

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS



GLENBARD TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 87, GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS

Feb. 25, 2008 Board of Education meeting

Glenbard West High School

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. Superintendent Michael Meissen said Glenbard District 87 would receive a FY 08 School District Library Program grant in the amount of \$6,474. These grants provide valuable support for Glenbard's library media program, and in doing so enhance student learning and academics.
2. Sixteen Glenbard students have been named National Merit finalists. Finalists include Glenbard East High School students Andrew Dorsey, James Fahey, Emma Foley, Patrick Jemmi, Marybeth Kram, and Jordan Reece; Glenbard South students Liana Fedele, Kathryn Glaudell, Stephanie Heilers, Robert Miller, Durga Thakral, Oana Toma, and Vivian Yang; and Glenbard West High School students Robert Cooper, Maxwell Johnson and Katie Steigleder.
3. We were saddened by the loss of 2006 Glenbard North graduate Gayle Dubowski, who died as a result of the events on Feb. 14 at Northern Illinois University. We extend our deepest sympathies to Miss Dubowski's family and friends.
4. Congratulations to Glenbard North High School junior Ben Crosby, who received a total score of 2400 on his SAT exam. Crosby is one of only 10 students in Illinois and 255 in the nation to earn a total score of 2400 on his SAT exam. More than 2 million students take the SAT every year.
5. Glenbard West students Betsy Williams and Caitlin Hinchey, who are Girl Scouts, have won second place in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2007 President's Environmental Youth Award. The program recognizes young people across America for projects that demonstrate their commitment to the environment. Williams and Hinchey conducted an environmental fair for the community at Churchill School in Glen Ellyn in October and a Churchill Park cleanup in September as their final project for their Girl Scout Gold Award, which is the highest award in Girl Scouts. Each girl has put in more than 300 hours and is still working on projects related to the fair.

The girls will receive the Gold Award in May.
6. Congratulations to Glenbard North teacher Mike Neenan on being named "Illinois Chess Coach of the Year" by a vote of the 121 coaches present at the state chess team tournament that was held in early February. This is a lifetime achievement award.
7. Students from Glenbard District 87 had an outstanding weekend at the IHSA Individual State Championships Feb. 15 and 16.

Congratulations to Glenbard North's wrestling program for having the program's most decorated performance in its 40-year history this weekend at the IHSA Individual State Championships. The Panthers placed higher than any other school in the state on Feb. 16.

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Individual state medalists were freshmen Joey Gosinski, sixth; senior Geno Capezio, fourth; and senior Danny Monaco, second. For the first time in the program, three individual state champions in one season were crowned: junior Tony Ramos at 125 pounds, junior Jimmy Chase at 130 pounds, and senior Vince Ramos at 145 pounds.

Congratulations to Glenbard East student Pat Walker for finishing second in state at the IHSA Wrestling meet. Walker finished the season with 45 wins and 3 losses.

Glenbard South student Mark Griffin won his first match downstate with a pin in the third round with 10 seconds left in the match and his second match by a score of 13-8.

8. Two Glenbard students advanced to the IHSA state swimming meet, which was held Feb. 22. Congratulations to Glenbard East student Kevin Mihic on qualifying for the IHSA State Swim meet in the 200-yard and 500-yard freestyle and Glenbard West junior Nick Iwanicki, who won the 100 free and placed fourth in the 50 free while qualifying for state.

9. Congratulations to the three Glenbard North gymnasts who competed in the IHSA State Girls Gymnastics meet. Freshman Christina Rini finished 19th on the uneven bars, sophomore Amber Fox finished tied for 12th on floor, qualified for finals on Feb. 16 on vault and finished 10, and finished her season with a 4 place medal in the all-around. Senior Meghan Court finished tied for 14 on vault, qualified for state finals on floor, finishing tied for seventh and finished tied for 17 in the all-around. Meghan Court also was nominated for Illinois Senior Gymnast of the year and was selected to represent the state of Illinois in the National High School Gymnastics meet in Florida in May.

Glenbard East student Andrea Petruniak took 15th in all-around, 15th on floor and 13th on the beam.

Glenbard West student Rebecca Stephan took 19th on beam, Courtney Gonzales took 17th on all-around, 2nd place on floor Feb. 15 and was in the top 10 on floor and vault on Feb. 16.

10. The district received a Freedom of Information Act request from the Illinois Policy Institute, requesting the names of the district's cafeteria service provider, custodial provider, and transportation services provider. The district has responded to the request.

11. Dr. Meissen thanked the Partnership for Educational Progress (PEP) for its support of One Book, One Glenbard through a grant.

THE BOARD APPROVED:

- minutes from the Feb. 11 regular meeting and Feb. 11 closed session meeting.

- the following personnel items:

CERTIFIED STAFF - EMPLOYMENT:

Name	School/Subject	FTE	Effective Date
Koeller, Sue	North/Special education	10.0%	01/22/08

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(current employee, additional FTE)

CERTIFIED STAFF – LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Name	School/Subject	Term	Reason
Gonzalez, Caroline	North/Health, PE	03/01/08 – End of Year	Maternity/Parental

SUPPORT STAFF – EMPLOYMENT:

Name	School/Subject	Effective Date
Core, Richard	East/Building tech support	02/21/08
Jourdan, Marianne	South/Career resource center aide	02/21/08
Laurendi, Beverly	South/Study hall-in school suspension	02/21/08

CERTIFIED STAFF – RESIGNATIONS:

Name	School/Subject	Effective Date
Richmond, Nathan	West/English department chairman (will remain as teacher)	06/09/2008

- a services agreement with Brad Sherman, who is providing video production services for the March 24 Distinguished Service Awards ceremony. Glenbard District 87 has established the Distinguished Service Awards program to recognize exemplary performance of faculty and staff members, as well as GCA, SEIU, Andy Frain and Sodexo employees, that has a positive effect on student achievement. The Distinguished Service Awards give special recognition to those people whose work goes "above and beyond" the call of duty. The Distinguished Service Awards program aligns with the employee relations component of Glenbard District 87's Communications and Community Partnerships Plan.
- an agreement from School-Link Technologies for installation of software used for the cafeteria point of sale system.
- school improvement plans for all four Glenbard high schools. The State Board of Education requires each school not making annual yearly progress to develop a school improvement plan and update the plan every two years. These plans address key AYP measurements in mathematics and reading and the monitoring performance in all identified subgroups.

BOARD INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS INCLUDED:

- Alex Flinn, author of "Breathing Underwater," this year's One Book, One Glenbard selection, spoke about her book and the impact she hopes it will have on teen-agers who read it. Glenbard West students Betsy Philipose and Roxanne Sarrett spoke about how the book affected them.
- 2007-08 Glenbard West parent organization leader awards. Awards were presented to Glenbard West Boosters presidents Marty and Julie Detmer and vice president Bob McCray; Band and Orchestra Parents presidents Jeff and Claudia Rio and treasurers Larry and Karen Deger; Choral Parents president Denyce Wendte; Glen Ellyn Youth Center co-presidents Jean Buckton and Dave and Judy Cheney; and C.A.R.E.S. leaders Kim Reed, Manette McReynolds, Cindy Flynn and Sarah Boockford.

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- an update on the department chairman mentoring program for new department chairmen. Pam Zimmermann, associate superintendent for educational services; Gail Urban, Glenbard West social studies department chairman; and Brendan Gaughan, Glenbard South social studies chairman; explained how the program creates a culture for standardization and organizational excellence. The program addresses the areas of budgeting, staffing, scheduling, supervision, curriculum and instruction, and teaching effectiveness.

- an update on the English language learners program in Glenbard District 87. Sharon Anderson, English language learners coordinator, explained the services offered to approximately 275 Glenbard students who come to Glenbard with limited proficiency skills in English. The students come here from all over the world, speaking 27 different languages. Glenbard's ELL program provides intense English instruction, sheltered instruction, tutorial assistance, bilingual support, and parent outreach.

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

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