

August 31, 2004

**Attendance and
Routine Matters**

Paul Newman, president; Peggy Tortorice, vice president; Robert Mark, secretary; Jerry Ragsdale, treasurer; and Lawrence Ford, trustee, attended.

**GASC Transportation
Consortium Approved**

During the 2003-04 school year, the Genesee County Superintendents Association developed several cost containment committees for the purpose of exploring countywide cost saving ideas. One of the committees was a transportation committee charged with analyzing current transportation to and from the GASC Technology Center to determine if costs could be reduced by consolidating the transportation of students in neighboring districts. Committee findings determined that if all of the 21 school districts work together to form a consortium, the districts could save over \$450,000 annually in transportation costs.

To date, twelve districts have committed to join the consortium. The board approved the plan to act as fiscal agent and form the GASC Transportation Consortium for the purpose of transporting students to and from the GASC Technology Center.

**United Way Award
Accepted**

The United Way of Genesee County recognized GISD as a member of the *Leaders Circle*. GISD's combined campaign was one of the "top performing company campaigns in 2003." The board gratefully accepted this award and recognized staff for their continued strong support of United Way. Diane Burt, Gwen Grooms, Stephanie Resky and many building representatives were commended for their leadership in making this worthwhile program successful.

**GenNET-FANET
Consortium
Agreement Report**

At the November 26, 2002 meeting, the GISD Board authorized the superintendent to execute an educational interconnection consortium agreement with partners Mott Community College, Baker College and the University of Michigan-Flint to construct a connection between the FANET Educational Telecommunications System and GenNET. Superintendent Thomas Svitkovich, Ed.D., reported that the connection is complete and can now provide K-12 students with increased access to postsecondary resources, such as interactive television courses, virtual field trips and interaction with university staff. The connection will also be used for teacher training, research and a variety of educational programs, as well as an interactive television course for Mott Middle College students to be piloted this coming school year. GISD's share of the cost for the connection was \$26,227.25.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Paul D. Newman	President
Peggy J. Tortorice	Vice President
Robert E. Mark	Secretary
Jerry G. Ragsdale	Treasurer
Lawrence P. Ford	Trustee

GENESEE ISD
Thomas Svitkovich, Ed.D.
Superintendent

To keep you informed of actions and information from the GISD Board of Education Meeting.
Questions? Call Communications and Development, 591-4410

Board Committee Assignments Established

Based on recommendations by Paul Newman, president, the following board committee assignments were approved for the 2004-05 school year:

Personnel/Salary/Labor Relations	Peggy Tortorice, Chairperson Lawrence Ford Robert Mark (alternate)
Building & Grounds	Paul Newman, Chairperson Jerry Ragsdale Robert Mark (alternate)
Policy	Robert Mark, Chairperson Paul Newman Peggy Tortorice (alternate)
Finance	Jerry Ragsdale, Chairperson Lawrence Ford Paul Newman (alternate)
MASB Liaison/LRN Member	Robert Mark Peggy Tortorice (alternate)
Liaison to Local Boards	Robert Mark Lawrence Ford (alternate)
GASC Technology Center Administrative Council	Paul Newman Peggy Tortorice (alternate)
Education Advisory Group (EAG)	Lawrence Ford Paul Newman (alternate)
Genesee County Educational Foundation	Peggy Tortorice Jerry Ragsdale (alternate)
Mott Middle College Advisory Committee	Jerry Ragsdale Peggy Tortorice (alternate)
Genesee/Shiawassee Workforce Development Board	Lawrence Ford Paul Newman (alternate)
Genesee County Association of School Board Members Executive Committee	Paul Newman Jerry Ragsdale (alternate)

PAC Members Appointed

The board approved the following nominees to serve on the GISD Special Education Parent Advisory Committee:

Bendle Public Schools	Robin Jones (new appointment)
Flushing Community Schools	Cristina Franklin (new appointment)
Montrose Community Schools	Kelley Smith (reappointment)
Lake Fenton Community Schools	Gina Brancheau (new appointment)
Swartz Creek Community Schools	Ruth Randall (reappointment)

MASB Ballot Cast

The board cast its ballot for the election of one Region 5 Director on the MASB Board of Directors. This year, the Genesee Intermediate School District board unanimously voted for Alberta Martin for a three-year term. Mrs. Martin was recently appointed as president-elect of MASB by the MASB Board of Directors. Genesee County is fortunate to have a solid link to statewide school board issues through Mrs. Martin's leadership and service.

Furniture Bids Approved

As part of the renovation project at the Special Education Services Center-South, specifications were developed and bids requested to replace furniture in the school nurse area, the main office area, principal's office and the work area for the teacher consultants. Four companies responded and met the specifications. Included in the specifications was the utilization of Allsteel office furniture in storage as a result of renovating the Communications and Development area at the Davis Education Center. Following a review, the board awarded the bid to Creative Office Concepts of Cedar Springs, Michigan, based on their low bid of \$36,148.97.

Dairy and Bakery Bids Approved

The annual Genesee Area Cooperative involves food service operations from seven counties with the coordinating agency (GISD) approving each bid on behalf of the participating districts. The annual bid process for dairy and bakery products was conducted on July 27, 2004. Gloria Bourdon, director of Health, Safety and Nutrition Services, reviewed the bids with the board at the August 10th meeting. The board approved the bids.

Lighting Bids Approved

As a result of renovations to the driveway entrance, parking lot and sidewalk to Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center, there is a need to upgrade the exterior lighting and improve the lights on the east parking lot. Specifications were developed and bids mailed to several electrical companies in the area. Four companies submitted bids. The board awarded the bid to Taunt Electric Company based on their low bid of \$31,045.

GASC Transportation Consortium Bus Lease Approved

On August 10, 2004, the board approved the development of the GASC Transportation Consortium. In preparation for implementation of the consortium, specifications were developed and bids requested to lease with the option to purchase 78-, 84- or 90-passenger school buses to be available in time for the opening of the GASC Technology Center on August 30, 2004. Two companies submitted bids for the delivery of 84-passenger buses. The Board approved the lease of two new 2003, 84-passenger buses from Hoekstra Transportation, Inc., for \$15,000 per year, per bus. The cost will be charged to the operating cost of the consortium.

MASB Delegate Appointed

The board appointed Jerry Ragsdale as the voting delegate and Paul Newman as alternate to represent GISD at the MASB Delegate Assembly held at the Michigan Association of School Boards fall conference.

Donations Accepted

A donation of \$10,500 was accepted from Robert Ligon to help fund renovations to the Ligon Outdoor Center lodge.

The board also accepted numerous donations to the Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center from parents and a staff members' relatives.

Student Reinstated

The board approved the reinstatement of an expelled student. The student must meet all conditions established for reinstatement.

Lake Fenton School Community Congratulated

The GISD board acknowledged the completion of the new Lake Fenton High School. Built as the result of a successful bond proposal in 2002, the building opened with the start of Lake Fenton's new school year. Board member Jerry Ragsdale noted that the complex is the first new high school built in Genesee County over the past 30 years. Congratulations and best wishes were extended to the Lake Fenton school community.

"Ready, Set, Grow!" Financial Support Approved

Financial support in the amount of \$3,000 to the "Ready, Set, Grow!" Passport Initiative was approved. This amount is in addition to the in-kind support GISD currently gives to the program.

Leaves of Absence Approved

Leaves of absence were considered and approved for Christine Ballinger, paraprofessional, Marion Crouse Instructional Center; Brenda Maynard, paraprofessional, Elmer Knopf Learning Center; Gwinda Jefferson, paraprofessional, Early Childhood Programs and Services; Sheila Monge, licensed practical nurse, Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center; Betty T. Nelson, teacher of students with cognitive impairment, Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center; Shannon White, licensed practical nurse, Early Childhood Programs and Services; and Anna Harper-MacDonald, project coordinator, Health, Safety and Nutrition Services.

Resignation Accepted

Resignation for the purpose of retirement was accepted from bus driver Patricia Edwards.

Employees Hired

The hiring of four special education staff members was approved: Becky Finkle will teach students with autism at Early Childhood Programs and Services; Stacy Mead will teach students with cognitive impairment at Early Childhood Programs and Services; Kara Taeckens will provide services as a school social worker at Special Education Services; and Rhonda Mattiuzzo will provide occupational therapy at Early Childhood Programs and Services. Vanita J. Wilson will be joining the GISD staff full-time as a school and community liaison at Health, Safety and Nutrition Services.

Terminations Approved

The following employees were terminated: Harriett A. Luxton, bus driver; and Teresa R. Jesme, transportation aide.

Visit GISD's web site at:
www.geneseeisd.org

This document based on unofficial minutes of the GISD Board Meetings — August 10 and 24, 2004.