

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS



GLENBARD TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 87, GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS

Feb. 9, 2009 Board of Education meeting

Administration center

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. Superintendent Mike Meissen congratulated to Glenbard North student Benjamin Crosby and Glenbard West student Elizabeth Bleed on being chosen as candidates for the U.S. Presidential Scholars program, which honors some of the country's most distinguished high school seniors. Candidates are evaluated based on their academic achievement, personal characteristics, leadership and service activities, and an analysis of an essay they write.
2. Congratulations to cheerleaders from Glenbard East, Glenbard North and Glenbard South on qualifying for the IHSA state tournament. Glenbard East took 5th place in the co-ed division, Glenbard North cheerleaders took 5th place in the sectional and Glenbard South took 4th place in the medium varsity division. The IHSA cheerleading state competition was held over the weekend in Bloomington.
3. Congratulations to Glenbard East teacher Alexis Eckersall on being named DuPage Valley Conference JV Girls Gymnastics Coach of the Year.
4. The district received a Freedom of Information Act request from Donald and Candace Pydo requesting articles, reports, studies, marketing material and literature provided to the superintendent and/or Board of Education from Field Turf and all other turf vendors from Jan. 1, 2006; names and addresses of artificial turf companies the district entered into discussions with regarding the purchase or installation of said product; copies of health, safety and future concerns provided by the vendor(s) regarding artificial turf; information acquired or sought regarding the possible health implications of lead and benzene exposure to children and adolescents; and protocol for disinfecting artificial turf. The district has requested a time extension to respond to the FOIA request.
5. Glenbard Township High School District 87 is proud to announce that 13 Glenbard students have been named National Merit finalists. Finalists include Glenbard East student Benjana Guraziu; Glenbard North students Benjamin Crosby, Marissa Gaskill and Jeremy Jennings; Glenbard South students Kalina Kassadjikova, Anirudh Padmarao, Aniket Panjwani and Amanda Walborn; and Glenbard West students Elizabeth Bleed, Carolyn Carson, Adam Flugel, Michael Lopesciolo and Ivy Zhu.

THE BOARD APPROVED:

- minutes from the Jan. 26 regular meeting.
- appointing Dr. Hector Garcia assistant superintendent for educational services in Glenbard District 87, effective July 1. Garcia is the director of Curriculum and Instruction in Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202, where he is responsible for high school curriculum

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standards and alignment, course offerings and the honors program. Garcia spearheaded the significant growth in the number of Plainfield District 202 students taking honors/Advanced Placement courses and has been instrumental in developing strategies to address student academic gaps and increasing students' performance on the Prairie State Achievement Exam and ACT. Garcia earned his Ph.D. in administration and supervision from Loyola University in Chicago, a master's degree in educational administration from Northern Illinois University and a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

- appointing Shahe Bagdasarian assistant principal for student services at Glenbard East High School, effective July 1. Bagdasarian is a dean at York High School in Elmhurst. He also has experience as a special education teacher/case manager at York High School and a special education teacher at Elmwood Park High School and Lansing Everett High School in Lansing, MI.

- appointing David Daly as assistant principal for instruction at Glenbard South High School, effective July 1. Daly is the instructional leader for mathematics in Rich Township High School District 227. Daly also has experience as assistant director of district student athletics and activities in Joliet Township High School District 204 and a mathematics teacher at Plainfield High School and Providence Catholic High School. He is working toward his doctorate degree in educational leadership from Illinois State University. Daly earned a master's degree in educational leadership from Lewis University in Romeoville and a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of St. Francis in Joliet.

- the following personnel items:

CERTIFIED STAFF – EMPLOYMENT:

Name	School/Subject	FTE	Effective Date
Bagdasarian, Shahe	East/Asst Principal For Student Services	100.0%	08/17/09
Brandt, Kristin	West/Social Studies Dept Chair (Current Employee)	100.0%	08/24/09
Daly, David	South/Asst Principal For Instruction	100.0%	07/01/09
Garcia, Hector	District/Asst Superintendent For Educational Services	100.0%	07/01/09
Harley, Jennifer	North/Science	100.0%	11/18/08
Harpalani, Haresh	South/Mathematics Dept Chair (Current Employee)	100.0%	08/24/09
Nelson, Sharon	West/Mathematics	12.5%	01/22/09

SUPPORT STAFF – EMPLOYMENT:

Name	School/Subject	Effective Date
Infelise, Cynthia	East/Production Room Secretary	02/17/09

SUPPORT STAFF – RESIGNATIONS:

Name	School/Subject	Effective Date
Rudy, Sharon	North/Bookkeeper	02/05/09

- second reading of policy 6:60 curriculum content, administrative procedure 6:60-R4 curriculum content, policy 1:30 school district philosophy, policy 7:230 – misconduct by students with disabilities, administrative procedure 7:230-R1 - misconduct by students with disabilities, policy 6:310 – credit for alternative courses and programs and course substitutes, administrative

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procedure 6:310-R6 – physical education waivers, and exhibit 6:310-E1 – request for seven-period physical education waiver.

- summer flex hours for 2009.
- accepting a \$20,000 donation from Durc and Janeen Savini to be used for new weight room equipment at Glenbard South High School.
- the Glenbard South music department educational tour to Italy from June 9 to 17, 2010. Students will tour, perform and study the culture of Italy.
- a resolution to allow the school treasurer to make interfund loans in the amount of \$2,000,000 to the Educational Fund from the Working Cash Fund. Repayment will be made when the School Treasurer receives tax collections, which are estimated to be \$81,343,384 for the 2008 levy year.
- a resolution to allow the School Treasurer to make a \$1,900,000 interfund loan from the School District's Working Cash Fund and to repay the Transportation Fund when the School Treasurer receives tax collections, which are estimated to be \$3,612,592 for the 2008 levy year.
- a resolution to allow the School Treasurer to make interfund loans in the amount of \$600,000 to the Operations and Maintenance Fund from the Working Cash Fund. Repayment will be made when the School Treasurer receives tax collections, which are estimated to be \$12,134,600 for the 2008 levy year.
- a resolution to allow the School Treasurer to make interfund loans in the amount of \$900,000 to the Bond and Interest Fund from the Working Cash Fund. Repayment will be made when the School Treasurer receives tax collections, which are estimated to be \$4,135,238 for the 2008 levy year.
- a resolution to allow the School Treasurer to make an interfund loan in the amount of \$780,000 from the School District's Working Cash Fund and to repay the Municipal Retirement/Social Security Fund when the School Treasurer receives tax collections, which are estimated to be \$1,919,752 for the 2008 levy year.
- a resolution to approve preparation of the 2009-2010 budget.
- having Telesolutions Consultants LLC perform phases 4 through 10 of a communications system study at a cost not to exceed \$5,440. Glenbard's phone/communications systems have been discontinued for more than seven years, with limited third-party support and service options available. Because of concerns regarding the reliability of the aging equipment, an evaluation and recommendation process from a telecommunications consulting firm was pursued. The Board approved the first three phases of the 10-phase communication review provided by Telesolutions Consultants LLC in October.

BOARD INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS INCLUDED:

- Honoring nine Glenbard District 87 students who were selected for the Illinois Music Educators

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Association All-State Festival, which was held in January in Peoria. The students were selected based on a rigorous audition procedure of etudes, musical excerpts, scales, triads, and sight-reading and participated in the District 9 Senior Festival. Glenbard East's All-State Musicians include seniors Marquis Mason, choir, and Jeremy Sison, band (trombone); Glenbard North's All-State students include seniors Owen Carlos bassoon, and Brenda Dratnol, bass clarinet; Glenbard South junior Andrea Cebulski, clarinet; Glenbard West All-State Musicians include seniors Rachel Wendte, soprano, Peter Ilhardt, cello, Sarah Grotto, clarinet, and junior Rebecca Tobin, clarinet.

- a wellness screening summary report by Wellness, Inc. Rod Molek, assistant superintendent for human resources, provided information about how wellness screenings offered throughout Glenbard can be used to reduce targeted health risks and improve the overall health of Glenbard employees.

- the update of various communication and community engagement activities in Glenbard High School District 87. Peg Mannion, community relations coordinator, and Gilda Ross, student and community projects coordinator, provided information about activities that engage the community in the four high schools. Mannion presented information regarding Conversations with Glenbard, the districtwide newsletter, GLENBARD-NEWS e-newsletter, Glenbard District 87 Business Education Council, Glenbard Leadership Council, Superintendent's Citizens Communication Forums, Minority Student Achievement Network and Distinguished Service Awards. Ross discussed Glenbard District 87's parent education program, minority parent education program, InTouch and social and emotional learning initiatives.

- first reading of policy 7:10 – equal educational opportunities, policy 7:20- harassment of student prohibited, policy 7:50 – school admissions and student transfers to and from non-district schools, and policy 6:300 graduation requirements.

- a 2009-2010 social worker and psychologist internship proposal. The proposal calls for restoring a collaborative relationship between school social worker and psychologist interns and the universities they attend. Lynne Matczak, special education director; Peter Monaghan, Glenbard West assistant principal for student services; Deb Cartwright, Glenbard North assistant principal for student services; and Jeff Money, Glenbard North social worker explained the goals of the program. The proposal calls for hiring a social work and psychologist intern at each of the four Glenbard high schools at a salary of \$9,000. The amount would be reimbursed from the state's annual personnel reimbursement for special education. Interns would be responsible for assisting teachers, other professionals and parents involved in providing optimum teaching and learning conditions for all students.

The next meeting of the Glenbard Board of Education will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at Glenbard North, 990 N. Kuhn Road in Carol Stream.