



Take Note...

October 25, 2006

Attendance and Routine Matters

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

PAC Members Appointed

At the October 10, 2006 meeting, the board reappointed Karen Whittaker, representing Lake Fenton Community Schools, to serve on the GISD Special Education Parent Advisory Committee. At the October 24, 2006 meeting, the board appointed Doris White, representing Westwood Heights Schools to serve on the PAC.

GISD Teaching, Learning and Service Plan and Annual Report Approved

Last spring, educational and community members provided input for the 2006-2011 GISD Teaching, Learning and Service Plan. The planning process and meetings to gather input were facilitated by Tom Crampton, Mott Community College executive dean. Working during the summer, the administrative team used this school/community input to prepare the plan for your review and approval. The five broad goals in this plan include Learning for Success, Leadership for Learning, Staff Development, Communication and Community Relations, as well as Technology and Information Management. These broad goal areas exceed the legal requirements for ISD planning and accurately represent the input we received from our school community.

At the October 10, 2006 meeting, the GISD Board of Education reviewed copies of the plan, as well as the comprehensive five-year report, which included the 2005-06 annual report. Superintendent Thomas Svitkovich made a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted various outcomes of the five-year report and the future direction of the 2006-2011 Teaching, Learning and Service Plan. The board accepted the report and the plan.

MASB Education Excellence Award Sign from SET SEG Accepted

In May, Genesee Intermediate School District received an MASB-SEG Education Excellence Award in the Special Education Category for its Project CHOICE Program.

As a sponsor of this awards program, SET SEG takes great pleasure in drawing positive attention to public schools. At the October 10, 2006 meeting, Dan Gerger, SET SEG account executive, presented the board with a sign that proclaims Genesee ISD as an Education Excellence Award Winner for 2006.

Michigan Safe Schools Week Resolution Adopted

Providing a safe and secure environment for students is of the utmost importance for all Michigan schools. The Michigan Safe Schools Week, November 5-11, 2006, is a week-long campaign to raise awareness of effective ways to prevent or reduce violence in our schools. A pledge signing/safe schools week kick-off event will take place at the State Capitol on Monday, November 6, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The ceremony will culminate with students at the capitol leading a statewide safe schools pledge signing. All schools are encouraged to take part in this event by organizing pledge signing ceremonies to coincide with the State Capitol event. Michigan Safe Schools Week provides an excellent opportunity to renew efforts to provide the safest possible environment for our students. At its October 24, 2006 meeting, the board adopted a resolution proclaiming November 5-11, 2006 as Michigan Safe Schools Week.

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Erwin L. Davis Education Center Furniture Bid Approved

Donations Accepted

Employees Hired

Leaves of Absence Approved

Resignations Accepted

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Team members from Business Services, Technology & Media Services, the Superintendent's Office and Human Resources and Operations have been working on addressing the issue of having adequate workstations to meet the increased number of staff members that have been hired and are being stationed in the Davis Education Center. Plans were drawn up for both the Administrative Services and Technology and Media Services, in Section B, for renovation. Additional furniture items were added in the bid to address a need in the Transportation Services Department. On September 15, 2006, the bid specifications were sent to twenty-one (21) All Steel vendors. On October 3, 2006, the district received two responses. All bidders met the specifications.

The Building and Grounds Committee met prior to the October 10, 2006, board meeting to review the bids. Following a recommendation by the Building and Grounds Committee, the board approved the bid to purchase the furniture from All Steel/Creative Office Concepts, including installation, in the amount of \$120,357.

A generous donation of a Rifton Bike for use at the Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center was received by the board at the October 10, 2006, meeting. The donation was made by a parent.

At the October 24, 2006 meeting, the board approved the hiring of; James H. Donovan, Mott Middle College Counselor; and Michele E. Lambaria, Physical Therapist, Special Education Services.

At the October 10, 2006 meeting, leaves of absence were considered and approved for: Barbara A. Olszewski, Teacher of Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders, EKLC Project CHOICE—Durant-Tuuri-Mott; Laura A. Hawks, Paraprofessional, Special Services—Day Treatment, Carman-Ainsworth Dye Elementary; Sharlene M. Weisenberger, Transportation Aide, Transportation Services; Jill A. McCarthy, Bus Driver, Transportation Services; and Christine M. Emmendorfer, Bus Driver, Transportation Services. At the October 24, 2006 meeting, leaves of absence were considered and approved for: Jeanette Miller Teacher, Early Childhood, ECPS, Swartz Creek; Audrey Fickle Teacher, Speech/Language, EKLC; and Gregory Burley Head Custodian, MCIC.

At the October 24, 2006 meeting, the board accepted resignations for the purpose of retirement from: John A. Burmeister, Director of Grants and Development, Communications and Development; and Linda K. Kear, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Office of the Superintendent.

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