BOE Highlights Jan 3



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GLEN RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 3, 2024 BOE Meeting Summary

The BOE meeting began with the swearing-in of the three elected BOE members. Congratulations to Darius Dehnad, Jocelyn Gottlieb, and Duval Graham

Elisabeth Ginsburg was elected as President of the BOE. David Campbell and Jocelyn Gottlieb were voted in as 1st Vice-President and 2nd Vice-President, respectively.

President's Report

President Ginsburg acknowledged the recent passing of Glen Ridge alum Sonia Kinkhabwala, Class of 2017. Mrs. Ginsburg asked the public to keep her and her family in their thoughts.

Next, Mrs. Ginsburg provided an update on the superintendent's search. She provided a summary of the public survey results, <u>Superintendent Survey</u>. The application deadline has passed, and the BOE will begin reviewing the resumes. The search timeline is located on our webpage <u>BOE--Superintendent Search Timeline (Public 2).docx</u>

President Ginsburg then provided an update on legislative issues. She spoke about two bills in particular: a teacher evaluation bill, which would limit the evaluations of highly effective and effective teachers, and a virtual instruction bill, which would restrict online learning.

Superintendent's Report

The award-winning GRHS marching band started our meeting by playing three Beach Boys songs from this year's show, Pet Sounds. Their performance can be seen by clicking the video recording link below.

Next, Dr. Keisha Harris presented several programs that are occurring at Central School. The presentation highlighted the diverse learning experiences the Central students are receiving daily.

Lastly, Mr. Phillips spoke about the potential of an upcoming winter storm and reminded parents to check their contact information on Skyward.

BOE Agenda Highlights

- Administrative items relating to school operations for the new year were approved. These items include the district's official newspapers, teacher and administrative evaluation systems, code of ethics, policies, regulations, bylaws, textbooks, and curriculums.
- Approved three field trips
- Accepted donations from:
 - Glen Ridge Education Foundation: Orton Gillingham Program (\$54,000)
 - Gavin Family: Drum set (\$770)
- Approved the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Auditors Management Report

Board of Education Public Meetings

The Glen Ridge BOE's agendas can be accessed at: BOE Meeting Agenda

Video recordings of the BOE meetings can be viewed at: BOE Meeting Video

Upcoming Events

January

10: Sharing the Arts Show11: RAS Winter Concert

15: District Closed17: GRASE Meeting

22: Parent Presentation 7:00 Getting the Most of Your Students's High School

Experience: https://zoom.us/j/4517517055
23: BOE Meeting 7:00 Public Session

25: GRHS Band Concert

26: MS Dance

*The April 23 BOE meeting is being moved to April 30 due to the State's timelines to conduct the 2024-2025 budget hearing.

Sincerely,