



Take Note...

October 24, 2007

Attendance and Routine Matters

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

Nomination Made to Early Childhood Investment Corporation Board of Directors

At its September 11, 2007 meeting, the board of education approved the Early Childhood Investment Corporation resolution authorizing the superintendent to execute the required documents related to the Early Childhood Interlocal Agreement and the Early Childhood Investment Corporation (ECIC). At that time, it was indicated that after consulting with members of the school community, a recommendation would be presented to nominate a community leader to serve on the ECIC Corporate Board of Directors and represent Genesee County. The ECIC Corporate Board of Directors will represent counties throughout Michigan, and its major function will be to govern the various early childhood activities of the ECIC.

At the October 9, 2007 meeting, Superintendent Thomas Svitkovich presented for consideration the nomination of Mr. Robert Rummel, Senior Vice President and Midwest Region Manager for Chase Business Banking. Mr. Rummel directs a team of relationship managers and customer service professionals in the 21 Michigan and Indiana Chase Business Banking markets. Mr. Rummel is extremely active in Genesee County. He serves on the boards of directors for Genesee Regional Chamber of Commerce, Metro Housing Partnership, Incorporated and Uptown Reinvestment Corporation. Mr. Rummel has a passion for literacy and early childhood education. In his role in the Genesee County community, Mr. Rummel has been an advocate for a variety of educational programs. He has also used the assets of his corporate role to support a variety of educational programs, such as his bank's local initiative to support literacy.

At the October 9, 2007 meeting, the board approved the nomination of Mr. Robert Rummel to the ECIC Corporate Board of Directors, and authorized the superintendent to execute necessary documents and announce the appointment to the community.

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2006-2007 Donations Report Received

At the October 9, 2007 meeting, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Tomiko Fisher presented the 2006-07 donations report to the GISD Board of Education. The report indicated that during the 2006-07 school year, the board accepted 170 donations with a total value of \$61,985. Donations ranged from cash, furniture and wheelchairs to diapers and bowling items, and were given by parents, staff members, organizations, businesses and community members. All GISD special education center programs, as well as Health, Safety and Nutrition Services, Education and Learning and the Ligon Outdoor Center received donations during the 2006-07 school year, which was a record year for donations. The total amount of donations received since 1994 is \$501,819.

MEEMIC Foundation Grant Accepted

The MEEMIC® Foundation for the Future of Education was founded in 1992 by the MEEMIC® Insurance Company as a means of giving back to the educational community. Recently, GISD's Health, Safety and Nutrition Services program was awarded a \$750 mini-grant from the MEEMIC® Foundation for the Future of Education to continue *Success in Schools*, an eight-week group support program for students in need of emotional and well-being assistance, especially in the areas of anger management and conflict resolution. The *Success in Schools* program is in its fifth year and operates in the Atherton, Bendle, Montrose, Mt. Morris and Swartz Creek school districts. The MEEMIC® Foundation support will help the program continue in Bendle Public Schools.

At the October 9, 2007 board meeting, Kristy Mitchell, Director of MEEMIC® Foundation for the Future of Education and MEEMIC/VanRoeyen Insurance Agency Owner Vincent VanRoeyen presented a commemorative check in the amount of \$750 to the Health, Safety and Nutrition Services program for the MEEMIC® Foundation for the Future of Education mini-grant. On behalf of the board of education, President Lawrence Ford congratulated Director of Health, Safety and Nutrition Services Gloria Bourdon and thanked the MEEMIC® Foundation and VanRoeyen Insurance Agency for the mini-grant.

English as a Second Language Tutor Services Contract Approved

The GISD English as a Second Language (ESL) program is a service provided to local districts. Without this service, each district would be responsible for implementing compliance frameworks, including the creation of a districtwide instructional program. GISD has taken additional steps to help its constituent districts serve English Limited Language students and families and to comply with state and federal laws. At the August 14, 2007 meeting, the GISD board of education authorized the recommendation proposed by administration to offer an additional service to its constituent districts by employing ESL tutors as GISD employees. GISD currently has contract agreements with Atherton Community School District, Bentley Community School District, Carman-Ainsworth Community Schools, Clio Area Schools, Davison Community Schools, Flushing Community Schools, Genesee School District, Goodrich Area Schools, Grand Blanc Community Schools, Kearsley Community Schools, Lake Fenton Community Schools, Linden Community School District, Montrose Community School District, Mt. Morris Consolidated Schools, Swartz Creek Community School District, Westwood Heights Schools and Linden Charter Academy.

At the October 9, 2007 meeting, the board reviewed copies of a contract for Grand Blanc Academy, which was executed by their chief administrative officer. As a result, the board authorized the superintendent to execute the agreement, employ necessary staff and fully define the working relationship with the public school academy, as outlined in the agreement.

Board Policy Revisions Adopted

At the September 25, 2007 meeting, board members conducted a first reading of revised GISD Board Policies 3120.06 (Selecting Student Teachers/ Interns); 5421 (Grading); 5430 (Class Rank); 5500 (Student Conduct); 5514.01 (Student Use of Motor Vehicles); 5710 (Student Grievance); and 8330 (Student Records). These policy revisions were necessary to incorporate the Genesee Early College Student Handbook. At the October 9, 2007 meeting, the board conducted a second reading and adopted the revisions to the aforementioned GISD Board Policies.

Student Discipline

At the October 9, 2007 meeting, the board took action to expel a Mott Middle College student for violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

Mott Middle College Graduation Requirements Revised

The recently approved Michigan Merit Curriculum requires that school districts across the state review and approve new graduation requirements for students, which are aligned with Michigan's new standards. After review by Mott Middle College staff, recommendations were made for changes in the Mott Middle College graduation requirements to meet the new standards. The Genesee Early College graduation requirements, which were recently approved, already align with the new state requirements.

At the October 23, 2007 meeting, the board approved revisions that begin with the class of 2011, and that all MMC students will be required to meet. The total number of credits required for graduation will remain constant at 22. However, mathematics, social studies and health/physical education requirements will change. The new curriculum also mandates that students have an online educational experience, and, therefore a change will be implemented in the internship/career education/online credit category. Further, beginning with the class of 2016, two world language credits will also be required.

Transition Center and Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center Renovation Updates Received

GISD is making significant progress toward completion of its construction projects. During the October 23 board meeting, Deputy Superintendent Michael Moorman and Assistant Superintendent Jan Russell shared specific details regarding the completion of the Transition Center. They reported that the Transition Center, pending final approvals and inspections, will be opened for students before November 1st. They also gave a construction status report on the renovations at the Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center. MCIC staff and students are now using the areas completed during Phase I of renovations, and construction is now underway on Phase II. The board accepted the report.

Donations Accepted

On behalf of Early Childhood Programs and Services, Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center and Special Education Services Center-North, the board accepted the donation of eight VHS Tape Decks from Kettering University, as well as donations of equipment and clothing from a community member. Additionally, the board accepted a cash donation of \$300.00 from the Knights of Columbus, Council #8245 and video tapes for various age groups from the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor.

Employees Hired

At the October 9 meeting, the board approved the employment of: Stephanie J. Gay-Strawsburg, Teacher of the Speech and Language Impaired, Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center; Erin E. Shankie, Nutrition Education Facilitator, Health, Safety and Nutrition Services; and Anne D. Zanger, Orientation and Mobility Specialist, Special Education Services.

At the October 23 meeting, the board approved the employment of Brooke B. Emerson, Teacher of Students with Cognitive Impairment, Early Childhood Programs and Services.

Leaves of Absence Approved

Leaves of absence were considered and approved for: Lerlean Campbell, Transportation Aide, Transportation Services; Nancy Glady, Teacher of Students with Cognitive Impairment, Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center; Darryl W. Leeper, Custodian, Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center; and Darlene White, Bus Driver, Transportation Services.

Leave of Absence Rescinded

At the meeting on October 9, 2007, the board of education approved a short-term leave of absence, as needed up to 60 days, for a Transportation Services employee. Since that time, GISD staff has learned that the employee worked an insufficient number of hours in the previous school year to qualify under the Family and Medical Leave Act for a leave of this nature in the 2007-08 school year. At the October 23, 2007 meeting, the board voted to rescind the leave of absence.

Resignations Accepted

A resignation for the purpose of retirement was accepted from Phyllis J. Clark, Para-Educator, EKLC Project CHOICE. A resignation was also accepted from John F. Waldo, Health and Safety Facilitator, Health, Safety and Nutrition Services.

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