



Take Note...

January 26, 2006

Attendance and Routine Matters

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

Genesee ISD Deputy Superintendent Search Report from Michigan Leadership Institute

Mr. William Kimball, East Central Michigan Regional President of the Michigan Leadership Institute, was commissioned to act as the district's consultant in the hiring process for the new deputy superintendent as a result of Thomas Princinsky's pending retirement.

Mr. Kimball met with many different groups, including Advisory Council members, administrative staff, union leadership, support staff and local district representatives from such groups as County Negotiators and the Genesee County Superintendents Association. Mr. Kimball reviewed the questions he used with groups to gather input on the position, as well as draft success indicators for the posting brochure. The process was reviewed by the Personnel Committee.

The GISD Board of Education received the report at its January 10, 2006 meeting.

Career Technical Education DVD Presented

At the January 10, 2006 board of education meeting, Mr. Gary Tower, director of Career Technical Education, presented a new DVD entitled *Regional Vision, Leadership and Collaboration: Delivering Comprehensive Career Planning*. This DVD is an outstanding communication tool that provides an excellent overview of GISD's career planning initiative. Ms. Donna Burmeister, career preparation/work program developer, coordinated the development of the DVD which took place in 13 local districts, Mott Middle College and Mott Community College. The DVD was produced to improve understanding of GISD's EDP partnership with local districts and increase communication regarding the importance of career planning. The target audience for the DVD includes students, parents and the school community in general.

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2005-2006 Employee Combined Campaign Report Received

Diane Burt, accountant, Business Services, and Stephanie Resky, teacher-consultant, cognitive impairment, Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center, served this year as co-chairs of the GISD Employee Combined Campaign.

At the January 10, 2006 board of education meeting, it was reported that last year, GISD collected \$41,214.94. This year's goal was to collect \$42,000. A total of \$44,032.65 was pledged. Since 1986, GISD employees have donated over one-half million dollars to Genesee County programs.

At the January 10, 2006 meeting, special thanks were given to the co-chairs and building representatives Diane Burt and Barb Eliason, Davis Education Center; Denice Westervelt, Health, Safety and Nutrition Services; Andrea Peters, Special Services-North; Dotty Freathy, Early Childhood Programs and Services; Larry Williams and Ida Green, Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center; Major Harper and Karen Seeley, Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center; Stephanie Resky, Project CHOICE; Barb Diegel, Transportation; and Marcia Clark, Mott Middle College.

This year, monies were donated to 20 organizations participating in the campaign:

United Way of Genesee County	\$16,686.50
Very Special Arts of Genesee County	3,446.13
Project SKIP to a Great Start	3,044.00
Special Olympics	2,881.34
Genesee County Educational Foundation	2,294.67
Mott Middle College	2,061.18
Hurley Foundation	1,922.00
American Cancer Society	1,616.12
Edward F. Gwiazdowski Scholarship	1,610.54
Habitat for Humanity	1,427.50
Community Health Charities	1,286.50
Genesee County Free Medical Clinic	1,265.84
Consortium on Child Abuse	1,202.00
Special Needs Vision Clinic	1,135.00
EarthShare of Michigan	773.36
United Negro College Fund	482.50
Genesee County 4-H Horsepower	452.50
Salem Housing Task Force Corporation	176.00
United Way of Lapeer County	152.00
Black United Fund	<u>116.97</u>
TOTAL	\$44,032.65

Board Policy Revisions from NEOLA Adopted

At the December 13, 2005 meeting, the board approved a first reading of board policy revision recommendations from NEOLA's policy update service to keep the district abreast of changes or additions needed for legal compliance and to maintain quality and usefulness of the board policies. Changes recommended by the Policy Committee at the first reading were noted, and additional changes were recommended. New changes included expansion of Policy 3162, Drug and Alcohol Testing, to include more extensive language contained in the district's previous policy; changing the cumulative length of military service not to exceed ten years in Policy 3437.01, Military Leave; and adding "Such" at the beginning of paragraph 4 in Policy 6320, Purchasing. Also, Policy 8330, Student Records, was reviewed by the school attorney.

At its January 24, 2006 meeting, the board approved the second reading and adopted the board policy revisions recommended by NEOLA.

PAC Member Appointed

At the January 24, 2006 meeting, the board appointed Mary Hobson, representing the Mt. Morris Consolidated Schools, to serve on the GISD Special Education Parent Advisory Committee.

"Ready, Set, Grow!" Passport Initiative Support Approved

The Genesee County Superintendents Association continues to endorse this program that identifies children as they are born in our local hospitals. This concept helps GISD develop a closer relationship with our newest parents, as well as increase the health and learning levels of incoming preschool and kindergarten students. Local district superintendents support the program at \$.75/student for operation costs in partnership with the health and business communities. Superintendent Thomas Svitkovich currently serves on the Passport Board of Directors, providing leadership and coordination for "Ready, Set, Grow!" Passport activities.

At its January 24, 2006 meeting, the board of education approved financial support of \$3,000 to the 2005-2006 "Ready, Set, Grow!" Passport Initiative. This amount is in addition to the in-kind support the district currently provides to the program.

Donations Accepted

Generous donations to the Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center, Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center, Early Childhood Programs and Services, the Special Education Services Center and Health, Safety and Nutrition Services were received by the board. The donations were given by relatives, staff and community friends.

Employees Hired

At the January 10, 2006 meeting, the board approved the hiring of Stephanie J. Williams as Teacher of Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center. At the January 24, 2006 meeting, the board approved the hiring of Mary E. Cripps as Teacher of Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center and Nicolette J. Cheff as a Consultant for Behavior Support, Special Education Services Center.

Leaves of Absence Approved

Leaves of absence were considered and approved for: Susan R. Meyer, Teacher of Students with Autism, Early Childhood Programs and Services; Judith A. McAllister, Paraprofessional, Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center; Ruth Robinson, Occupational Therapist, Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center; Becky S. Finkle, Teacher of Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders, Early Childhood Programs and Services; Linda L. Bradshaw, Bus Driver, Transportation Services; and Beth Harvey, Paraprofessional, Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center.

School Board Members Recognized

January is School Board Recognition Month. Throughout Michigan, 523 local and 57 intermediate school districts recognize the 4,100 elected school board members that serve their schools and communities with untiring dedication to school governance.

In recognition of their dedicated service, Genesee Intermediate School District board members were recognized for their contributions to our school community.

GISD also salutes every board member across the county for their leadership. We appreciate the efforts of our board members during these very challenging times. Thank you, on behalf of the students and educators of Genesee County.

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