



Take Note...

July 23, 2007

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 2007-2008 school year: Lawrence P. Ford, president; Jerry G. Ragsdale, vice president; Dale A. Green, secretary; and Paul D. Newman, treasurer.

Award Presented

At its reorganization meeting on July 9, the GISD board presented a plaque to Peggy Tortorice recognizing her for dedicated service and leadership while serving two terms as president of the board of education. Mrs. Tortorice graciously accepted the past president gavel plaque and thanked the board for its continued commitment to students in Genesee County.

Bank Depositories Selected

Citizens Bank and JPMorgan Chase Bank were designated as depositories for GISD savings and checking accounts. JPMorgan Chase Bank was also selected for safekeeping of documents through its Safety Deposit department. Additionally, 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 Association of Educational Service Agencies; the Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of School Studies, Inc.; the School Equity Caucus; Priority Children; the Greater Flint Health Coalition; the Genesee Regional Chamber of Commerce; and Automation Alley.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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



GENESEE ISD
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Superintendent

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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.

Auditors Selected

The board designated Lewis and Knopf as auditors for the district for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

Retain Labor Relations Firm

Alan Luce of Luce, Basil & Collins, Inc. was retained as chief negotiator for the district for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

Designate Official Newspaper

The Flint Journal was designated as the official newspaper for the posting of all GUSD 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 2007-2008 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 Early College Advisory Committee
- Genesee/Shiawassee Workforce Development Board
- Genesee County Association of School Board Members Executive Committee
- Wellness 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 GUSD'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, GUSD'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 2007-2008 school year authorizing the superintendent to submit grant applications to the Community Foundation on behalf of GUSD.

Board of Education Meeting Schedule for 2007-2008

The GISD Board of Education approved the following meeting schedule for the 2007-2008 school year:

• August 14	Special Meeting/Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• August 28	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• September 11	Special Meeting/Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• September 25	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• October 9	Special Meeting/Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• October 23	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• November 13	Special Meeting/Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• December 11	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• January 8, 2008	Special Meeting/Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• January 22	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• February 12	Special Meeting/Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• February 26	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• March 11	Special Meeting/Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• March 12	Budget Hearing	7:00 p.m.
• March 25	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• April 8	Special Meeting/Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• April 22	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• May 13	Special Meeting/Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• May 27	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• June 10	Special Meeting/Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• June 24	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• July 14	2008-09 Organizational Meeting	5:00 p.m.

Business Services Contract with Genesee Approved

Over the last few months, the GISD Board of Education has approved several Shared Business Services contracts. Most recently, Genesee School District Superintendent Jeff Rohrer has worked with GISD's Business Services to develop a contract for GISD to provide payroll services to the Genesee School District. As a result, Mr. Rohrer has returned a signed contract, and at its July 9 meeting, the GISD Board of Education approved the Shared Business Services contract with Genesee School District.

Education and Learning Services Contract with Lapeer County ISD Approved

At its July 9 meeting, the Genesee Intermediate School District Board of Education authorized the superintendent to execute an agreement to provide educational learning consultants services for Lapeer County Intermediate School District. For the most part, consultant services will be provided by current GISD employees. Further, the board authorized the superintendent to employ necessary additional staff to fulfill any additional need for consultant services as defined by the Lapeer County Intermediate School District. GISD leadership will work with the Lapeer County Intermediate School District leadership to fully define the working relationship as outlined in the agreement.

Head End Equipment Bid Approved

On June 19, 2007, bids were mailed to four vendors for a Powerware BladeUPS-36 Modular Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) System for the head end room. This equipment will replace the original stand-alone UPS devices, supplying surge protection and battery backup power to all electronic equipment including servers, switches and voice/video/data transmission devices in the head-end room. Costs for this equipment will be shared with GenNET and reimbursement from the Universal Service Fund will be sought. The two bids that were received were opened on June 27, 2007, and the Building and Grounds Committee met prior to the July 9 board meeting to review the bid documents. As a result, it was recommended and approved to award the bid for the UPS System to the low bidder, AIG Associates, in the amount of \$37,452.00.

Furniture Bids for Transition Center Approved

It is anticipated that the Transition Center program will begin operating by mid-October. The business office has been working with the Transition Center Team and an interior designer, in conjunction with the construction manager, on the furniture design and colors for the facility. The bid included items that are not the traditional Allsteel products that will be needed for the Transition Center. The standard Allsteel furniture products were bid under separate cover.

This invitation to bid was mailed on June 12, 2007 with a scheduled opening on June 25, 2007. The bids were set up to allow a vendor to submit for any item(s) on the specifications.

As a result of the bid review and recommendations by the Building and Grounds committee, the GISD Board of Education awarded the following Transition Center furniture bids:

- Hospital Purchasing, for a total cost of \$97,676.37.
- Office Products Outlet, for a total cost of \$4,750.10.
- Project Dynamics, for a total of \$3,475.97.

Since the onset of the Genesee Area Skill Center Transportation Consortium, GISD has been in the process of replacing leased vehicles to reduce the overall operational budget for this program. A bid was developed soliciting vendors for available, in stock 72-78 passenger Conventional Type-C school buses that could be delivered by August 1, 2007. The Building and Grounds Committee met prior to the July 9 board meeting to review the bids and make recommendations. As a result, the GISD board approved the acceptable low bid from Hoekstra Transportation, Inc. to purchase two buses for a total cost of \$131,000.

GASC Transportation Consortium Bus Purchase Approved

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