



## **GLENBARD TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 87**

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### **Minutes of the January 21, 2020 Meeting of the Communication, Legislation, and Partnerships Committee**

Robert C. Stevens Administration Center  
596 Crescent Blvd. Glen Ellyn, IL

Present: Bob Friend, Martha Mueller, Amy Goodman, Melissa Piwovar, Peg Mannion and Nick Scipione

#### **I. Approval of minutes**

The committee approved minutes of the Nov. 18, 2019 meeting of the Communication, Legislation and Partnerships Committee.

#### **II. Partnership for Educational Progress Update**

- PEP is being rejuvenated. Bob Friend and others are working to have Glenbard and six sender districts actively participate in Partnership for Educational Progress (PEP).
- Sender district superintendents are making preliminary commitments to all participate.
- Glenbard employee payroll deductions – We will increase promotion of our employee payroll deductions and share examples of how the donations are used to help students.
- In 2019-2020, PEP welcomed D41 Kids Foundation and D89Kids Foundation. As funds grow, PEP may increase the educational support for students, families and teachers across schools in all seven school districts.

PEP 2020 projects:

- Opportunity for individuals and organizations to partner with PEP to provide supplemental financial resources to support schools.
- A community event to promote PEP's mission and continue the support for equity in educational opportunities across all seven districts
- New logo and website

#### **III. Legislative Update**

- Pension reform
  - Teachers Retirement System Executive Director Dick Ingram will attend LEND council meeting to provide updates and answer questions
- Property taxes
  - Some discussion that if the fair tax is enacted, there would be a property tax freeze of some sort.

- LEND will convene a subcommittee of school business managers to meet in Feb. and discuss risks.
  - We would re-engage our lawmaker visits
- School district consolidation
  - State Rep. Rita Mayfield (D-Waukegan) is sponsor of HB3053, a consolidation bill.
    - Would form a commission to see which districts could save money by consolidating, then give taxpayers the chance to vote.
    - It may be building out shared services more for small districts that cannot afford a superintendent.
      - Lake Forest superintendent works with two boards of education as a shared supt.
  - School District Efficiency Commission is back
- **Census**
  - We are partnering with municipalities to spread the word about 2020 U.S. Census and inform hard to reach audiences
  - We are looking into partnering with others to host a community event where people could complete the census.
  - For each person in Illinois who goes uncounted, Illinois would lose \$1,400 per year.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Friend

Glenbard District 87 Board Member

Communication, Legislation and Partnerships Committee Chair