



Take Note...

January 28, 2009

Attendance and Routine Matters

Lawrence Ford, president; Jerry Ragsdale, vice president; Dale Green, secretary; Paul Newman, treasurer; and Cindy Gansen, trustee.

GISD Board Members Recognized

Each January, School Board Recognition Month is celebrated as a great opportunity to thank the men and women who make the time to share their vision about the future of Michigan's children by serving on boards of education. This year's theme is *School Boards LeadStrong*. In honor of School Board Recognition Month, the board members of the Genesee Intermediate School District were recognized at the January 27, 2009 meeting for their vision and dedication to the students and families of Genesee County. The board of education members accepted a recognition award, made to the Genesee County Educational Foundation on their behalf, in celebration of School Board Recognition Month.

"Ready, Set, Grow!" Passport Initiative Support Approved

The Genesee County Superintendents Association continues to endorse this program that identifies children as they are born in local hospitals. This concept helps educators develop a closer relationship with the area's newest parents, as well as increase the health and learning levels of incoming preschool and kindergarten students. Local district superintendents support the program at \$.75 per student for operation costs in partnership with the health and business communities. GISD Superintendent Dr. Thomas Svitkovich currently serves on the Passport Board of Directors, providing leadership and coordination for "Ready, Set, Grow!" Passport activities. At its January 27, 2009 meeting, the GISD Board of Education approved financial support of \$3,000 to the "Ready, Set, Grow!" Passport Initiative. This amount is in addition to the in-kind support the district is currently giving to the program.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Lawrence P. Ford	President
Jerry G. Ragsdale	Vice President
Dale A. Green	Secretary
Paul D. Newman	Treasurer
Cindy A. Gansen	Trustee



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**Expanded Shared
Business Services
Contract with Lake
Fenton Community
Schools Approved**

Since the 2006-07 school year, the GISD Board of Education has approved shared business services contracts with 11 school districts, including Lake Fenton Community Schools. Business Services worked with the Thrun Law Firm, P.C., to develop a standard contract, including options for defining the specific details of customized services and payments in the contract attachments.

Currently, GISD has a contract with the Lake Fenton Community Schools to provide payroll services, fringe benefits reconciliation, attendance processing, and tax-sheltered annuity/section 125 plan processing. Lake Fenton Community Schools Superintendent Ralph Coaster worked with Business Services to expand the district's shared business-related services to include management and oversight; budget development, amendments, and presentations to the board of education; audit preparation; grants oversight; federal and state reports; and student services/student data coordination. A contract was submitted to Lake Fenton Community Schools, and Mr. Coaster has returned the signed contract.

At its meeting on January 13, the GISD Board of Education approved the contract for GISD to provide expanded shared business services for Lake Fenton Community Schools through the 2008-09 fiscal year, and authorized the superintendent to employ necessary staff and fully define the working relationship with the district as outlined in the agreement.

**Expanded Education
and Learning Services
Contract with Lapeer
County Intermediate
School District
Approved**

Since the 2007-08 school year, the board has approved education and learning services contracts to form partnerships to provide education and learning consultant services with the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District, the Lapeer County Intermediate School District, and the St. Clair Regional Service Agency. Business Services worked with the Thrun Law Firm, P.C., to develop a standard contract, including options for defining the specific details of customized services and payments in the contract attachments.

Currently, GISD has a contract with the Lapeer County Intermediate School District to provide content area consultant services in literacy, mathematics, science, and social studies, as well as assessment of data. Lapeer County Intermediate School District Superintendent Joseph Keena worked with GISD's Education and Learning department to expand the shared education and learning services and, specifically, add English as a second language support. A contract was submitted to the Lapeer County ISD, and Mr. Keena has returned the signed contract.

At its meeting on January 13, the GISD Board of Education approved the contract for GISD to provide expanded education and learning services for the Lapeer County ISD through the 2008-09 fiscal year, and authorized the superintendent to employ/assign necessary staff and fully define the working relationship with the district as outlined in the agreement.

Board Member Recognized for Years of Service

Each year, the Genesee County Association of School Board Members (GCASBM) recognizes board members for their years of service on boards of education. This year, GISD Board of Education Vice President Jerry Ragsdale was recognized for 12 years of service on the Lake Fenton Community Schools and Genesee Intermediate School District Boards of Education.

On behalf of the GCASBM, GISD Board of Education President Lawrence Ford presented Mr. Ragsdale with the Association's certificate of recognition and thanked him for his years of dedicated service as a board of education member.

2008-09 United Way Combined Campaign Report Received

Diane Burt, accountant, Business Services, and Stephanie Resky, teacher consultant for students with disabilities, Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center, served as this year's co-chairs for the United Way Combined Campaign. Last year, GISD collected \$51,129.09. At the January 27 meeting, it was reported that this year's goal was to collect \$51,130.00. A total of \$51,320.94 was pledged by the dedicated and generous members of the GISD Board of Education and staff. This is a new record, and once again, places GISD in a leadership role helping our students and their families in times of great need. At the January 27, 2009 meeting, special thanks were given to the aforementioned co-chairs and the following building representatives Barbara Diegel, Transportation Services; Dotty Freathy, Early Childhood Programs and Services; Ida Green, Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center; Major Harper, Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center; Diane Kirvan, Mott Middle College; Anna MacDonald, Health, Safety and Nutrition Services; Andrea Peters, Special Education Services Center-North; Karen Seeley, Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center; and Larry Williams, Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center.

This year, 17 organizations participated in the campaign. Following is a breakdown of the monies donated:

United Way of GC	\$20,780.12
Very Special Arts of MI	\$3,839.22
Special Olympics	\$3,223.42
GC Free Medical Clinic	\$3,010.73
Community Health Charities	\$2,631.00
Project SKIP	\$2,558.78
Habitat for Humanity	\$2,312.83
American Cancer Society	\$2,250.67
Mott Middle College	\$2,156.40
Gwiazdowski Scholarship	\$1,770.31
Hurley Foundation	\$1,422.30
Ligon Outdoors	\$1,379.34
United Negro College Fund	\$1,042.60
Earth Share of Michigan	\$1,028.26
Black United Fund	\$653.38
Salem Housing	\$648.00
Genesee Early College	<u>\$613.58</u>
TOTAL	\$51,320.94

Student Discipline

At its meeting on January 27, the board took action to expel a Mott Middle College student for violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

Parent Advisory Committee Member Appointed

At its meeting on January 13, the GISD Board of Education appointed Theresa Tuohy, representing Goodrich Area Schools, to serve on the GISD Special Education Parent Advisory Committee.

Donations Accepted

Generous donations for use by the Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center, Genesee Early College, and the Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center were accepted by the board. The donations included uniforms for medical students, items for classroom use and cash donations, including a \$160.00 contribution from the HealthPlus of Michigan Employee Team.

Leaves of Absence Approved

Leaves of absence were considered and approved for: Andrea L. Bartholow, Business Services; Karen J. Dutil, Transportation Services; Theresa R. Flange, Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center; Michael W. Garrett, Transportation; Angela D. Gittings, Transportation Services; Grace I. Kirby, Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center; Kristin S. Plunkett, Transportation; and Rebecca R. Powell, Transportation Services.

Note: This document based on unofficial minutes of the GISD Board Meetings Jan. 13 and 27, 2009.



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