

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
8/28/19
GLASSBORO BOARD OF EDUCATION

INSTRUCTION (6PM)	OPERATIONS (7PM)	ADMINISTRATION (8PM)
Elizabeth Volz - Chair	Chris Esgro - Chair	Alex Fanfarillo – Chair
Ray Cibo	Michele Ricci	Ben Stephens
Ryan Hughes	Ray Cibo	Stacie Tattersdill

1. Meetings:

- a. Dr. Silverstein and I attended the Borough Council Meeting on 8/27/19. Council approved Resolution 299-19 authorizing award of a contract to Mateflex Corporation to initiate repairs of the tennis courts at Glassboro High School. On behalf of the BOE, we thanked the governing body for their support.
- b. Regina McCloskey has scheduled a meeting for September 13, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at Borough Hall to introduce Julie Donofrio, Managing Director of PennPraxis to discuss Glassboro Growth Management Plan. Dr. Silverstein and I will not be able to attend. Ms. Johnson will represent the Administration. If any BOE members in available and interested, please advise and I will confirm your attendance.
- c. A NJSBA County Association Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 3, 2019 at Auletto’s in Deptford. The topic of the dinner meeting is Restorative Justice. All BOE members can register online through the NJSBA website. There is no cost for participation.
- d. The board was in receipt of a letter from a retiree. I have included the letter along with a response for BOE information. We thank the retiree for the kind words and encourage all staff to consult with the leadership in their bargaining unit when issues arise in which they fell need to be addressed.

2. General Announcements

- a. Tonight, the board will be accepting the resignation of Dr. Danielle Sneathen, principal of the Glassboro High School. Dr. Sneathen has accepted the position of Assistant Superintendent in Vineland. We congratulate her and thank her for her service to the district over the past 5+ years.
- b. We are happy to announce the Carbon Monoxide Detector installation will be complete and fully functional prior to the September 5, staff and students first day. As a district, we are proud to be able to address and remedy issues to abate hazards while also using the incident to bring attention to the dangers of Carbon Monoxide and push for changes in state statutes. Glassboro is at the forefront of addressing the issue and probably the only district with hard wired CO detectors.
- c. The board will approve the 2018-2019 Superintendent’s evaluation. Thanks to all of the members for providing feedback into the evaluation. We congratulate the

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superintended for receiving a commendable rating with highlights in board/superintendent relationships, operational effectiveness, and community partnerships. Conflicted members are asked to abstain on the recommendation coded 3.D.2. Approval shall be based on majority vote of the full membership.

- d. Glassboro's 6th Annual Dyslexia Conference is scheduled for August 29th at GHS. Dr. Peter Bowers is the keynote speaker and will be focusing on helping educators improve literacy instruction through "structured word inquiry." See our district website for additional information.

3. Board Committee Reports/Action Items

a. Instruction (Ms. Volz, Chair)

- Early Childhood grant submission for the 2019-2020 school year at \$717,664. We are proposing an adjustment to the original plan and will be offering 5 full day pre-K4 classes serving 90 students and 1 half-day pre-K3 class serving 30 students. If our proposal is approved, we will add an addition pre-K class serving 15 students.
- Acceptance of the School Improvement Grant Program (SIG) Cohort 4/4R-Year 4 of 5 from the New Jersey Department of Education in the amount of \$390,721.00.
- Recommending approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Rowan University College of Education and Glassboro Public Schools for the 2019-2020 school year in support of PDS. BOE is waiting on issuance of 2018-2019 annual report.

b. Operations (Mr. Esgro, Chair)

- The district is still pending a response from the Department of Education on our Emergency Aid request in the amount of \$1.6 million.
- Recommending approval to replace the Bowe School Sign through the generous donation of the Bowe PTO in the amount of \$4,800. The district will contribute \$1,000 from current expense budget.
- Recommend approval of the MOU with Glassboro Child Development Center to offer in-school afterschool program for the 2019-2020 school year for up to 150 students from the Bullock and Bowe schools. The program will be administered at the Bullock School.

c. Administration (Mr. Fanfarillo, Chair)

- CSA Appointments – Dr. Silverstein

Old Business

New Business

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- Dawg Bytes mobile application directory needs to be updated to reflect building level staff and teachers.

Structured Word Inquiry

Literacy instruction for all ages and abilities

Peter Bowers, PhD

Aug. 29 Full-day workshop



Glassboro Public School's 6th Annual Dyslexia Conference in conjunction with NJIDA and Fairleigh Dickinson University



What is Structured Word Inquiry (SWI)?

"Structured word inquiry" Bowers and Kirby (2010) is word-level literacy instruction that engages learners of all ages and abilities by *making sense* of our surprisingly logical spelling system through *scientific word investigation*.

See an interview with Dr. Bowers on SWI [HERE](#).

Learn how educators around the world use inquiry into English spelling as a means of enriching vocabulary, reading and spelling -- and to leverage learning in any subject area.

Presenter

Dr. Bowers, a researcher and former elementary school teacher is widely in prestigious journals and has run workshops in every continent but South America and Antarctica.

Workshop Information

Thursday Aug. 29

8:00 am - 9:00 am Refreshments & Registrations

9:00 am - 3:00 pm Presentation

Continental breakfast and lunch provided
(If you have dietary restrictions, please plan accordingly.)

Cost \$75

Who is this workshop for?

This workshop is for educators new to SWI and those who have worked with SWI for some time. The content addresses instruction of children of all ages and abilities, but has special relevance for those currently struggling with literacy.

Location: Glassboro High School

- 550 Joseph Bowe Blvd, Glassboro, NJ 08028, (See [MAP](#))

Registration & Information

- Email bgennaoui@gpsd.us
- Call: 856-652-2700

Explore www.wordworkskingston.com and the [WordWorks YouTube page](#) for more on SWI.

do	ing	do + ing → doing	go + ing → going
go	es	do + es → does	go + es → goes
	ne	do + ne → done	go + ne → gone

Teachers and students become "word scientists" who investigate families of related words and discover how the meaning structures of words (morphology), history (etymology) and pronunciation (phonology) work together.

Videos & resources of SWI across the grades:

See Pete and other teachers use the morphological matrix and word sums, grapheme-phoneme charts and etymological information to make sense of the spelling-meaning connections of related words at the WordWorks YouTube page [HERE](#). www.WordWorksKingston.com

SWI & Research

See [Bowers and Bowers \(2017\)](#) for an overview of the research evidence and theory for why SWI is particularly important for those who struggle with literacy. See more research and resources for SWI on this [About WordWorks](#) page and Jeff Bowers' (Pete's brother) blog [HERE](#).

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- con + struct + ion → construction
- re + con + struct + ed → reconstructed
- in + struct + or → instructor
- struct + ure + al + ly → structurally



Above: An image from [THIS VIDEO](#) of a pre-school teacher building on Pete's work to introduce the morphological family of <rain> to her class.

PLEASE SEE REGISTRATION FORM ON BACK OF THIS FLYER

Structured Word Inquiry

Glassboro Public Schools Sixth Annual Dyslexia Conference
Thursday, August 29, 2019

To Register:

Complete Registration Form and Mail with a Purchase Order or Personal Check to:

Glassboro Public Schools

560 Joseph Bowe Blvd.

Glassboro, NJ 08028

Attn: Bernadette Gennaoui or email to bgennaoui@gpsd.us

First Name: _____
Last Name: _____
Affiliation: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone # _____ Fax: _____
E-Mail: _____
District/Organization: _____
Payment Method: _____ \$75.00
Check # _____ PO# _____

Please respond by August 20, 2019.

If space is available, walk-ins welcome.

Conference Agenda

8:00-9:00 a.m: Registration, Vendors, and

Refreshments

9:00-12:00 p.m: Presentation

12:00-12:45 p.m: Lunch, Vendors

12:45-3:00 p.m: Presentation

3:00 p.m: Giveaways

5 PD hours toward IMSLEC will be given

Location of Conference:

Glassboro High School

550 Joseph Bowe School

Glassboro, NJ 08028

