

Board of Education Meeting Highlights April 2008

President, Rob Bailey, called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Minutes from the regular and closed sessions of March 10, 2008 were approved.

There were no public comments during the first scheduled opportunity.



Reorganization of the Board of Education was conducted with a motion made and seconded for the following slate of officers:

President: Rob Bailey
Vice President: James Burnham
Secretary: Cathlene Crawford
Secretary Pro-Tem: John Myefski

Following approval of the officers a motion was made, seconded and approved to set the regular meeting dates of the Board of Education of Glencoe Schools as the second Monday of the month. The meeting time was set at 7:30 p.m. with the location identified as Young Auditorium at Central School. The summer meeting will be identified next month.

The Board Committee assignments were then reviewed with the following representatives identified:

Communications:
Laura Malehorn

Glencoe Educational Foundation:
Eddie Chez

Facilities:
Rob Bailey, John Myefski, James Burnham

Finance:
Eddie Chez, John Myefski, Laura Malehorn, Rob Bailey

Behavior Intervention: John Myefski

Glencoe Junior High Project: Eric Sigurdson

Intergovernmental Affairs: John Myefski, James Burnham

IASB Representative: Laura Malehorn

NSSSED (North Shore Special Education District): Rob Bailey, Eric Sigurdson - Alternate

Policy Manual Review:

Plan Commission: Eddie Chez

PTO: Rob Bailey

Technology: Eddie Chez, Eric Sigurdson, and James Burnham

GEA/Board Liaison: Laura Malehorn

Strategic Planning/Vision and Values: James Burnham, and Laura Malehorn

Mr. Bailey, recognized the P.T.O. co-presidents for their work and the organization's contributions throughout the school year. This was Julie Hayes' final year to serve as co-president. Joy Fiorini and Wendi Williams will lead the organization in the coming school year. The Glencoe Educational Foundation officers, Jon Knouse, president and Dave Metrick, vice-president, were also recognized for their contributions to the organization and the school district.

The Board also recognized Dr. Greg Makoul's service to the school district. Dr. Makoul officially resigned from his position from the Glencoe School District Board of Education as he and his family will be moving out of state. One year remains in Dr. Makoul's term. The Board of Education will accept applications and conduct interviews to fill the vacancy created by Dr. Greg Makoul's resignation. The Board anticipated taking action to fill this vacancy at the regular monthly meeting scheduled for June 9, 2008. The appointee will begin his/her role as a Board of Education Member at the June 9th meeting. This information will be publicized on the district web page, in the Board Bulletin and in the Pioneer Press. Application materials must be completed and filed in the Board of Education by the close of business on May 30, 2008.

During administrator reports Mr. Tanner described the use of P-Cards and the methods used to track these expenditures.

Mrs. Wang informed the Board of a parent request to place a mosaic bench in the South School courtyard.

Dr. Crawford reviewed the 2007 graduate survey responses. The following information was reviewed and compared to the previous graduate survey results.

A total of 165 surveys were mailed and 70 responses were received reflecting a return rate of 42%.

If reported in the same manner as ISAT scores, the following reflected the percentage of students perceiving their level of preparation for high school as well prepared or adequately prepared:

English	73.9%	Mathematics	95.6%
Science	75.7%	History	77.4%
Modern Languages	68.0%		

The following reflected the percentage of students who strongly agreed or agreed with the statement:

As a student in Glencoe I had opportunities to research topics of my choosing.
79.7%

As a student in Glencoe I learned the technology skills necessary to prepare me for high school experiences.
85.7%

When I was a Glencoe student I was encouraged to ask questions and use higher level thinking skills to solve problems.
89.8%

As a student in Glencoe there were social service opportunities to use my talents and skills to help others.
85.7%

When I was a student in Glencoe School District there was an adult I felt comfortable going to when I needed help or wanted to talk with someone.
84.3%

The amount of homework I received as a Central School student was appropriate to prepare me for high school expectations.
76.4%

The letter grade I received on homework or projects was more important than the teacher comments.
65.2% Strongly Agree or Agree 34.7% Disagree or Strongly Disagree

I feel my elementary school education and experiences in the Glencoe School District prepared me to be successful in high school.
97%

The sample size varied from 70 to 50 responses per question. This was a reflection of student enrollment in various classes and partial completion of the survey.

Mr. Tanner indicated the March 2007 End Fund Balance was \$13,657,021.18.

The Board was informed of a Freedom of Information Act request regarding dismissal of tenured teachers during the past five years. It was also acknowledged that the Government Finance Officers Association awarded the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting to Glencoe School District. This award was for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007.

Approval was given for the April Bill List and Personnel Report.

The Board approved changes to the following policies:

- 4:150 Facility Management and Building Programs
- 5:190 Teacher Qualifications
- 7:100 Immunizations and Exclusion of Students

The Board approved a modified school calendar for 2008-2009. The changes to the previously adopted calendar were the result of on-going negotiations. Dates for November Parent/Teacher Conferences were changed.

Approval was given for several voluntary, anonymous surveys of district students.

The Board approved the request for a 7th grade student to continue attending 8th grade as a tuition student during the 2008-2009 school year. The family recently moved from Glencoe to a neighboring community and the child has attended District 35 since beginning kindergarten.

During the second opportunity for public comments, Michelle Gooze-Miller thanked Dr. Makoul for his service to the school community. Nancy Shaw and Beth Jacobson commented on the Freshman Survey and offered suggestions for future surveys.

During committee reports Mr. Myefski reported the Facilities/Capital Improvement Committee met to review planned and proposed projects. Items scheduled for annual summer inspections and summer maintenance projects were identified. The committee members also discussed potential projects identified by district administrators, building and maintenance staff, and board members.

Mr. Chez reported that negotiations with the Glencoe Educational Association were continuing. Three sessions remain on the schedule.

Mr. Bailey indicated the NSSD construction project planning was continuing to progress. No decision or proposals have been finalized.

The meeting was adjourned to closed session for the purpose of discussing matters related to personnel, pending litigation, and negotiations.

The next meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for May 12, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. This meeting will be held in Young Auditorium at Central School.