



Take Note...

May 30, 2007

Attendance and Routine Matters

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

GISD Board of Education Awards Accepted

At its May 8, 2007 meeting, the Genesee Intermediate School District Board of Education proudly accepted the Honor Board, Standard of Excellence and Distinguished Achievement awards presented by the Michigan Association of School Boards.

These awards have been earned by the GISD Board of Education for its members' participation in the MASB Certified Board Member Awards program and leadership at the local, state and national levels. The Honor Board Award is given to boards when all board members achieve certification status. The Standard of Excellence Award is given to boards when all board members have received the Award of Merit. The Distinguished Achievement Award is given to boards when all members have received their Master Boardmember Award.

Only 11 boards of education in Michigan have earned the Standard of Excellence Award; only 17 have received the Honor Board Award; and the Genesee Intermediate School District Board of Education is the only board to receive the Distinguished Achievement Award this year.

First Reading of Board Policy Revisions Approved

GISD's contract with NEOLA includes a policy update service to keep the district 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 May 22, 2007 board meeting to review the revisions and make recommendations to the board. As a result, the board approved the first reading of the board policy revisions.

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Awards to GISD Staff Acknowledged

At the May 8, 2007 meeting, the GISD Board of Education acknowledged several GISD staff members that recently received awards from various organizations. The honorees included:

- Sharon Armstrong, Language Arts Coordinator, who received the *Creative Writing Educator of the Year Award* from the Michigan Youth Arts Festival (MYAF).
- Kenneth Duncan, Bus Driver, who received the *Excellence in Transportation Award* from GISD's transportation department staff and administrators.
- Joanne LeBlanc, Reading Recovery Coordinator, who received the *Celebrate Literacy Award* from the Flint Area Reading Council.
- Dalberta McField, Transportation Aide, who received the *Excellence in Transportation Award* from GISD's transportation department staff and administrators.
- William Welch, Science Coordinator, who received the *Woodie Flowers Award* from Dr. William Murphy and Small Parts, Inc.

Construction Updates Received

At the May 22, 2007 board meeting, Michael Moorman, Deputy Superintendent, Human Resources and Operations, presented an update of the status of both the Transition Center construction and the Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center renovation.

As a part of the update, Mr. Moorman and the board discussed various aspects of the projects, such as timelines and specific issues related to the work at each site. The board accepted the update.

Bids for MCIC Phase II Renovations Approved

On February 1, 2006, the board approved the updated GISD Capital Improvement Long-Range Plan, which included the renovation of the Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center beginning in 2006. On September 12, 2006, the board approved a design and associated cost estimates to renovate MCIC in three phases.

Phase I of the plan called for construction of a 9,860-square-foot addition housing three classrooms, a central changing room, pre-vocational and art rooms and additional restroom space. On May 8, 2007, the board received a report on the progress of construction of the addition.

The renovation of the existing 49,552 square-foot structure will be completed in phases, but all of the renovation work was bid at one time under Phase II.

Requests for bids were posted in the newspaper and on the state website. Wolgast Corporation, GISD's construction manager, solicited 681 contractors to bid on the project. On April 17, 2007, a pre-bid meeting was held at MCIC for the jobs included in Phase II. Approximately 50 contractors attended.

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Building Preventive Maintenance System Presentation Received

On Thursday, May 10, 2007, bids on 11 jobs were opened from 43 separate contractors at an open meeting at the Davis Education Center.

At the May 22, 2007 meeting, based on Wolgast Corporation recommendations and concurrence by GISD administration, the GISD board awarded the Phase II MCIC projects to the low bidders at a total cost of \$3,950,716. Of the 11 jobs that were awarded, 55% of the low bids came from Genesee County contractors; and 82% of the low bidders are union contractors.

On April 30, 2007, Maintenance and Operations Specialist David Burt, Assistant Superintendent Jan Russell and Deputy Superintendent Michael Moorman met with the special education administrative team and head custodians from each building to roll out an automated preventive maintenance program for building safety and mechanical systems. This system has been developed on-site with assistance from Technology and Media Services, thus saving the district approximately \$7,500 plus monthly maintenance and upgrade fees.

Preventive maintenance is another cost-saving measure the district is taking in order to become more efficient in managing mechanical systems maintenance, managing related supply inventories, using staff time and to control costs. In recent years, the district has also updated some HVAC systems with automated controls that have saved the district considerable sums of money.

At the May 22 board meeting, the board accepted a presentation by Mr. Burt who explained the new system for preventive maintenance and provided an overview of utility savings resulting from the automated control systems.

Donations Accepted

Generous donations for use by GISD's Office of Education and Learning, Ligon Outdoor Center, Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center, and Early Childhood Programs and Services were received by the board. The donations included award ribbons, science-related products, chairs, cash, and various gift certificates and prizes. The donations were given by family and friends of students, by staff, and by numerous Genesee County area businesses and organizations.

Leaves of Absence Approved

At the May 8 and May 22, 2007 meetings, leaves of absence were considered and approved for: Doreen Campbell, Transportation Services; Deloris Eddins, Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center; Jatasha Haralson, Business Services; William Lewis, Jr., Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center; Stacy Mead, Early Childhood Programs and Services; Michele Shaw, Transportation Services; Laura Walthers, Day Treatment Program; and Susan Zajac, Special Education Services.

GISD Hosts Executive in Residence

During the week of May 7, 2007, Genesee Intermediate School District was visited by Tim Merlino, Chief Fiscal Officer of Educational Service District 112 in Vancouver, Washington. Mr. Merlino was participating in a week-long fellowship as part of a program facilitated by the Association of Educational Service Agencies. Dr. Svitkovich explored this valuable professional development exchange experience in order to bring new ideas to Genesee County and share examples of success with peer educational service agencies. During his visit, Mr. Merlino consulted individually with each member of GISD's leadership team and participated in numerous community and school-based leadership activities.

GISD Year-End Activities

As a resource for board members, the following list of events was published for the GISD year-end activities:

MCIC Graduation	May 23	10:00 a.m.	MCIC Gym
ECPS Project CHOICE Grad.	May 30	10:30 a.m.	Crapo Child Dev. Center
GISD Biennial Election	June 4	5:30 p.m.	Davis Ed. Center Conference Area ABCD
EKLC Graduation	June 5	12:00 p.m.	EKLC Gym
ECPS Graduation	June 7	9:15 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.	ECPS ECPS
Board of Education Meeting/Budget Hearing	June 12	5:00 p.m.	Davis Ed. Center, Rm. 101
MMC Graduation	June 14	7:30 p.m.	U of M-Flint Theater



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