



Take Note...

October 26, 2005

Attendance and Routine Matters

Robert Mark Resignation Accepted

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

Prior to the October 11 meeting, Mr. Robert Mark submitted a letter to President Peggy Tortorice announcing his resignation from the Genesee Intermediate School District Board of Education effective October 31, 2005. He has accepted a teaching position at Michigan Technological University and will be moving to Houghton, Michigan.

Mr. Mark has been an asset to the GISD Board of Education, serving as secretary and trustee since joining the board on July 1, 2003. He has been an important resource to the board, drawing from his vast business experience, his role as a K-12 board member, as well as his membership in local, state and national school board associations.

Mr. Mark served on the Flushing Board of Education for 12 years and has been involved with the Genesee County Association of School Board Members and the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB). During his board tenure, he earned MASB's Award of Merit, Award of Distinction and achieved the Master Boardmember Award. These awards for his commitment to continued education and professional development in education governance place him in the top five percent of all board members across Michigan.

At the October 25 meeting, the board of education recognized Mr. Robert Mark, and thanked him for his service to the Genesee Intermediate School District Board of Education. Fellow board members expressed their appreciation for Mr. Mark's service as a great team member and a board member truly dedicated to quality education programming for all students. The board wished him great success in his new career at Michigan Technological University.

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Beecher and Kearsley Business Services Contracts Approved

Over the last few months, the GISD Board of Education has been apprised of the shared business services requests from local districts. The board authorized the superintendent to continue to take the necessary actions to address the requests as the relationships continued to be defined. The services being defined are customized based on the request of the local district.

Business Services staff worked with the Thrun Law Firm, P.C., to develop a standard contract, including options for defining the specific details of customized services and payments. Contracts are also being finalized for Bendle, Flushing and Westwood Heights, and other districts interested in utilizing GISD Business Services.

Beecher Community Schools

Superintendent Forrest Gunderson, Beecher Community Schools, worked with Business Services to develop a concept for GISD to provide the management of the business office of the Beecher Community School District. A contract was submitted to the Beecher Community School District, and at its October 5, 2005 meeting, the Beecher Board of Education approved the contract.

At the October 11, 2005 meeting, the GISD Board of Education approved the contract for GISD to manage the business office of the Beecher Community School District.

Kearsley Community Schools

Superintendent Jeffrey Morgan, Kearsley Community Schools, submitted a written request to purchase business management services from Genesee Intermediate School District. Business Services staff developed a conceptual model of services to be rendered and a pricing model for the services based on the actual cost of the employee billed back on a per diem basis. A contract was submitted to Kearsley Community Schools, and at its October 10, 2005 meeting, the Kearsley Board of Education approved the contract.

At the October 25, 2005 meeting, the GISD Board of Education approved the contract for GISD to provide business services on a per diem basis to Kearsley Community Schools.

Genesee/Shiawassee Workforce Development Board Representative Designated

The district recently received a request from Career Alliance to nominate a board member to serve on the Genesee/Shiawassee Workforce Development Board through December 31, 2007.

Mr. Jerry Ragsdale expressed interest in representing the "education sector" on the Workforce Development Board. Board Secretary Lawrence Ford currently serves on the Workforce Development Board representing the "private sector."

At the October 11, 2005 meeting, the board designated Mr. Jerry Ragsdale to serve on the Genesee/Shiawassee Workforce Development Board through December 31, 2007.

Three-Year Contract Extensions Approved

Genesee Intermediate Education Association (GIEA)

During the 2004-05 school year, representatives from the GIEA/Board Finance Committee met to review several issues and concerns related to the cost of health insurance, the flexible spending account, proposed legislation that could possibly affect public school employees' health insurance, the cash option for employees not electing health insurance, longevity pay, the process for deducting Association dues, the common school calendar and wages. Members of the GIEA and the board administrative team believe that it is in the best interest of the Board of Education, the Association and our employees to have long-term contracts in place so that the board can accurately project costs and employees can plan for the future.

The board Personnel Committee was involved in the process, and on September 30, 2005, a ratification vote was conducted for the GIEA membership. Of the 175 eligible members, 105 voted yes and 21 voted no. Superintendent Thomas Svitkovich recognized the efforts of the Win-Win teams and especially Vice President Barb Whitman and staff members Thomas Princinsky, Cynthia McCain and Jan Russell.

At the October 11, 2005 meeting, the board approved the three-year contract extension with the Genesee Intermediate Education Association.

Genesee Intermediate Educational Support Personnel Association (GIESPA)

During the 2004-05 school year, representatives from the GIESPA/Board Finance Committee met to review issues and concerns related to the cost of health insurance, the flexible spending account, proposed legislation that could possibly affect public school employees' health insurance, the cost savings that have been realized as a result of implementing various cost-saving techniques for insurance coverage for support staff, longevity pay, the common school calendar and wages.

The board Personnel Committee was involved in the process, and on October 6, 2005, a ratification vote was conducted for the GIESPA membership. Of the 335 eligible members, 170 voted yes and 31 voted no. There were 6 spoiled ballots. Superintendent Thomas Svitkovich recognized the efforts of the Win-Win teams and especially President Brenda Maynard and GIESPA/Board Finance Committee member Charlie Jackson, as well as staff members Thomas Princinsky, Cynthia McCain and Jan Russell.

At the October 11, 2005 meeting, the board approve the three-year contract extension with the Genesee Intermediate Educational Support Personnel Association.

Property Purchase Considered

Genesee Intermediate School District was approached by estate representatives for property located at 2461 West Maple Avenue, directly west of the Davis Education Center. The Building and Grounds Committee met prior to the meeting to review the property

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appraisal. The possibility of making an offer to purchase the property was discussed in closed session.

At the October 25, 2005 meeting, the board authorized the superintendent to move forward with negotiations to purchase the property.

Donations Accepted

Generous donations to the Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center and Early Childhood Programs and Services were received by the board. The donations were given by parents and community members, as well as Patsy Lou Williamson Buick-GMC.

Employees Hired

At the October 25, 2005 meeting, the board approved the hiring of the following staff: LaShiela C. Darden, School Social Worker, Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center; and Bethany K. Doxey, School and Community Liaison; Health, Safety and Nutrition Services.

Resignations Accepted

At the October 11, 2005 meeting, the GISD Board of Education accepted the resignation of Kara A. Lake, School Social Worker, Special Education Services. Resignations for the purpose of retirement were also accepted from: Karen M. Russell, Teacher of Students with Cognitive Impairment, Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center; Beryl P. Smith, Coordinator for Instruction, Reading Recovery, Education and Learning; and Marilyn D. Henson, Project Coordinator I, Health, Safety and Nutrition Services.

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