

The Board Bulletin

A Report to the Community from the Glencoe Board of Education

Dear Community Members,

On Tuesday, August 28th, morning bells will ring, students will eagerly enter classrooms, and the 2007-2008 school year will be officially underway. Each school year brings new faces to our District and this year we welcome seven new teachers and five returning staff members to new positions (page 4). In this edition of *The Board Bulletin* you will find information about our new Director of Pupil Services, Valerie Lamberti (page 6) and Director of Finance and Operations, Michael Tanner (page 6).

The coming school year holds the promise of new experiences, continued work on curriculum projects, and opportunities to learn. A review of the Foreign Language program that began last spring will continue this fall. This review focuses on the languages being taught, amount of time allocated to Foreign Language instruction, and curriculum offered at each grade level. Information about our Foreign Language program was gathered and reviewed by a committee comprised of staff members representing kindergarten through 8th grade.

This year we also celebrate West School's 50th anniversary. On February 16, 1958, a group of Glencoe community members dedicated the newly constructed West School. Watch for more information on activities to commemorate this event.

As hallways are polished, bulletin boards prepared, and plans for August teacher meetings finalized, we are reminded that the start of a school year is close at hand. The District 35 staff and I look forward to greeting students and parents to their classrooms and a new school year. This is an exciting time for students, staff, parents and the Glencoe community.

Sincerely,

Cathlene A. Crawford

Superintendent, Glencoe School District 35



Back-to-school in Glencoe, 70 years ago: Some school supplies have remained staples through the years, and the "New Central School" (below) still remains "new" to the entering 5th grade class of 2007-08.



Back to School!

It's that time of the year-with palpable excitement in the air for Glencoe's students, their parents, and the whole community. This issue of *The Board Bulletin* informs the community about back-to-school preparations, the nine months ahead, and new faces in District 35. See inside for:

- A look at the **2007-2008 District 35 budget**
- An introduction to the **District 35 Board of Education**
- **Upcoming evening programs** for parents and teachers
- Improvements and innovations made possible through the generous support of the **Glencoe Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)** and **Glencoe Educational Foundation (GEF)**
- ...and more!

Glencoe District 35: The Financial Picture

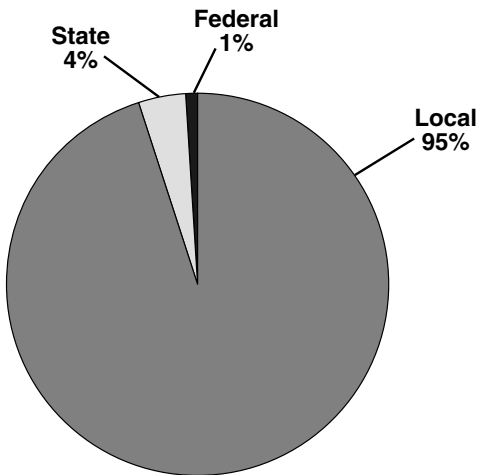
On **September 10, 2007**, a public hearing is scheduled to review the **District 35 budget** for fiscal year 2007-2008. The hearing will begin at **7 p.m.** in Young Auditorium at Central School, followed by the regular monthly meeting of the Board at **7:30 p.m.** A tentative draft of the budget was approved at the June 11, 2007, Board meeting and has been available for public review since that date.

The tentative budget identified the following revenue and expenses for the 2007-2008 school year.

OPERATING REVENUE

\$21,565,459

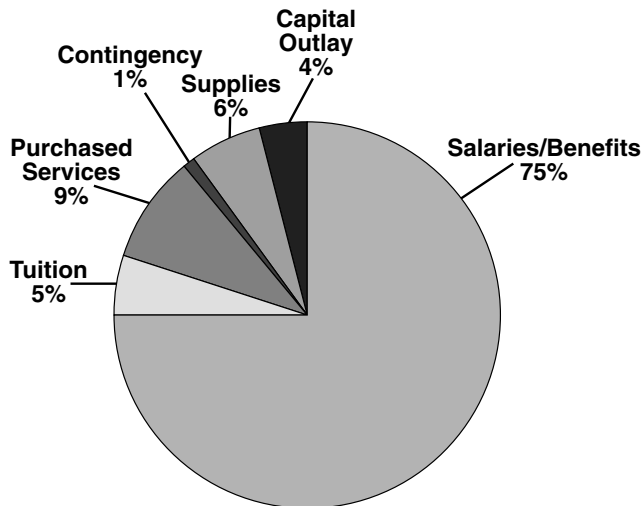
The operating revenue for our school district comes primarily from local taxes (95%), with approximately 1% from federal and 4% from state funds.



EXPENSES

\$19,510,856

The school district operating expenses fall into six main categories.



SALARIES/BENEFITS also includes state- or contract-required contributions for staff (i.e., employee retirement, health insurance, life insurance, etc.).

TUITION is paid when a student's educational needs require a program outside the school district (i.e., special education placement, New Trier Math Program, etc.).

PURCHASED SERVICES are paid for outside experts to complete work for the district (i.e., heating ventilation and air conditioning repair and maintenance, pest control, evaluations for specialized student needs such as communication devices, occupational therapy, psychiatry, etc.).


CONTINGENCY funds are used for unexpected expenses which may occur during the school year.

SUPPLIES includes utilities, custodial cleaning supplies, software, testing materials, etc.

CAPITAL OUTLAY funds are for building and site improvements as well as purchase or lease of equipment (i.e., computer lease, copier lease, LLC equipment, etc.)

PMA Financial Network recently prepared a five-year financial projection for the district. This projection is based upon the most recent audit completed for fiscal year 2006. Given the current set of assumptions, district revenues should exceed expenditures through the 2012 school year. After this time, expenditures will begin to exceed revenues, and the district will need to access financial reserves. Expenditure assumptions may change, however, as this is the final year of a four-year contract with the Glencoe Education Association. Negotiations for a new contract will be conducted during this school year.

The District budget is available for review in the "Documents" section of the District 35 web site, www.glencoeschools.org.



The mission of the Glencoe School District is to provide each child with the soundest possible educational foundation for life-long learning as a socially responsible member of a global society by dedicating resources toward the development of the whole child within a secure school environment.

New Board in Office

Three new members of the District 35 Board of Education were sworn in at the Board of Education's May 14 meeting. James Burnham, Laura Malehorn, and Eric Sigurdson replaced outgoing Board members Alvin Katz, Catherine Schulte and Toria Stender.

Rob Bailey was elected President of the Board, and Greg Makoul was re-elected Vice-President. John Myefski was elected Secretary pro-tem and Superintendent Cathlene Crawford was re-elected Secretary. Eddie Chez is also a long-standing member of the Board.

Board committee assignments include:

Communications: Greg Makoul and Laura Malehorn

Glencoe Educational Foundation: Eddie Chez

Facilities: John Myefski, Rob Bailey and James Burnham

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

Behavior Intervention: John Myefski

Glencoe Junior High Project: Eric Sigurdson

Intergovernmental Affairs: John Myefski and James Burnham

IASB (Illinois Association of School Boards) Representative: Laura Malehorn

NSSSED (North Shore Special Education District): Rob Bailey

Policy Manual Review: Greg Makoul

Planning Commission: Eddie Chez

PTO: Rob Bailey

Technology: Eddie Chez, Eric Sigurdson, and James Burnham

GEA/Board Liaison: Laura Malehorn

Vision and Values: Greg Makoul, Laura Malehorn, and James Burnham

Board of Education Future Meeting Dates

The District 35 Board of Education meets monthly at Central School. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. and are open to the public. Each meeting's agenda provides opportunities for public comments, when citizens may address the Board.

Upcoming meeting dates:

- **Monday, Sept. 10, 2007**
(Regular meeting is preceded by **Budget Hearing at 7 p.m.**)
- **Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2007**
- **Monday, Nov. 12, 2007**
- **Monday, Dec. 10, 2007**
- **Monday, Jan. 14, 2008**
- **Monday, Feb. 11, 2008**
- **Monday, March 10, 2008**
- **Monday, April 21, 2008**
- **Monday, May 12, 2008**



*(From left):
Rob Bailey,
John Myefski,
Jim Burnham,
Laura Malehorn,
Greg Makoul,
Eddie Chez, and
Eric Sigurdson*

2007 School Report Cards on the Web

Every year Illinois school districts disseminate **School Report Card** data provided by the Illinois State Board of Education. Information in this report includes student performance on the Illinois State Achievement Test, use of the District financial resources, and demographic data regarding students and staff of the District. As required by state law, the Board of Education approves release of this information prior to the end of October.

This fall, the **2007 School Report Card**—one for each school and another for District 35 as a whole—will be posted on the District web page, **www.glencoeschools.org** (under "Documents"). A copy can be downloaded and printed from this site or a printed copy can be requested by calling the Board of Education office at **847 835-7800**. This information will be available by the end of October 2007.

Honoring Staff District 35 Staff Members

Each year the Board of Education recognizes staff members who have reached significant milestones in their District 35 careers. Celebrating their twentieth year as Glencoe staff members during the 2007-2008 school year are **Barbara Feldman**, Library Learning Center Director at West School; **Jane Pence**, 6th grade teacher at Central School; and **Betty Kleinberg**, Special Education Associate at Central School.

This year also marks a significant milestone for five other District 35 staff members. The following teachers will be retiring at the end of the 2007-2008 school year: **Anne Healy**, 2nd grade teacher; **Sue Hintz**, 1st grade teacher; **Barbara Kane**, French teacher; **Ann Meyers**, 4th grade teacher; and **Terri Morrissey**, art teacher.



Sue Hintz (above) is one of five District 35 staff members who will retire at the end of the 2007-2008 school year.

Glencoe Schools Welcome New Staff Members

A total of seven new teachers join the District 35 staff and five staff members take on new roles with our students. Please welcome new staff members **Amy Holaday** to 2nd grade, **Bobby Johnson** to 3rd grade (no photo available), **Jennifer AuBuchon** and **Paul Ruffino** to 5th grade, **Susan Shor** to 8th grade Special Education, **Rachel Loos** to 5th - 8th grade vocal music, and **Laura Blackledge** to 7th grade language arts.

Several new faces will also be seen in our school and District 35 offices. **Reggie McClure** in Central School's Office, **Laura Miller** in South School's office and **Kim Badie** and **Jason Edelheit** in the District office.

District staff in new positions include: **Collette Cohen**, A.M. kindergarten teacher and P.M. Title 1 teacher; **Valerie Lamberti**, Director of Pupil Services; **Mary Nameche**, South School special education teacher; **Lilly Arsenijevic**, 3rd grade teacher; **Laura Miller**, South School secretary; **Colleen Baird**, Central School special education teacher; **Karen Bensinger**, District inclusion facilitator; and **Idelle Melamed**, long-term substitute for technology classes at Central.



Jennifer AuBuchon



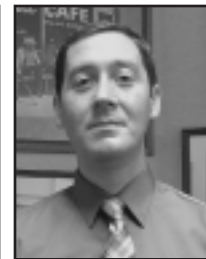
Laura Blackledge



Amy Holaday



Rachel Loos



Paul Ruffino



Susan Shor



How to Register for Online School Newsletters

South, West, and Central schools each have their own newsletter that is posted online for the families of their students. Each newsletter is updated weekly and can be found on the school Web site at the following addresses:

South School
West School
Central School

<http://www.glencoesouth.org>
<http://www.glencoewest.org>
<http://www.glencoecentral.org>

Parents can also sign up to receive the newsletters automatically via e-mail. To do so, it is necessary to register at the following site:

<http://glencoeschools.org/newsletters/register.lasso>

Families who registered during the 2006-2007 school year will need to register again for the coming school year.

“Go-to-School” Night

Every year, District 35 schedules beginning-of-school events that give parents an opportunity to get acquainted with new teachers and surroundings. The following activities are scheduled for parents:

- **Kindergarten Go-to-School Night**
Tuesday, Aug. 28, 6 -7 p.m.
- **5th grade Go-to-School Night**
Wednesday, Sept. 5, 7:15 p.m.
- **1st and 2nd grade Go-to-School Night**
Thursday, Sept. 6, 6:45 p.m.
- **3rd and 4th grade Go-to-School Night**
Tuesday, Sept. 11, 7:15 p.m.
- **6th - 8th grade Go-to-School Night**
Thursday, Sept. 20, 7:15 p.m.



South School Principal Catherine Wang addresses kindergarten parents in 2006.

Foreign Language Review Underway

This past spring, District 35 officials identified a review of the K-8 foreign language program as an activity to be included in the District’s “Visions and Values” strategic plan. The review is the first formal study of the foreign language program in 11 years.



Lynn Sica-Nelson, Spanish teacher at South, and her Spanish-speaking puppet.

In June, the Foreign Language Review Committee, made up of District professionals representing various grade levels and subject areas, met to examine staff survey results regarding the K-8 Spanish and 5-8 French programs currently in place in Glencoe schools. During the coming months the committee will continue its work and make a recommendation to the Board of Education regarding this District-wide curricular area.

Educators Working with Parents Ensure Student Success

As always, the home-school connection is an essential ingredient to a successful school year for students. In 2007-08, there are increased opportunities for shared educational experiences with newly designed parent education programs and a family night event.

“Everyday Mathematics Parent Education Night”

Wednesday, October 3, 2007 - Central School, 7:15 - 8:30 p.m.

District staff will present an informative evening for parents of kindergarteners through sixth graders reviewing this unique and successful approach to mathematics instruction.

“Literacy Parent Education Night”

Thursday, November 29, 2007 - Central School, 7:15 - 8:30 p.m.

With reading as the emphasis, parents of kindergarteners through eighth graders will have opportunities to learn more about current District programs. District teachers and administrators will present break-out sessions for more detailed, grade-specific overviews.

“Going Green Family Night”

Thursday, April 3, 2008 - West School, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

This exciting new family night includes parents and students from all nine grade levels. The evening will prove to be informative, interactive, and fun as participants learn actively about new District initiatives and community projects.

Practicing Safety Drills

During the first weeks of school and throughout the year, students at each school practice fire, emergency weather, bus evacuation, and lockdown drills. Staff members walk students through the procedures and practice each step of the various drills.

In the event of an actual emergency, the school district uses the Honeywell Instant Alert System to send a message to parents. Instant Alert is a web-based communication service that allows for the delivery of a message using a variety of communication devices such as telephone, cell phone, PDA, e-mail, and text messaging. A test of this system is planned for Monday, September 24, 2007.



Parents are encouraged to update contact information in the Instant Alert System. To update information, click on the “Family Access” tab on the District 35 web page at **www.glencoeschools.org**. Contact information is available through the Instant Alert section. If assistance is needed please send an e-mail to **InstantAlertHelp@Honeywell.com**, or contact Jason Edelheit in the District Business Office at 847 835-7813.

Valerie Lamberti, Meeting Glencoe Students' Special Needs



While growing up in nearby Deerfield, **Valerie Lamberti** recalls that she never really noticed the variety of learners among her fellow classmates. Now, when she observes a classroom, she immediately sees its students' many different learning capabilities and needs.

For the new **District 35 Director of Pupil Services**, that is a good thing. When Mrs. Lamberti assumed her position this summer, she became the District 35 administrator in charge of all special education services offered in the community—not only in Glencoe schools but also for village residents age 3 and up in need of special education-related services.

In her new capacity, Mrs. Lamberti leads Pupil Services Teams (PST) in South, West, and Central schools—teams comprised of the principal, school social worker, school psychologist, speech and language therapist, inclusion facilitator, reading specialist (at South and West), school nurse, and general and special education teachers. Each team meets weekly to determine how to best meet the individual learning needs of identified children.

She may be new in her present position, but Mrs. Lamberti is hardly new to Glencoe schools, where she has worked for the past seven years, most recently as an inclusion facilitator during the 2006-2007 school year. Among other responsibilities, she worked collaboratively with school administrators, student support teams, and parents to identify instructional and social benefits available to students with disabilities in the general school setting.

Prior to that, as an employee of the North Suburban Special Education District (NSSD) in Highland Park, she was assigned to provide support to Glencoe students as an educational consultant and an education and life skills teacher.

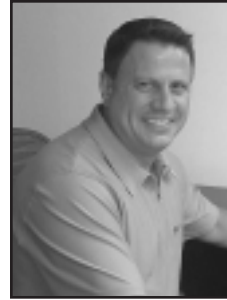
"I have nothing but admiration for the students, parents, and teachers of Glencoe," says Mrs. Lamberti. "It is a unique place where students come first. All students are treated with an equal amount of respect."

After graduating from Deerfield High School, Mrs. Lamberti attended the University of Arizona, where she received a B.S. in special education and rehabilitation. An M.Ed. in special education from the University of Illinois Chicago followed, as did a certification in school administration from Loyola University. Her first position was as an early childhood research and intervention program research assistant at UIC.

She currently resides in Highland Park, where her husband is an independent contractor in the construction business. Together they love live music, camping, being with family, and being outdoors.

Best wishes to Mrs. Lamberti in her new job!

Mike Tanner, New Man Behind the Controls of District 35 Finance



In professional terms, one might say that District 35's new Director of Finance and Operations has finally come back down to earth. Mike Tanner, who officially began his new job in Glencoe on July 1, does have previous valuable experience as Assistant Superintendent in charge of business affairs at Prairie Grove School in Crystal Lake.

But before that, Mr. Tanner was literally up in the air—as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force and later as a commercial pilot for Northwest Airlines. He is now in his 20th year in the USAF, having spent nine years on active duty and the past 11 in the Air Force Reserves. He serves a minimum of 36 days a year downstate at Scott Air Force Base, which is the major strategic airlift center for the U.S. Department of Defense. After the attacks of 9/11, in fact, he spent two years on active duty at Scott, serving in airlift support of operations in Europe, Africa, and Southwest Asia.

A native of Franklin Park and graduate of East Leyden High School, Mr. Tanner earned his B.S. in natural resources management at Southern Illinois University. That led to a combined M.S. and M.B.A. in natural resources management from Michigan State University, which would have taken him in another professional direction altogether had the call of flying not been so strong. (Two of his four brothers also joined the Air Force.)

An equally strong interest in business and education eventually led to another graduate degree—an M.B.A. from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Business in 2003, and he has been a school finance administrator ever since.

He is especially happy that District 35's administration is attached to Central School and its daily bustle. He can't help but see an analogy between his flying days and his present responsibilities. "A school is a lot like an airplane," he says. "It's constantly in motion, you must take care of your equipment, you have to prioritize your tasks, and you keep a calm perspective."

When not on the job in Glencoe or serving downstate, Mr. Tanner and his wife, who is Director of Global Business Travel Services at Accenture in Chicago, are likely to be in the great outdoors. He's passionate about skiing, hunting, fishing, running and biking. Weather permitting, he bikes from the train station from his home in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood, and all the way from the Glencoe station to Central School.

Welcome to District 35 and Glencoe, Mr. Tanner.

Parent and Community Partnerships

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and Glencoe Educational Foundation (GEF)

continue to strongly support students in Glencoe schools. In the new school year, students at Central School will enjoy an exciting new playground with age-appropriate equipment and safe ground surfacing. The PTO, which raised funds for the equipment, also sponsors student clubs, Family and Parent Education Nights, cultural arts activities, and author programs.

Ten new interactive whiteboards, known as SMART Boards, have been installed in classrooms at South,

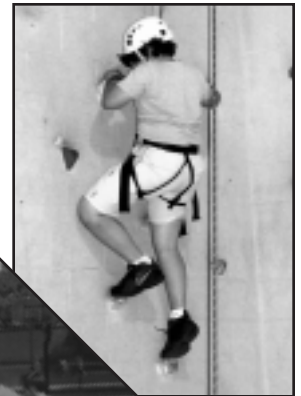
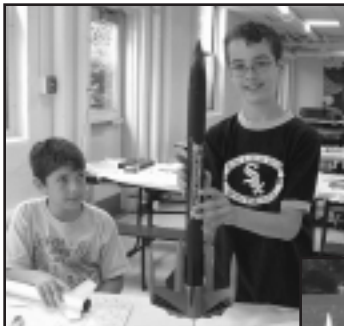


West, and Central schools. Teachers Chelsea Alsberg, Colleen Mladic, Kimberly Gabriel, Sue Briggs, and Jean Dalleska at Central wrote winning applications through a GEF grant project. At South, Joab Oberlander and Kim Smith will host the technology. West School will add SMART Boards in Dara Sacher's, Lilly Arsenijevic's, and Claire Mooney's classrooms. The District now has SMART Board technology in all three Library Learning Centers, the three Central science classroom laboratories, and thirteen general classrooms across the three schools. Staff training continues through Glencoe University and SMART Tech workshops throughout the school year. In June, 28 staff members were involved in a three-day summer workshop to learn and experience new SMART equipment.

"We are all most appreciative of the enhancements the PTO and GEF provide for our District students," commented Superintendent Cathlene Crawford.

District 35 Summer School

Some 300 children participated in more than 50 courses offered in District 35's Summer Explorations 2007 summer school program. Each morning students were exposed to activities in the areas of inventions, gardening, high ropes and platforms, wall climbing, cartoon art, Lego robotics, animation, writer's workshop, and many more fun adventures.





AUGUST	28	First day of school (1/2 day), grades 1 - 8 Go-to-School Night, kindergarten
SEPTEMBER	3	Labor Day - no school
	4	First day of school for kindergarteners
	5	Go-to-School Night, grade 5
	6	Go-to-School Night, grades 1 & 2
	10	Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m., (Budget Hearing, 7 p.m.)
	11	Go-to-School Night, grades 3 & 4
	13	Rosh Hashanah - no school
	20	Go-to-School Night, grades 6 - 8
	27	Kindergarten Fall Open House, 6 p.m.
	28	Central School Picnic, 5 - 7:30 p.m.
OCTOBER	3	Parent Education Program - Math, grades K - 6
	5	Teacher Institute Day - no school for students
	8	Columbus Day - no school
	16	Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m.
	26	End of first quarter
NOVEMBER	9	"Around-the-World at West" Fair, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. First quarter progress reports sent home
	12	Readers Are Leaders Week, South; Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m.
	14	Parent Resource Network - Madeline Levine
	15	Fall Music Festival, grades 7 & 8 Band, Chorus, Orchestra, 9:40 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.
	19	Early dismissal (S - 2 p.m., W - 2:15 p.m., C - 2:25 p.m.), Parent/Teacher Conferences
	20	Parent/Teacher Conferences
	21-23	Thanksgiving Break
	29	Parent Education Program-Literacy, Gr. K - 8, , Central 7:15 p.m.
DECEMBER	6	Dinner and Concert, 6th grade Band, Orchestra, Chorus, 6:30 p.m.
	10	Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m.
	13	West Chorus Club Concert, 7:15 p.m.
	18	String Festival, Gr. 6 - 8, 7:15 p.m.
	21	Last day of school before Winter Break. (School resumes on January 7, 2008)



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