



Take Note...

February 28, 2007

Attendance and Routine Matters

Amendment 1 to the 2006-07 Budgets Approved

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

The board adopted the budget for the 2006-07 school year in June of 2006. Since the budget development for the new year begins several months prior to the end of the current fiscal year, several assumptions are made in forecasting, including items such as projected increases in salaries based on the staffing levels and contract settlements, increases in the cost of fringe benefits, utility rates and anticipated funding. The amendment provides an opportunity to make the necessary adjustments based on the known information at this time. In addition, grants that have been awarded since the development of the budget are being added through the amendment process. After administrative discussion, as well as review of the revenue estimates, budget expenditures and projected fund equities, it was determined to recommend the following adjustments as summarized below by fund.

GENERAL EDUCATION FUND—Revenue originally projected for the General Education Fund has been adjusted in Amendment 1 to reflect increased grant funding and grant carryover revenue received since the adoption of the 2006-07 budget. The General Education Fund revenue will be increased by \$2.1 million. Expenditures, as originally budgeted for the General Education Fund, have been revised to reflect the various revenue changes as outlined above. After forecasting fund equities through the 2007-08 fiscal year, with State Sources remaining flat, a decision was made to reduce expenditures funded from unrestricted revenue during the current year. The goal was to maintain the fund equity threshold established by the GISD Board of Education to ensure sufficient cash flow during difficult economic times.

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND—Revenue for the Special Education Fund for Amendment 1 increased in Current Property Taxes, Delinquent Taxes, Interest & Penalties, Payments in Lieu of Taxes, Income from Deposits and Investments, Medicaid Fee-For-Service, Intermediate State Aid, Special Education Foundation-Section 51.a.2, Special Education-Section 56, I.D.E.I.A., Infant and Toddler Early Intervention and Medicaid-Administrative Outreach. Some of the adjustments were made to reflect carryover dollars on federal grants and to correspond to the current year funding levels. Decreases were made in Miscellaneous and Work Force Investment Act categories. The Special Education Fund revenue will be increased by \$5.4 million. Expenditures for the basic Special Education Fund

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Biennial Election Date Set

2007-08 Budgets Authorized for Presentation

budget have been adjusted to refine the original budget assumptions. Expenditures in grants correspond directly to the carryover funding for I.D.E.I.A. (2004) and Infant and Toddler Early Intervention.

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION FUND—Revenue for the Career Technical Education Fund has been adjusted to reflect increases in Current Property Taxes, Delinquent Taxes, Interest & Penalties, Income from Deposits and Investments and Special Grants. The state aid line items have been adjusted from the proposed budget figures to the current anticipated amounts. The Career Technical Education Fund revenue will be increased by \$518,000. Expenditures for the basic Career Technical Education Fund budget have been adjusted to refine the original budget assumptions. Outgoing Transfers to Local School Districts has been increased to reflect the additional amount due to the Flint Community Schools for the operation of the Genesee Area Skill Center based on the projected property tax collection. Expenditures in grants correspond directly to the projected revenue.

ENTERPRISE FUND—The expenditures in the Enterprise fund have been adjusted to refine the original budget assumptions. The following programs fall under the Enterprise Fund umbrella: Technology and Media Services-GenNET, Other-Technology and Media Services, GenNET Capital Projects, Special Education Transportation, Special Education Transportation Capital Projects, Vocational Education Transportation and Vocational Education Capital Projects.

OTHER FUNDS—The remaining funds include Capital Projects, Special Education Capital Projects, Durant Settlement Fund, Debt Retirement Durant Fund and School Lunch Services Fund. The majority of the revenue generated in each of these funds is a result of transfers from other funds.

Amendment 1 was also reviewed with the superintendent subcommittees and endorsed by the superintendents at their monthly association meeting held on February 7, 2007. It is important to remember that the budget process is ongoing, and ISD staff members will continue to monitor and respond accordingly as new information impacting funding becomes available. At the February 13, 2007 meeting, the GISD board approved adopting Amendment 1 to the 2006-07 Budget and adopted a resolution amending the budget in accordance with the Uniform Budgeting Act.

The School Code specifies procedures for the election of ISD board members. The election, which is conducted biennially, is designated for the first Monday in June. A body comprised of one member from each constituent district board is responsible for electing the ISD board members. Not earlier than 21 days before the date of the biennial election, each local constituent board of education must adopt a resolution designating its representative for the biennial meeting and identifying the candidates the board supports for each position. The School Code also provides that the ISD secretary shall provide notice of the biennial election to each constituent district board by certified mail at least ten days before the meeting. It has been the practice of the ISD to send notice to the districts of the election and terms to be filled by the end of March. This year, there are two six-year terms, currently held by Lawrence Ford and Peggy Tortorice, which expire. Additionally, Dale Green was appointed to fill the vacancy created by Robert Mark's resignation. Therefore, the law requires that a vote be conducted to fill the balance (2 years) of this full term that will end in 2009.

The board secretary and superintendent will complete details of notifying the constituent districts of the election. At the February 27 meeting, the board set the biennial election for June 4, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Area of the Erwin L. Davis Education Center.

At the February 13, 2007 meeting, the 2007-08 proposed budgets were presented along with the 2006-07 amendment. The board authorized the presentation of the budgets at the annual budget hearing on March 15, 2007. Formal adoption of the budgets will occur prior to June 30, 2007.

Act 18 Payments Authorized

Annually, the ISD calculates the Act 18 reimbursement that is paid to local school districts as partial reimbursement for their unreimbursed costs as reported to the Michigan Department of Education. A base payment of \$3.8 million was established in 1996-97 to stabilize fund equity and minimize the potential for bill backs. This year's payment reflects the base payment of \$3.8 million, \$677,433 revenue sharing and an additional \$1 million payment as adopted in the 2006-07 budget. The total 2006-07 Act 18 disbursement will be \$5,477,443. At the February 13, 2007 meeting, the board approved the 2006-07 Act 18 reimbursement as presented.

Purchase of Replacement Vehicle Approved

At the February 13 meeting, the board reviewed two quotes received for a replacement vehicle. The lowest bid of \$45,500 was accepted by the board and awarded to Patsy Lou Williamson Buick/GMC. This amount may actually decrease when all applicable rebates are included in the final price.

GenNET/FANET Presentation Accepted

Over the last several months, the Greater Flint Educational Consortium (GFEC) has worked with Genesee County higher education institutions and the GenNET Board. As a result of the efforts, a program has been prepared to offer college classes to students attending five pilot high schools in Carman-Ainsworth, Davison, Flushing, Grand Blanc and Mt. Morris. The long-range goal is to expand this program to every high school in our county. This virtual university program has been made possible through the diligent work of GFEC members as well as local district leadership and GISD's Technology and Media Services staff. The delivery of courses is possible because of the GenNET/FANET fiber connection which was strongly supported by the GISD Board of Education. At the February 27, 2007 meeting the board accepted the report.

MASB Award Nomination Approved

The GISD Board of Education may be qualified to receive MASB's Board Visionary Leadership Award. This is MASB's highest award for whole boards and signifies exemplary achievement in all aspects of governance. It honors those whose leadership accomplishes the ultimate goal of team governance (i.e., improved student achievement.) This award, now in its fourth year, will be presented at the 2007 Annual Fall Leadership Conference to each board/superintendent team that qualifies. The GISD Board of Education received this award in 2005. That year, only two school districts in the state received this prestigious award, and GISD is one of only two intermediate school district boards of education to receive this award. MASB has established six award eligibility criteria for intermediate school district boards of education to meet in order to be considered for the Board Visionary Leadership Award. The nomination criteria include: Leadership for Student Achievement; Client Satisfaction and Service Usage; Resource Efficiency; Board Development/Leadership Effectiveness; Board Conduct, Operations & Ethics; and Communication and Community Relations. At the February 27, 2007 meeting, the board approved the submission of the necessary nomination information for MASB's Board Visionary Leadership Award.

First Reading of Board Policy Revisions Approved

GISD's contract with NEOLA includes a policy update service to keep the districts abreast of changes needed to ensure compliance with recent legislation and to maintain quality and usefulness of the board policies. Recently, NEOLA provided drafts of recommended new or revised policies for consideration by the board. The Policy Committee met prior to the February 27 board meeting to review revisions and make recommendations to the board. As a result, the board approved the first reading of the board policy revisions.

Donations Accepted

Generous donations for use at the Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center; Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center; and Special Education Services Center were received by the board. The donations included money, disposable diapers and videos/DVDs, and were given by staff, family and friends.

School Bus Purchasing Program Resolution Approved

Resolution Supporting Other Boards in a Challenging Economic Environment Approved

Leaves of Absence Approved

Resignation Accepted

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The Michigan School Business Officials (MSBO) and the Michigan Association for Pupil Transportation (MAPT) have established a bus purchasing program for school districts. The program was established to allow districts to enter into a cooperative agreement for the purposes of leveraging lower costs for new school buses while still meeting bid requirements under the law. The sole responsibility of MSBO/MAPT's "Bus Purchasing Program" is to solicit bids, inform the district of the bid results and to coordinate aggregate purchase of buses. With the new resolution, GISD will continue to review bids, as in the past, and acquire buses that meet GISD's specifications through the program, if bids remain competitive. At the February 27 meeting, the board adopted the resolution approving participation in the MSBO/MAPT Bus Purchasing Program.

Just about every school district in Genesee County is facing a challenging economic environment. Over the years, GISD has worked collaboratively with Genesee County districts to save costs, increase efficiency and improve instructional programs for students. Examples of cost-saving efforts include GenNET, specialized transportation consortium, GASC transportation consortium, shared business services and shared technical services. However, even with all of these collective efforts, school districts still face difficult financial situations. Therefore, at the February 27 meeting, the GISD board reviewed and approved a resolution proposed by the Michigan Association of School Boards. In the resolution, the GISD board expressed its support for local boards of education during these difficult financial times. GISD board members also expressed their desire to continue to work collaboratively with local boards to develop cooperative programs like the existing successful programs that have already saved resources for Genesee County school districts.

At the February 13, 2007 meeting, leaves of absence were considered and approved for: Jessica McCallum, School Social Worker; and Amy Wilson, Paraprofessional. At the February 27, 2007 meeting, leaves of absence were considered and approved for: Tasha Vaara-Suydam, Teacher; Tiffany Hassett, Transportation Aide; and Pauline Coleman, Paraprofessional.

At the February 13, 2007 meeting, a resignation for the purpose of retirement was accepted from Elizabeth C. Dickens, Teacher, Mott Middle College.

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