

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS



GLENBARD TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 87, GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS

March 8, 2010 Board of Education meeting

Administrative Center

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. Congratulations to Glenbard East student Tyler Fowler, Glenbard North student Tim Lichtenstein and Glenbard West student Ian Smith on earning the rank of Eagle Scout!
2. Congratulations to Glenbard South student Torri Orive, who has been admitted to the Secondary School Program of the 2010 Harvard University Summer School. Torri is an excellent example of the central purpose of our school district.
3. Our faculty participated in the DuPage County Institute Day on Feb. 26. This is a valuable professional development opportunity for our teachers and a key part of our continuous improvement efforts.
4. We have completed our sectioning meetings with the leadership teams from all four high schools. Decisions have been formalized about staffing plans based upon our budget parameters and student needs.
5. We have developed an online registration form for our summer school program. The online form will make registration easier for families and improve accuracy. The summer school page also includes credit course descriptions, a Bridge course guide, fee waiver form and transportation information.
6. Congratulations to Glenbard West sophomore Daniel Motel, who received a perfect ACT score. Motel, who took the test in February, is one of a select few students in Illinois to score a perfect 36 on the ACT exam. The ACT, which is the most widely accepted college entrance exam, consists of tests in math, English, science and reading. Motel's composite score is the average of the four test scores.
7. The latest episode of Conversations with Glenbard features Superintendent Mike Meissen discussing legislative issues with State Rep. Sandra Pihos, State Sen. Dan Cronin and Legislative Education Network of DuPage (LEND) Executive Director Peggy Agnos. Particularly given Illinois' financial condition, this is a very important episode to watch. Watch the program online at:
<http://www.glenbard87.org/sitepages/videos/cwg15>

Conversations with Glenbard also is available on the following cable access channels: Comcast Channel 19 at 4:30 p.m. Fridays; Addison Channel 6 daily at 5:30 p.m. Friday through Sunday 11 p.m.; Carol Stream Channel 6 on Saturdays at 7, 9 and 11 a.m. and 1, 3, 5 and 7 p.m.; Glendale Heights Cable channel 6 at 10:05 a.m. daily; Glen Ellyn Cable Channel 17 at 8 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday; Lombard Channel 6 on Sundays at 3 p.m.; Mondays at 5 p.m.; Tuesdays at 10:30 p.m.; Wednesdays at 1 p.m.; Thursdays at 5 p.m. and Saturdays at 6 p.m.; and Wheaton Channel 17 on Mondays at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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- Dr. Meissen reported that Illinois is a phase 1 finalist for Race to the Top funds. Race to the Top is a \$4.35 billion national effort to re-shape the country's educational system. Winners for phase 1 will be announced in April. In January, the Board of Education authorized the administration to pursue exploration of grant funding for school improvement initiatives under way in the school district by committing to a Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Illinois, School District, and leadership of the Teachers Union. Race to the Top funds are needed to supplement Glenbard's budget and provide instructional support for students.

THE BOARD APPROVED:

- minutes from the Feb. 22 regular meeting and Feb. 22 closed session meeting.

- the following personnel items:

CERTIFIED STAFF – LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Name	School/Subject	Term	Reason
Angus, La Lissa	East/Mathematics	2010-11 School Year	Parental
Lafido, Michael	South/Physical Ed	2010-11 School Year	Parental
Nikrandt, Trisha	East/Foreign Lang	2010-11 School Year	Educational

SUPPORT STAFF – EMPLOYMENT:

Name	School/Subject	Effective Date
Cacciato, Sarah	South/FaCS Preschool Aide	02/24/10
Yudys, Michelle	South/Special Education Asst	03/01/10

CERTIFIED STAFF – RESIGNATIONS & TERMINATIONS:

Name	School/Subject	Effective Date
Chiappetta, Louis	North/Mathematics	06/11/10

- the Glenbard Education Association Agreement regarding Professional Learning Communities for the 2010-2011 school year at all four high schools. Professional Learning Communities provide opportunities for teachers to collaborate around student learning progress; time for staff to coordinate the efficient and effective delivery of curriculum and structure for staff to design and review the results of common assessments.

- interfund loans. Board members approved borrowing from the District's Working Cash Fund to meet the temporary cash flow needs in the following funds: Educational Fund, Debt Service Fund, Municipal Retirement/Social Security Fund, Operations and Maintenance Fund and Transportation Fund. The balances in these funds may be insufficient to meet the district's anticipated expenses for the 2009-10 fiscal year without transferring funds in anticipation of the collection of general taxes for the 2009 levy year. Approval of the resolution allows the School Treasurer to make interfund loans in the following amounts:

- Educational Fund: \$1,000,000
- Debt Service Fund: \$800,000
- Municipal Retirement/Social Security Fund: \$900,000
- Operations and Maintenance Fund; \$1,400,000
- Transportation Fund; \$2,100,000

Repayment will be made when the School Treasurer receives tax collections for the 2009 levy year.

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- 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 \$984,897 from the Operating and Maintenance Fund must be made to the Debt Service Fund to prevent a negative balance position.

- a field trip.

- the superintendent's attendance at the Intervention Convention 2010 "Driving Reform through Innovation" in April. The conference is for district level leaders to explore innovative ideas and reforms that lead to increased student achievement. Assistant Deputy Secretary James Shelton with the U.S. Department of Education will present information about President Obama's reform agenda. The Executive Director of the Council of Chief School Officers, Gene Wilhoit, will provide information about the common core standards movement, and other educational leaders will provide insights about school improvement, student learning and transforming America's schools.

- accepting an anonymous donation in the amount of \$10,000 to be used for students attending the J. Kyle Braid Leadership Camp in the summer at Glenbard West.

- a resolution authorizing a master lease agreement with American Capital Financial Services, Inc. and for Schedule B providing for the lease purchase of the technology equipment. Glenbard's technology lease to own plan was implemented in 2008-2009 to address a technology environment whereby over 40 percent of the school district's computers aged 5 years or more. The lease to own plan is in essence an installment payment plan that provides District 87 the means to accelerate technology deployment. The district implemented this program to achieve the key benefits referenced below, consistent with District 87's strategic priority 5.

- Conserve capital and free up funding for key alternate technologies
- Operate at established budget levels
- Avoid a continuing cycle of technology obsolescence
- Provide equity across the district for students and staff
- Implement a structured, centralized purchase process

This plan is consistent with the District's 5-year technology plan that provided for computer acquisition via purchase or lease.

- approving the resolution accepting Community High School District 99's petition for withdrawal from the Directions alternative learning opportunities program. Directions, a program partially funded through the Alternative Learning Opportunities Grant, is an alternative school that has a positive effect on attendance, retention, behavior and academic achievement of the freshmen and sophomores enrolled. Member districts involved in the program have included Glenbard District 87, DuPage High School District 88 and Community High School District 99, in cooperation with the DuPage Regional Office of Education. In January, District 99 informed the Directions administrative board of its intent to withdraw from the partnership due to 2010-2011 cost reduction decisions. The petition to withdrawal, along with the resolutions from District 87 and District 88 accepting the withdrawal, must be approved by the Regional Board of School Trustees. Districts 87 and 88 are committed to the continuing their support of the Directions program.

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- the Articles of Joint Agreement for the Cooperative Association for Special Education. There were recent amendments to the Illinois School Code, effective Aug. 28, 2009, that require the review and amendment of the current articles of joint agreement for CASE. These amendments will affect the procedures for withdrawal, dissolution and disposition of property for the cooperative.
- recognizing the two Women's Cooperative Swim Teams as parent-funded teams. This school year was the first year of a four-school Women's Cooperative Swim Team. The first season was a learning experience and a successful start for the parent-funded sport. Carol Floren, president of the Glenbard North and Glenbard East Women's Swim Cooperative, submitted information that outlines the parent-funded cooperative for year two of the athletic emerging sport program. On June 8, 2009, the Board took action to recognize a four-team swim cooperative. Since that time the group has plans to split into two, two-team cooperatives. The revision allows for more student participation and full inclusion in the DuPage Valley and West Suburban conferences. Last year the cooperative was not conference affiliated. Glenbard West parent Gina Walch is finalizing the parent organization for the Glenbard West and Glenbard South Cooperative.
- authorizing the Administration to proceed with the preparation of bid documents to install synthetic turf at Memorial Field pending the Glen Ellyn Park District's approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement. Under the terms of this agreement the Glen Ellyn Park District would pay District 87 \$20,000 per year, with a minimum funding requirement of \$160,000. For this payment, the Park District would have usage rights to the field over 20 weekends in the spring and fall. In addition, Memorial Field would be used for summer Park District camps that serve Glenbard West students. The Glen Ellyn Park Board reviewed the intergovernmental agreement on March 2. We expect that they will approve the agreement at their March 16 meeting. We intend on bringing the agreement to the District 87 Board for execution on March 22. The community group has met its obligations under the agreement. Funding contributions from the community, the Glenbard West Boosters, the Glen Ellyn Park District, and family activity pass proceeds comprise the \$695,000 target. Legat Architects has developed a preliminary project schedule that targets a substantial completion date by August 27, based on Board of Education authorization to commence the bid process on March 8. In January 2009, the Board of Education approved a resolution in response to limited field space at Glenbard West. The resolution focused on installing artificial turf at Memorial Park which will significantly enhance site utilization for physical education, co-curricular and athletic programs. The total project budget would not exceed \$1,625,000; District 87's contribution would not exceed \$925,000. The funding source of the \$925,000 is vending contributions and costs savings. Funding partners would be responsible for funding the remaining amount. On April 27, 2009, the Board of Education approved a contract between Partners for Educational Progress (PEP), Gain Ground and District 87. The project cannot commence unless all partners' funds are raised and/or committed via an agreement with a governmental entity. The funding requirement from community groups is \$695,000. If the bid comes in higher than \$1,625,000, the District has the right to not pursue this project. The community funding sources for the Memorial Park Synthetic Turf project total \$695,000, specifically:
 - Community Group fundraising target: \$285,000
 - Glenbard West Booster Group - funding commitment: \$50,000
 - Glen Ellyn Park District funding commitment (intergovernmental agreement required): \$160,000
 - Glenbard West activity pass proceeds (\$25,000 per year for eight years): \$200,000

District 87 funding sources include: district athletic bus cost savings/field maintenance savings total \$373,000 and vending contributions of \$540,000 or a total of \$913,000, over an 8-year time frame. Community and Booster funds will be provided at the beginning of the project. All other

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funding sources will be provided over time. Therefore, District 87 will incur debt service to have sufficient cash on hand to fund the project cost up front. This is consistent with the Glenbard North funding model.

- first reading of Policy 7:100 Health Examination, Immunizations, and Exclusion of Students; Policy 4:110 Transportation; Administrative Procedure 4:110-R3 Pre-Trip and Post Trip Inspection; Bus Driving Comments; Policy 2:200 Notice and Conduction of School Board Meetings; Policy 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment; Policy 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities; and Policy 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited.

BOARD INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS INCLUDED:

- proposed summer hours for guidance counselors, bookkeepers, administrators and support staff in order to continue District 87's commitment to the community to have staff members available for registration assistance, including residency, scheduling, enrollment, waivers, reduced and free lunch applications, special education staffing meetings, and answering questions as needed. Summer evening flex hours are in the fourth year of existence. Last year more than 1,500 families received services during the summer evenings. This summer an outreach program for at-risk students will be initiated. Counselors, social workers and school psychologists will meet our students who need school contact most over the summer. For cost containment purposes the budget has been reduced by 11 percent from last year's budget.

- a proposal for a Glenbard West men's parent-funded swim team. Kathy Dibadj submitted a letter outlining Glenbard West parents' efforts to start a parent-funded men's swim team. The proposal includes funding information, insurance, participants, liability waiver and coach information. The parent group requested that the Board consider recognizing the Glenbard West men's swim team as a parent-funded sport.

The next meeting of the Glenbard Board of Education will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 22, at Glenbard West, 670 Crescent Blvd. in Glen Ellyn.