

# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS



GLENBARD TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 87, GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS

## Aug. 4, 2008 Board of Education meeting

Administration center

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

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

Superintendent Mike Meissen said a construction project along Main Street in Lombard is progressing.

Dr. Meissen said the Partnership for Educational Progress (PEP) announced the selection of the 2008-09 PEP grant recipients. This year, PEP received 60 grant applications and will fund 42 grants, totaling \$25,985. The Glenbard District 87 PEP grant recipients are: Kathy Cerabona, Freshman Reading Across the Curriculum; Kathy Cerabona, Jeannine Glock, Diane Mankowski and Susan Midelton, One Book, One Glenbard; Kim Te Grootenhuis, A Gorilla in the Classroom; Diane Mankowski, Books are Bewitching and Brake 4 Books; Nancy Pierce and Lila Birchfield, Expanding the Borders of the Library; and Jed Schuldt, Wayne Rapp, Scott Boehm and Anastasia Hetman, Inspirational Educational Films. Meissen thanked PEP for making such valuable learning opportunities possible.

Meissen reported on the final days of summer school. He commended Associate Superintendent for Educational Services Pam Zimmermann, school leaders and our summer school partners for delivering a quality educational program.

The district received a Freedom of Information Act request from Michele Youngerman of CBS 2, requesting records involving corporal punishment and copies of the district's policies pertaining to the use of timeout, intervention and/or seclusion rooms. The Human Resources department has responded to the request.

Glenbard teachers and administrators are attending a 3-day Professional Learning Communities conference at Stevenson High School this week. Glenbard educators are learning the role that effective teams will have in building the capacity of personnel and in shaping a Professional Learning Community. We are eager to see the results in Glenbard's Professional Learning Communities model.

Congratulations to Glenbard East student Phillip Wadle on earning his Eagle Scout rank. Phillip built a soccer wall at Sunset Knolls in Lombard for his Eagle Scout project. We are very proud of Phillip's leadership skills and strong work ethic. He is a great ambassador for his school and his community.

We are offering flexible office hours this summer to accommodate families' schedules. In addition to regular office hours, we are offering access to guidance counselors, bookkeepers, administrators and staff members from noon to 8 p.m. Flexible hours began last week and continue on Aug. 5, 7, 12 and 14. During these hours the staff is available to assist with enrollment, waivers, free and reduced lunch applications, residency issues. Also, staff members are available to schedule appointments as needed for special education staffing.

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We are excited to offer a new opportunity for two-way communication with parents and other community members. We are launching the Superintendent's Citizens Communication Forum this fall. Each forum will focus on a core area of district operations, including: student growth & achievement; teaching and learning; finance; and work environment. Those who participate in the forum will have access to administrators who oversee these essential areas. Participants will gain an increased understanding of Glenbard's goals and priorities. The Superintendent's Citizens Communication Forum will meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 15, Dec. 1, March 16 and June 1, in the district office.

We are seeing good response to our new online payment tool. Families are finding this to be a convenient way to pay registration fees and purchase activity passes, yearbooks and lunches. Payment is made through Glenbard's secure online store and payment center on our Web site. This system also allows us to view average daily participation statistics for lunch, by school and generate profit and loss reports, by school.

This fall, we will launch a monthly cable access television show about Glenbard District 87, called Conversations with Glenbard. The program will be cablecast on Comcast's regional public access channel 19 and on our communities' local cable stations (Addison Channel 6, Carol Stream Channel 6, Downers Grove DGTV Channel 6, Glendale Heights Channel 6, Glen Ellyn Channel 17, Hanover Park Channel 17, Lombard Channel 6 and Wheaton Channel 17.)

## THE BOARD APPROVED:

... minutes from the July 7 regular meeting and the July 7 closed session meeting.

- the following personnel items:

### **CERTIFIED STAFF – EMPLOYMENT:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School/Subject</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Bednarek, Jennifer	West/Physical Education	100%	08/25/08
Dispensa, Carolyn	North/Social Studies	100%	08/25/08
Hays, Allyn	Directions/Mathematics	100%	08/25/08
Oberg, Linda	West/Ass't Principal Athletics (Current Employee)	100%	07/29/08
Odenthal, Amy	North/Social Studies	100%	08/25/08
Rensch, Mary	North/Special Education	100%	08/25/08
Snoreck, Timothy	North/Dean Of Students (Current Employee)	100%	08/18/08
Strohm, Kylee	South/Family & Consumer Sciences	82.5%	08/25/08
Wagner, Kristin	North/Physical Education	20%	07-08 Recall

### **SUPPORT STAFF – EMPLOYMENT:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School/Subject</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Blanchard, Rachel	South/Special Education Aide	08/25/08
Deal, Kelly	South/Special Education Aide	08/25/08
Huebner, Janet	South/Study Hall-In School Suspension	08/25/08
Jokela, Joanne	North/Attendance Clerk	08/25/08

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Keller, Bethany	South/Special Education Aide	08/25/08
Macconnell, Scott	South/Special Education Aide	08/25/08
Masilotti, Kelly	South/Special Education Aide	08/25/08
Murphy, Matthew	South/Special Education Aide	08/25/08
Sagan, Samantha	South/Special Education Aide	08/25/08

## **CERTIFIED STAFF – RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School/Subject</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Huitema, Barry	West/Asst Principal Athletics	07/31/08
Lee, Susanna	Directions/English	06/02/08
Osborn, Chrissa	North/Guidance	06/08/12

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Barracca, Kelly	South/Study Hall-In School Suspension	07/17/08
Russell, Kathryn	South/Math Lab Aide	07/22/08

... a contract for substitute caller Barb Finnie for the 2008-09 school year. Finnie has been the substitute caller for Glenbard District 87 for 22 years.

... a letter of agreement regarding cooperative library services between the Glen Ellyn Public Library and Glenbard District 87 for the 2008-09 school year. The agreement aligns with Glenbard's goals related to reading and development of literacy.

... an intergovernmental agreement between Glenbard District 87 and the village of Glendale Heights regarding the hiring of a school resource officer. A Glendale Heights police officer will rotate services between Glenbard East, Glenbard North and Glenbard West high schools.

... the bid from Direct Fitness Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$40,744 for 37 indoor stationary cycles for Glenbard East.

... an agreement between the College of DuPage and Glenbard District 87 for C.O.D.'s classroom rental charges for the 2008-09 school year. The agreement represents a 5 percent increase from the prior year.

... a maintenance agreement with Doron Precision Systems, Inc. for the driving simulation systems at all four high schools in an amount not to exceed \$9,534.

... the student activities handbook for the 2008-09 school year. The handbooks outline the various responsibilities and expectations of activities that involve cash management throughout the district.

... having Teachers Retirement Service contributions withheld equally over 24 pay periods, beginning in September, consistent with the Glenbard Education Association's request.

... implementing the Immediate Response Information system, which will increase and improve communication options with our families and employees. The system aligns with our goals related to attendance, as well as home/school/community partnerships. Implementation of this system is critical to improved crisis communication and increased communication from school

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administrators. By providing additional communication avenues we empower families with the ability to choose the way(s) in which they would like to be contacted and in the language they want to receive Glenbard's valuable, timely information. We will reduce language barriers by offering our message in multiple languages. This system will improve attendance reporting to families and free up deans, support staff and assistant principals for student services to address other student-related issues.

... the 2008-09 Andy Frain security officer contract. The agreement includes a 4 percent rate increase to \$13.13 per hour and a decrease in full time equivalent from 42.5 to 38. The decrease in staffing is related to the addition of a Glendale Heights Police liaison officer for Glenbard District 87. Glenbard recommends that Andy Frain add an additional four part-time employees to the staffing pool. These employees may fill in at the schools as needed to assist when there are attendance issues or special needs.

... the Glenbard West music department's educational tour of Vienna and Prague. In the spring, students will analyze and perform the music of Austrian and Czech heritage. Performance venues include concert halls, schools, public squares and churches.

... having Legat Architects perform Phase I and II of a districtwide outdoor facility master plan for a total of \$17,660. The goal of the study is to review the outdoor physical education facilities, athletic areas, including synthetic turf fields and other outdoor instructional spaces at each campus, excluding Glenbard West.

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

... review of the 2008-09 budget.

... an artificial turf proposal. Gain Ground, a Glenbard West resident group, has been working for two years on a project to provide private sector funding for an improvement to the outdoor athletic fields at Glenbard West. The project is proposed to be a cooperative effort between the school, Gain Ground and the Park District. An architectural and engineering analysis was conducted to determine a feasible plan to install synthetic turf on Duchon and Memorial fields. The administration will present the Board with a financial plan to partner with various groups to acquire synthetic turf at all four high schools.

***The next meeting of the Glenbard Board of Education will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, at the administration center, 596 Crescent Blvd. in Glen Ellyn.***

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