond and Interest Levy, is \$106.5 million, which represents a 4.56 percent increase over the prior year's aggregate tax extension. We have calculated our "most likely" extension based on a 2008 calendar Consumer Price Index of 0.1 percent and an estimated new construction amount of \$32.5 million. Based on this calculation, we believe that our total property tax extension revenue will increase by 0.6 percent. School districts, like other taxing bodies, typically levy a dollar amount higher than the expected amount because if the district's request is lower than what the county calculates, the district is only entitled up to the amount requested.

- expanding Glenbard's Guided Program to Glenbard North. The Guided Program currently is housed at Glenbard South. Students from all four Glenbard high schools attend the South program. While the program provides a strong academic and nurturing environment to our students, its location requires some students to travel a significant distance to attend and does not allow

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students the opportunity to attend their "home" school, unless they live within the boundary area of Glenbard South. The district has the opportunity to implement and fund a supplemental program for guided students through monies made available by the IDEA American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Glenbard plans to add a Guided Program building site at Glenbard North. Students would have the opportunity to be educated in their "home" school or at a school closer to their homes. Families would have to travel a shorter distance to attend meetings and after-school activities. Overall, students and their families would have a stronger sense of community.

## **BOARD INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS INCLUDED:**

- the Academic Excellence ceremony, which celebrates students who have been named 2010 National Merit Semifinalists, 2010 National Merit Commended Students, a National Achievement Scholarship Semifinalist; and students who earned a perfect score on the ACT. The following students were honored: 2010 National Merit Semifinalists: Michael Annes, Nicholas Biebel, Alexander Dunne, Rebecca Glaudell, Melissa Joens, Margaret Schwartz, Shikhar Shah, Michelle Werner, Matthew Zettinger, 2010 National Merit Commended Students: Andrew Bettin, Jody Bianchini, Sonja Bromann, Matthew Burdick, Adam Coleman, Alexander Cooper, Max Fisher, Matthew Hartigan, Ava Holz, Kyle Isaacson, Erin Kenney, Connor Loftus, Alexis McAdams, Ruth Mulvihill, Alexander Nelson, Matthew Oxley, Samuel Pennisi, Tyler Rehak, Erin Shores, Cory Slowik, Rebecca Tobin, and Richard Weber; National Achievement Scholarship Semifinalist Lloyd Smith; and Perfect ACT score: Nicholas Biebel, Tyler Rehak, Shikhar Shah, Janice Yoshimura and Matthew Zettinger.
- a presentation by DuPage Regional Superintendent Darlene Ruscitti, who shared information about the DuPage Regional Office of Education's functions and initiatives under way, including a Business Education Coalition, discussions regarding dual credit through the College of DuPage, a program with Nike to recruit college students to become teachers in DuPage and a new Regional Office of Education Advisory Board made up of teachers, including Glenbard East science department chairman Nick Scipione.
- an update on activities at Glenbard South. Survey results - This year the student survey results indicated that South has an issue with students showing respect to one another. This impacts South's ability to create a safe learning environment according to Strategic Priority 2. South has responded by creating a Student for Student organization. One of the goals of this group is to work on how South defines, demonstrates and celebrates respect at South. Tim McGrath is the sponsor for Students for Students and also serves on the school's Brooks team. He shared some activities South is planning to ensure an emotionally safe learning environment. Celebrations of Success – dean Taff Nielsen highlighted some of the successes of the past year and the early part of this year. South believes that some of the accolades the school, teams and individual students have earned are a reflection of its attempts to meet the needs of all students. Support Classes - Last year South initiated a number of new support classes. These classes were designed to achieve success for all students as indicated in Strategic Priority 1. South tracked the success of these students last year and through the first quarter of this year. Melissa Donile, who taught one of the courses, presented information. Assistant Principal for Instruction David Daly discussed work in the areas of Adequate Yearly Progress and Response to Intervention. Principal Terri Hanrahan shared her team's efforts to improve communication on new initiatives as well as staff concerns. Her team knows that any effective change process needs to have a component that allows all stakeholders to share their views and perspectives.

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- first reading of Policy 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure; Administrative Procedure 2:260-R2 Nondiscrimination Coordinator and Complaint Manager; Policy 5:220 Substitute Teachers; Policy 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting; and Policy 7:190 Student Discipline.

- the proposed 2010 Capital Improvement Projects. The project list was developed by District and Building Administrators, Legat Architects and Amsco Engineering and is comprised of energy saving measures, life-safety items, projects from the district Facilities Survey and buildings needs determined from routine building inspections.

The prioritization process used in determining projects is as follows:

1. Life Safety
2. Energy Improvements
3. "Protecting the Investment (Building Envelope)"
4. Curriculum Enhancements
5. Preventative Maintenance
6. Aesthetics

- a public hearing to consider a mandate waiver to allow Glenbard to increase the driver education fee from \$300 to an amount not to exceed \$350. The fee increase is in line with what other schools and private organizations charge students.

- District 87 implemented reductions in both registration and athletic fees for the 2008-2009 school year; the registration fee was decreased from \$125 to \$100; athletic fees were decreased from \$140 to \$130 per sport. Five course fees were increased for the 2009-2010 school year due to an error in the curriculum guides, inconsistency in charges and an increase in the cost for supplies. The Administration is recommending the following Student Fee Schedule for the 2010-2011 school year.

### **Increases:**

- Drivers Education, Behind the Wheel Fee: Increase from \$300 to \$350 (Pending waiver approval from the State). Consistent with our management efficiency plan.

### **Additions (For clarification purposes):**

- Bus Transportation – Fee-Based Busing (optional): \$300 per year, per student. The Board approved this fee and we are now adding it to the master fee schedule.
- Technology Center of DuPage (TCD): Kit or supply fees are established and charged directly by TCD to students.
- Fashion, Fitness Living, Foods Chemistry, Engineering Technology: Were not captured on previous schedules, but fees have been in force.

- a consulting contract with Catherine Loney, GCG Financial consultant, to provide assistance in strategic planning, benefit plan design, funding, administration and communication with administration and staff regarding the employee benefit programs. Loney's current contract will expire on December 31, 2009. The consulting fee for the first year of the contract is \$109,000. This represents no increase to the fees paid in 2009. Consulting fees for the second and third year of the contract will be based on CPI adjustments. GCG Financial will not accept any commissions paid out by any of the service providers for the District 87 benefit program.

***The next meeting of the Glenbard Board of Education will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, at the Administrative Center, 596 Crescent Blvd. in Glen Ellyn.***

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