



Take Note...

November 30, 2007

Attendance and Routine Matters

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

ECIC Board of Directors Recommendations

At the 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 consultation with the Genesee County Great Start Collaborative, a recommendation would be made to nominate a community member to serve on the ECIC Corporate Board of Directors and represent Genesee County. At the October 23, 2007 board of education meeting, the nomination of Mr. Robert Rummel, Senior Vice President and Midwest Region Manager for Chase Business Banking, was approved.

In addition to Mr. Rummel's position on the board, there are two vacancies representing Genesee County, which will be filled by appointment by Governor Jennifer Granholm. After discussion with members of the Genesee County Great Start Collaborative, the GISD board approved recommending Ms. Rhett Hunyady and Ms. Gail Stimson to the Governor for appointment. Both Ms. Hunyady and Ms. Stimson serve on the Genesee County Great Start Collaborative. Ms. Stimson is a licensed social worker and a licensed marriage and family therapist. She is currently the executive director of Priority Children and has a great deal of experience working with young children. She is an outstanding administrator and a strong advocate for interagency collaborations, as well as being a great partner in several GISD projects. Ms. Rhett Hunyady is the vice president of the Genesee Regional Chamber of Commerce. Prior to her assignment at the Chamber, she served as a member of the leadership staff of the Genesee Area Focus Council. Ms. Hunyady holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Leadership and has been a business representative on the Genesee County Great Start Collaborative. She also leads partnerships in Genesee County focusing on career development programs for youth. Both Ms. Stimson and Ms. Hunyady have agreed to accept a gubernatorial appointment to the ECIC Corporate Board of Directors, should they be appointed by the Governor.

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**MASB Board
Visionary Leadership
Award Accepted**

**Michigan's Best
Education Excellence
Award Accepted**

On Saturday, November 3, 2007, the Genesee Intermediate School District Board of Education received a 2007 MASB Board Visionary Leadership Award. This year, only four school districts in the state received this prestigious award. The Genesee Intermediate School District Board of Education is the only intermediate school district in the state to be recognized with this leadership award for a second time. The GISD board first received this award when the board was recognized in 2005.

The Michigan Association of School Boards established six award eligibility criteria to be met by intermediate school district boards of education in order to be considered for the Board Visionary Leadership Award. The nomination criteria included: Leadership for Student Achievement; Client Satisfaction and Service Usage; Resource Efficiency; Board Development/Leadership Effectiveness; Board Conduct; Operations and Ethics; as well as Communication and Community Relations. An extensive portfolio was submitted, which included GISD's Teaching, Learning and Service Plan, Customer Satisfaction Survey, Accountability Study, Services for You, a summary of professional development, publications, budget hearing materials, board evaluation instruments, selected policy sections and other public relations materials. A broad narrative was also included, describing the board's leadership in relationship to the successful operation of the Genesee Intermediate School District.

This past September, the Genesee Intermediate School District Board of Education accepted an MASB-SEG Education Excellence Award in the ISD Career Technical Education category for GISD's Bridges to the Future program. This award program is also sponsored by Set Seg. As a part of the awards program, all Education Excellence Award winners are judged again to select recipients of MASB's Michigan's Best - Education Excellence Award. The Michigan's Best - Education Excellence Award winner also receives a \$1,500 cash award. For 2007, in the ISD Career Technical Education category, the Genesee Intermediate School District was selected to receive MASB's Michigan's Best - Education Excellence Award for its Bridges to the Future program.

The members of the Bridges to the Future partnership are GISD, United Way of Genesee County, Flint Community Schools and the 20 other constituent districts. Bridges to the Future operates 109 school-based sites and serves over 17,000 students in Genesee County. GISD staff is committed to providing "Afterschool for All." According to the United Way of Genesee County, Bridges to the Future is the largest afterschool collaborative in the nation. Bridges to the Future provides programming to kindergarten through ninth grade students. These programs are categorized as follows: arts (performing and visual); fitness/nutrition; language arts; life skills; mathematics; science; social studies; and Youth Advisory Council. Youth Advisory Councils at each site help decide what kinds of programs are offered at their school buildings. They also plan and implement a variety of student-initiated community service programs.

Additionally, The MAGNA Awards program, sponsored by National School Boards Association and the American School Board Journal, recently selected Bridges to the Future to receive honorable mention in its MAGNA Awards 2008 recognition program. GISD is one of only 15 districts nationwide selected for this recognition.

At its November 13, 2007 meeting, the GISD Board of Education accepted the Michigan's Best - Education Excellence Award for the Bridges to the Future program, and designated the \$1,500 cash award to further support Bridges activities.

**Genesee/Shiawassee
Workforce Development
Board: Education
Representative Designated**

**Co-Sponsorship of 2007-08
Flint Area Public Affairs
Debates Approved**

**GenNET Distance
Learning Report
Received**

**Fiber Optic Cable
Construction Bid
for GISD Transition
Center Approved**

Furniture Bid Approved

Genesee Intermediate School District received a request from Career Alliance, Inc. to nominate a board member to serve on the Genesee/Shiawassee Workforce Development Board. Mr. Jerry Ragsdale, GISD board member, has a keen interest in representing the "education sector" on the Workforce Development Board. Mr. Ragsdale has been a Workforce Development Board member, serving as the Education Sector Representative since 2005. He is very interested in continuing this assignment, and he brings a great deal of talent and experience to the table as the Education Sector Representative.

At the November 13, 2007 meeting, the board of education nominated Mr. Jerry Ragsdale to serve on the Genesee/Shiawassee Workforce Development Board as the Education Sector Representative.

Genesee Intermediate School District has been a co-sponsor of the Flint Area Public Affairs Debates since 1986, and has annually contributed to the funding of the program. While the Flint Area Public Affairs Debates is not asking for a financial contribution this year, it is asking for continued endorsement as a co-sponsor. The organization has accumulated sufficient funds to cover this year's expenses. At the November 13, 2007 meeting, the board of education voted to continue co-sponsorship of the Flint Area Public Affairs Debates.

GenNET distance learning opportunities have been a part of Genesee County school districts since 1997. GenNET has provided expanded learning opportunities for students through interactive television, online web-based programming and, most recently, the GenNET/FANET programming focusing on dual enrollment opportunities for high school students in partnership with the four local institutions of higher education. At the November 13, 2007 meeting, Beverly Knox-Pipes, Assistant Superintendent for Technology and Media Services, reported that a connection between FANET and GenNET was facilitated to offer seven postsecondary ITV courses to nine high schools, serving 81 students. Additionally, sixty-eight course sections were offered via GenNET ITV in 2006-2007, with 629 students participating. Further, 620 students from 25 school districts enrolled in REMC/GenNET Online courses in 2006-2007. The board accepted the report.

On September 17, 2007, Genesee Intermediate School District, working with Childs Consulting Associates, Inc., issued a request for proposals (RFP) for fiber optic cable construction to the newly renovated GISD Transition Center building. The RFP was advertised on the Childs Consulting Associates, Inc. website, on the State of Michigan website, in the Flint Journal and by direct fax invitation to known fiber construction vendors.

Bids were reviewed for complete submission requirements and compliance with the terms of the RFP and were further reviewed for technical accuracy, mathematical accuracy, correct quantities and detailed compliance.

After analysis of the proposals and vendor response to clarification questions, Childs Consulting Associates, Inc. recommended, and the GISD administration concurred, that the board of education accept the bid from the lowest cost and compliant bidder, Fiber Link, Inc., in the amount of \$34,721.88. At the November 13, 2007 meeting, the GISD board approved awarding the bid to Fiber Link, Inc.

On October 16, 2007, bids were mailed to 16 Allsteel vendors for the purchase of furniture for Health, Safety and Nutrition Services and Special Education Services Center-North to address additional staff and to meet the programs' needs. The bid opening was held on October 30, 2007, and prior to the November 13, 2007 meeting, the Building and Grounds committee met to review bid documents. As a result of the review and recommendations by the Building and Grounds committee, the GISD board awarded the bid to the low bidder, Kerr Albert Office Supplies, in the amount of \$20,210.06.

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. NEOLA recently provided drafts of recommended replacement or revised policies for consideration by the board. Administration has reviewed NEOLA's recommendations, as well as submitted revisions. At the November 13, 2007 meeting, board members reviewed revisions to the following GISD Board Policies: 2421 (Career-Technical Education Program); 5136 (Cell Phones and Electronic Communication Devices); 5540 (Interrogation of Students); 7440 (Plant Security); and 8500 (Child Nutrition Services).

The Policy Committee met prior to the 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.

November Bills Payable

Since the board had one scheduled meeting in November, it was recommended and approved that the administration office, upon review of the board treasurer, is authorized to process November bills payable and issue checks. The GISD Board of Education, as an official body, will approve November financial reports in December.

Donations Accepted

On behalf of the Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center and Genesee Early College, the board accepted the donation of books, craft supplies and Anatomy and Pathology Textbooks. The donation of the textbooks to the Genesee Early College was made by members of the Genesee County Medical Society.

Administrative Contract Approved

GISD's administrative team recently completed the screening and interview process to fill the vacancy for the new position of Health, Safety and Nutrition Services Administrator. The duties of the new position include assisting the department director in the development and operation of programs, supervision of assigned staff and oversight of grant-funded programs. At the November 13, 2007 meeting, the GISD board approved the hiring of Melissa L. Rossello for the position.

Leave of Absence

At the November 13, 2007 meeting, the board approved the extension of a leave of absence for Susan K. Zajac.

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