



Take Note...

July 25, 2006

Attendance and Routine Matters

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

Officers Elected

The following officers of the board were elected for the 2006-2007 school year: Peggy Tortorice, president; Lawrence Ford, vice president; Jerry Ragsdale, secretary; and Dale Green, treasurer.

Bank Depositories Selected

Citizens Bank and J.P. Morgan Chase Bank were designated as depositories for GISD for savings and checking accounts. J.P. Morgan Chase Bank was also selected for safekeeping of documents through their Safety Deposit department. The Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus investment program was designated as an investment alternative and depository.

Legal Counsel Retained

The Thrun Law Firm, P.C. was retained as legal agent for the district. The board also approved the utilization of legal services from Jim Delaney of Thomas & Delaney, P.C.; Collins & Blaha, P.C.; Clark Hill, P.L.C.; Dean & Fulkerson, P.C.; as well as LaPointe & Butler, P.C. on an individual basis depending upon issues and circumstances.

Memberships Approved

The GISD Board of Education authorized the following memberships: Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB); the MASB Legal Trust Fund; the National School Boards Association Direct Affiliate Program and Technology Leadership Network; the Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of School Studies, Inc.; the School Equity Caucus; Priority Children; the Greater Flint Health Coalition; and the Genesee Regional Chamber of Commerce.

July Bills Payable

Since the board had only one scheduled meeting in early July, it was recommended and approved that the administration office, upon review of the board treasurer, is authorized to process July bills payable and issue checks. The full board will approve July financial reports in August.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Peggy J. Tortorice	President
Lawrence P. Ford	Vice President
Jerry G. Ragsdale	Secretary
Dale A. Green	Treasurer
Paul D. Newman	Trustee



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Auditors Selected

The board designated Lewis and Knopf as auditors for the district for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

Retain Labor Relations Firm

Alan Luce of Luce, Basil & Collins, Inc. was retained as chief negotiator for the district for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

Designate Official Newspaper

The Flint Journal was designated as the official newspaper for the posting of all GISD official notices. If *The Flint Journal* is unable to provide this service, then notices, advertisements, etc. will be placed in the various publications of the Detroit Newspapers and the Oakland Press.

Establish Board Committees

The following board committees were established for the 2006-2007 school year:

- Personnel/Salary/Labor Relations Committee
- Building and Grounds Committee
- Policy Committee
- Finance Committee
- MASB Liaison/LRN Member
- Liaison to Local Boards
- GASC Technology Center Administrative Council
- Education Advisory Group (EAG)
- Genesee County Educational Foundation
- Mott Middle College Advisory Committee
- Genesee/Shiawassee Workforce Development Board
- Genesee County Association of School Board Members Executive Committee

The board also authorized the president to designate committee assignments for approval at the August meeting.

Unemployment Compensation Consulting Firm Retained

The consulting contract for unemployment compensation with the TALX Corporation of St. Louis, Missouri, was approved for GISD's participation with a consortium of districts, including: Atherton, Beecher, Bendle, Bentley, Carman-Ainsworth, Clio, Davison, Flushing, Genesee, Goodrich, Grand Blanc, Kearsley, Lake Fenton, Lakeville, Linden, Montrose and Mt. Morris.

Designate Electronic Transaction Officer

The board appointed Cynthia McCain, GISD's executive director of finance, as the electronic transaction officer for the district. The officer is responsible for implementing the district's Automated Clearing House (ACH) agreements, including payment approval, accounting, reporting, oversight and compliance with board policy.

Community Foundation of Greater Flint Resolution Adopted

The Community Foundation of Greater Flint requires that the governing body of an eligible applicant authorize the submission of any request for financial support. The board adopted a blanket resolution for the 2006-2007 school year authorizing the superintendent to submit grant applications to the Community Foundation on behalf of GISD.

GCASBM Officers Ballot Cast

The district received a communication from the Genesee County Association of School Board Members concerning the election of association officers and a ballot for the 2006-2007 school year. At the July 19 meeting, the GISD board cast its official ballot for Michael Blondell—Grand Blanc Community Schools, Vice President; Tomiko Fisher—Beecher Community Schools, Secretary; and Brian Simons—Genesee School District, Treasurer.

Board of Education Meeting Schedule for 2006-2007

The GISD Board of Education approved the following meeting schedule for the 2006-2007 school year:

• August 8, 2006	Special Mtg./Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• August 22	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• September 12	Special Mtg./Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• September 26	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• October 10	Special Mtg./Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• October 24	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• November 14	Special Mtg./Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• December 12	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• January 9, 2007	Special Mtg./Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• January 23	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• February 13	Special Mtg./Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• February 27	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• March 13	Special Mtg./Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• March 15	Budget Hearing	7:00 p.m.
• March 27	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• April 24	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• May 8	Special Mtg./Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• May 22	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• June 4	Biennial Election	5:30 p.m.
• June 12	Special Mtg./Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• June 26	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• July 9	2007-08 Organizational Mtg.	5:00 p.m.

Shared Technical Service Agreements Approved

In June, the board approved the first shared technical services agreement with Beecher Community Schools. Since then, details for shared technical support services have been finalized with Atherton Community Schools and Kearsley Community Schools. All agreements with the districts have been approved by their respective boards of education. At the July 19 meeting, the GISD board approved the shared technical services agreements with Atherton and Kearsley, and authorized the superintendent to employ necessary staff and fully define the working relationship with the districts as outlined in the agreements.

Business Services Contract with Beecher Approved

On October 11, 2005, the GISD Board of Education approved a contract for GISD to manage the business office of Beecher Community Schools for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year. Superintendent Forrest Gunderson worked with GISD's Business Services to develop a contract for the 2006-2007 school year, which was approved by the Beecher board. At its July 19, 2006 meeting, the GISD board authorized the shared business services contract with Beecher.

Cafeteria Table Bid Approved

On June 13, 2006, the Building and Grounds Committee reviewed a proposal for replacement of the built-in cafeteria tables at the Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center. As a result of this critical need and with the assistance of THA Architects/Engineers, specifications were developed; and a request for bids was advertised in the newspaper and posted on the state website. Two bids were received for the project and were opened on June 26, 2006. At the July 19, 2006 meeting, the board voted to award the bid to the Dew-El Corporation, based on their low bid of \$32,583.20.

Donations Accepted

Generous donations to the Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center and the Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center were received by the board. The donations were given by family, friends and the Knights of Columbus Councils #4090 and #10170.

Ballenger Pointe Lease Extended

On June 27, 2006, the Building and Grounds Committee and the board of education were informed that Cooper Commercial is interested in extending the lease on the Ballenger Pointe facility currently housing Health, Safety and Nutrition Services. Extension of the lease will commence in the 2006-07 school year, effective October 1, 2006 through the 2008-09 school year. The district has the option to terminate the lease effective September 30, 2008, in the event sufficient funding is not available to continue the program into the third year of the lease. The board authorized the superintendent to execute a three-year lease extension.

Property Purchase Considered

At the July 19, 2006 meeting, the board authorized the superintendent to execute a purchase agreement for property to serve as a Special Education Transition Center. In response to a growing need for these services, GISD has been developing plans for a transition center to provide services to students, ages 18-26. This action was taken pending the review and approval of the purchase agreement by legal counsel.

Employees Hired

At the July 19, 2006 meeting, the board approved the hiring of: Jacqueline A. Mark as Teacher of Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder; La Tisha M. Young-Bowie as Teacher of Students with Emotional Impairment; Nicole L. Heavilin as Teacher of the Speech and Language Impaired; Mary S. Howell as Coordinator for Instruction—Reading Recovery; and Amy L. Chorley as a Teacher Consultant for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Leave of Absence Approved

Leaves of absence were considered and approved for: George Heinz, Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center; Lillian Yunker, Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center; Annette McDaniel-Fox, Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center; and Linda Bradshaw, Transportation Services.

Employment Rights Terminated

Employment rights were terminated for the following Transportation Services employees: Melissa Paivarinta and Theresa Hillier.

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