

## BOE-check presentation speech-Mona Milbrodt - May 22

The HSA's involvement with tonight's presentation started with a question: GRHS has modern-day Science labs, isn't it time we had a Finance lab? Back in October, Frank Manziano, Business teacher at the HS, in sync with John Arlotta, sent a funding request to our Wish List coordinator, Ann Feige. He wanted the funding to modernize the high school's main Business classroom — B154 — to give it aspects of a trading floor and corporate office feel.

- The classroom would include an electronic stock ticker for \$5,000 and an LCD monitor/TV screen for \$1,000, so that students in Business & Investing and the mandatory Financial Literacy class — approx. 300 students impacted — would be able to see breaking business/stock market news live, as well as the results of stock market trading simulations in "real time."
- As part of its curriculum budget, the school would pay for annual software upgrades.
- Nearly 400 colleges<sup>1</sup> (not sure how many high schools) across North America have somewhat grander versions of the Finance Lab concept, which they typically show off in tours, so Glen Rock wants to keep up with this developing 21<sup>st</sup> century trend.

Due to the nature and dollar amount of the request, the HSA reached out to the Glen Rock organizations here tonight. Their responsible, enthusiastic responses were, to say the least, GRATIFYING, and enable us, as a group, to offer the total \$6,000 (and change) requested.

On behalf of the HSA, I want to thank the Glen Rock Jaycees, the GR Education Foundation, and our HSA members for your support, dedication and passion that is making the Business Dept's Finance Lab a reality.

- This support shows how our HSA and community are committed to working together to make our students' educational experiences progressive and ambitious. This cooperative relationship is a vital part of our mission.

I also want to thank Ann Feige, a valued member of the HSA team, who has served as Wish List Coordinator since 2015, among her many other roles, going back at least six years. Your shoes will be impossible to fill.

Through our Wish List program, the HSA has responded to eleven (11) funding requests from teachers and administrators during this 2017-18 school year. Through our Field Trip fund, created in 2016, we've honored four (4) funding requests during 2017-18.

I can't wait to see the Finance Lab in all its glory and hear the feedback from our students and instructors.

And now...for the check presentations.

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<sup>1</sup> University Finance Lab, a U.S.-based 21<sup>st</sup> century consultancy that assists colleges and universities with their in-house, trading rooms and finance labs.