



# Take Note...

**June 29, 2007**

## **Attendance and Routine Matters**

## **Bids for Summer Construction Projects Approved**

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

On February 1, 2006, the board of education approved the updated GISD Capital Improvement Long-Range Plan, which included the renovation of GISD facilities. This plan includes roof replacements, repaving parking lots and other renovation projects. Bids were prepared and advertised in the newspaper and on the state website for three projects for summer 2007: repaving the parking lot at Special Services-South; roof replacement at Special Services-North and the Davis Education Center; renovation projects at Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center, including providing water to eight classrooms and widening the gymnasium doors; and at Special Services-South where cabinetry will be completed.

A pre-bid meeting was held on May 30, 2007, at each of the project sites. On June 7, 2007, bids were opened for the projects. The Building and Grounds Committee met with a representative of THA Architects prior to the June 12, 2007 meeting to review the bids.

As a result of recommendations by the Building and Grounds Committee and GISD administrators, the GISD board awarded the summer construction projects to the apparent low bidders at a total cost of \$511,648. The renovation costs came in at \$200,000 less than originally projected. Of the three contractors that were awarded the bids, two are located in Genesee County.

## **MSBO Meridian Award of Achievement Received**

Genesee Intermediate School District recently received the prestigious Michigan School Business Officials (MSBO) 2007 Meridian Award of Achievement. It was awarded to GISD because of the excellent planning and work of the GISD transportation staff. The award also included a \$750 contribution to a GISD scholarship fund. At the June 12, 2007 meeting, MSBO President-Elect, Stephanie Eagen, executive director for business and finance for the Port Huron School District, officially presented the award. At that meeting, the board accepted the award and acknowledged the many transportation employees who made this achievement possible. The board also designated the contribution to the Mott Middle College scholarship fund.

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## **Award to Gloria Bourdon Acknowledged**

Gloria Bourdon, Director of Health, Safety and Nutrition Services, and her staff provide support for the Michigan Model which is currently being implemented in 54 districts from Genesee, Lapeer and Shiawassee Counties. In May, Gloria received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Michigan Model Coordinators Health Education Association. She has been involved with the development and implementation of the Michigan Model since 1983. At the June 12, 2007 meeting, the GISD board acknowledged Gloria for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award.

## **Salary Adjustment for Administrative and Supervisory Staff Approved**

The Personnel Committee met prior to the June 12, 2007 meeting to review a recommendation for a salary adjustment for administrative and supervisory staff. As a result, the board of education approved a 1.25% salary increase, and continuation of the Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO health care program with SetSeg as GISD's agent of record, along with necessary updates of contract language. Administrators and supervisors will also continue to have the option of selecting a Health Plus plan.

## **Board Policy Revisions Adopted**

At its May 22, 2007 meeting, the board of education approved a first reading of board policy revision recommendations from NEOLA's policy update service to keep the district abreast of changes and additions needed for legal compliance and to maintain quality and usefulness of the board policies. At the June 12, 2007 meeting, the board held a second reading and approved the recommended policy changes. The revised policies will now become a part of GISD's electronic policy manual and will be accessible through the GISD website at [www.geneseeisid.org](http://www.geneseeisid.org).

## **Resolution Adopted In Support of No Child Left Behind Improvements Act of 2007**

GISD staff and the superintendent recently reviewed the National School Board Association's (NSBA) draft version of legislation to modify No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and held a discussion of the changes proposed by NSBA with Congressman Dale Kildee, who is the Subcommittee Chairman addressing reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). The ESEA is widely known by its nickname, NCLB. GISD staff has also reviewed the changes proposed by NSBA in its No Child Left Behind Improvements Act of 2007, or H.R. 648. Based upon the staff reviews and recommendations, the board of education joined many of Genesee County's local constituent districts in approving a resolution in support of the No Child Left Behind Improvements Act of 2007, as recommended by NSBA.

## **Budget Hearing Conducted**

Public Act 43 of 1963 requires that intermediate school districts hold a public hearing before adoption of its budget and give notice of the hearing by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the ISD at least six days before the hearing. GISD conducted its budget hearing at the June 26, 2007 meeting. Notice of the public hearing was published in *The Flint Journal* on June 20, 2007. A truth-in-taxation hearing was not required, as the district held the budget hearing in accordance with Public Act 43 of 1963.

## **Amendment #2 to the 2006-07 Budgets Approved**

At the June 26, 2007 meeting, GISD's Business Office presented a final budget amendment to the board of education in accordance with the State of Michigan Budget Act. Amendment #2 represents the anticipated revenue and expenditures for the 2006-07 school year for the delivery of the *GISD Teaching, Learning and Service Plan*, as adopted by the board of education. Adjustments were made within the funds to account for items such as, but not limited to, new grants, staff turnover, line item adjustments, special projects, the utilization of deferred revenue and pilot programs. The district will be finishing the year in a stable financial position. The board approved Amendment #2 to the 2006-2007 budgets and adopted a resolution amending the budget in accordance with the Uniform Budgeting Act.

## **2007-08 Budget Adopted**

At its June 26 meeting, the Genesee Intermediate School District Board of Education approved the 2007-08 GISD budget. This budget has been adjusted to reflect changes that have occurred since constituent districts endorsed the budgets at the annual budget hearing held on March 15, 2007, and during the time that local districts were considering the recommended budgets for approval.

GISD has received information that adjusts revenues and expenditures in certain funds. The budget, as endorsed by constituent district representatives at the hearing on March 15 and approved by every constituent district board of education, was \$123,925,324. The budget approved on June 26 by the GISD Board of Education was \$126,090,431. Adjustments were made due to grants that GISD has received since the March date, portions of grants that will be deferred to 2007-08 and updated state aid adjustments. Given these changes, the board is confident it is able to maintain fund balances within acceptable levels and continue the financial support promised to constituent districts at the March hearing.

As the budget was reviewed for final adoption on June 26, GISD's administrative staff reported that over 90% of GISD's comprehensive budget is linked to direct student support services for its constituent districts. Further, 92% of GISD's personnel costs are also linked to direct student support services in constituent districts. As all districts continue to move through difficult financial times, GISD is using its fund equity to maintain support of local districts in addition to maintaining GISD financial stability.

On June 21, 2007, UM-Flint presented Genesee Intermediate School District with an appreciation plaque for the many partnership activities that it is involved in. These partnership programs include Credit Options for professional development, Lesson Study Grant and the GFEC Administrative Academy. This partnership has provided educators with the opportunity to earn college credits for professional development activities that are offered at GISD. The partnership has returned tuition to GISD in the amount of \$15,045. Dr. Mary Lavengood, Assistant Superintendent for Education and Learning, accepted the plaque at the June 21 Appreciation Breakfast. At its June 26 meeting, the GISD Board of Education accepted the appreciation plaque.

The Flint Board of Education approved its 2007-08 budget, along with the GASC Technology Center budget, on Wednesday, June 20, 2007. Flint Community Schools anticipate that the Genesee Intermediate School District will provide \$11,976,289 derived from 90% collection of .9628 mill levied in all school districts. The necessary balance must come from earmarked state revenue, miscellaneous sources and fund balances. Total revenue in 2007-08 is projected at \$12,152,793, whereas total expenditures for the GASC Technology Center after the 2007-08 school year are appropriated at \$12,131,750. The undesignated fund balance for the GASC Technology Center after the 2007-08 school year is expected to be \$21,043.

Upon review at the June 26, 2007 meeting, the GISD Board of Education approved the GASC Technology Center 2007-08 budget.

At the June 26, 2007 board meeting, Deputy Superintendent Michael Moorman and Assistant Superintendent Jan Russell provided a GISD Transition Center update. Mr. Moorman covered the status of construction, including progress on the exterior, interior and mechanical systems. Mr. Russell discussed the programmatic changes which are being implemented, including staffing, student selection, scheduling and curricular changes.

### **UM-Flint Partnership Appreciation Plaque Received**

### **GASC Technology Center Budget Approved**

### **GISD Transition Center Update Received**

## **Genesee Early College Update Received**

At the June 26, 2007 board meeting, Assistant Superintendent Mary Lavengood and Sandra Morgan-Jones, Genesee Early College Principal/Planner, gave a brief update on the status of the Genesee Early College implementation plan. The student recruitment process was explained, as were the plans for employing staff and facility use at the University of Michigan-Flint. It was reported that an official communication program will be implemented with local districts to ensure a smooth transition of students to the Early College.

## **Donations Accepted**

Generous donations for use by Early Childhood Programs and Services, Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center, Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center and the Special Education Services Center were received by the board. The donations included decorations, books, instructional and professional development supplies, numerous adaptive/assistive items and cash. The donations were given by family, friends and GISD staff, and included \$2,111.26 from the Knights of Columbus, Council 4090 of Davison.

## **Employees Hired**

At the June 12 and 26, 2007 meetings, the board approved the hiring of: Jill D. Haug as Teacher of Students with Cognitive Impairment, EKLC; Sandra Morgan-Jones as Principal/Planner, Genesee Early College; Lee Rossmassler, Ph.D., as Assistant Principal, Mott Middle College; Matthew L. Osmon as a Mott Middle College Teacher; Deanna M. Kelley as Teacher of Students with Emotional Impairment; and Lisa M. Voydanoff Teacher of Students with Cognitive Impairment, EKLC.

## **Leaves of Absence Approved**

At the June 12 and June 26, 2007 meetings, leaves of absence were considered and approved for: Susan R. Meyer, Early Childhood Programs and Services; Evelyn Andrews, Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center; Anna Harper-MacDonald, Health, Safety and Nutrition Services; Joan Millington, Project CHOICE Classroom, Clio Carter Middle School; Kimberly Schmidt, Transportation Services; and Valerie A. Stein, Technology and Media Services.

## **Resignations Accepted**

A resignation for the purpose of retirement was accepted from Bobbie Porter, R.N., School Nurse, Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center.

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