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February 28, 2009

Attendance and Routine Matters

Shared Technical Services Contract with Flushing Community Schools Approved

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

Since the 2006-07 school year, the GISD Board of Education has approved technical services agreements to form partnerships to provide technical support with Atherton, Beecher, Bendle, Bentley, Davison, Flint, Goodrich, Kearsley, Lake Fenton, Lakeville, and Linden.

The board authorized the superintendent to continue to take the necessary actions to address the requests as relationships are defined. The services being defined are customized based on the request of the local districts. 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.

Flushing Community Schools Superintendent Barbara Goebel worked with Technology and Media Services to finalize the customized, shared technical services provided to Flushing. A contract was submitted to Flushing Community Schools, and Ms. Goebel has returned the signed contract.

At its meeting on February 24, 2009, the GISD Board of Education approved the contract for GISD to provide technical services for Flushing Community Schools through the 2008-09 fiscal year. Further, it authorized the superintendent to employ necessary staff and fully define the working relationship with the district as outlined in the agreement.

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**Amendment #1 to
the 2008-09 Budgets
Approved**

The board adopted the budget for the 2008-09 school year in June of 2008. Since the development of the budget begins several months prior to the current fiscal year end, several assumptions are made in forecasting. These assumptions include items such as projected increases in salaries based on the staffing levels and contract settlements, increases in the cost of fringe benefits, utility rates, and anticipated funding. The amendment provides an opportunity to make the necessary adjustments based on the known information at this time. In addition, grants that have been awarded since the development of the budget are being added through the amendment process. After administrative discussion, as well as review of the revenue estimates, budget expenditures, and projected fund equities, it was determined to recommend the following adjustments as summarized by fund.

GENERAL EDUCATION FUND – Overall, the General Education Fund revenue will be increased by approximately \$7.2 million. The General Education Fund expenditures reflect an increase of \$6.5 million. Several adjustments were made for grants on both the expenditures and revenues to budget the appropriate dollars allocated within the current fiscal year. A significant portion of the increase is related to federally funded grant programs with corresponding expenditures.

The projected revenue for the 2008-09 year for the General Education Fund will be approximately \$26,739,465, with anticipated expenditures of \$26,739,543. The beginning balance was \$7,629,979. The General Education Fund estimated ending balance is approximately \$7,629,901 with additional reserves for Mott Middle College and Genesee Early College of \$505,738.

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND – The Special Education Fund revenue will be increased by approximately \$1.7 million. The change is a result of grant allocations increasing in the current fiscal year. Overall expenditures, as approved for Amendment #1 in the Special Education Fund, will decrease by the net amount of \$224,000.

The Special Education Fund projected revenue for the 2008-09 school year will be approximately \$72,127,991, with estimated expenditures in the amount of \$75,965,201. The beginning balance was \$15,804,130. The Special Education Fund estimated balance is approximately \$11,966,920.

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION FUND – Revenue projected for this fund will be increased by approximately \$77,000. The increases are a result of new grant awards and increases in allocations for the current fiscal year. It is anticipated that the total expenditures will decrease approximately \$369,000 from the adopted budget to Amendment #1. The decrease is a result of program changes that will be implemented in the next fiscal year.

The projected revenue for the 2008-09 year for the Career Technical Education Fund will be approximately \$16,045,702 with estimated expenditures of \$16,030,457. The beginning balance was \$4,364,184. The Career Technical Education Fund estimated balance is approximately \$2,379,429, with an additional reserve of \$2 million as continued support of the electronic Educational Development Plan (EDP).

ENTERPRISE FUND – The projected revenue for the 2008-09 year for the Enterprise Fund will be approximately \$14,888,284, with estimated expenditures of \$18,266,097. The beginning balance was \$6,631,085. The Enterprise Fund estimated balance is approximately \$3,253,272.

OTHER FUNDS – The remaining funds include Capital Projects, Special Education Capital Projects, Durant Settlement Fund, Debt Retirement Fund, and School Lunch Services Fund. The majority of the revenue generated in each of these funds is a result of transfer from other funds.

At its February 24, 2009 meeting, the GISD Board of Education approved Amendment #1 to the 2008-09 budgets and adopted a resolution amending the budget in accordance with the Uniform Budgeting Act.

2009-10 Budgets Authorized for Presentation

At its February 24, 2009 meeting, the GISD Board of Education authorized the presentation of the budgets at the annual budget hearing. The local district superintendents endorsed the budgets and amendments at their monthly association meeting held on February 4, 2009.

The annual budget hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2009. Following the budget hearing, individual boards of education will be asked to approve resolutions endorsing all of GISD's budgets. A final budget will be presented to the board for action in June.

2009-10 Act 18 Payments Authorized

Annually, GISD calculates the Act 18 reimbursement which is paid to local school districts as partial reimbursement for their unreimbursed costs as reported to the Michigan Department of Education. The Superintendents Association Cost Containment Committee established a base payment of \$3.8 million in 1996-97 to stabilize fund equity and minimize the potential for bill backs. GISD continues to maintain the base payment. This year's payment reflects the base payment of \$3.8 million, \$677,433 revenue sharing, and an additional \$1 million payment as adopted in the 2008-09 budget. At its February 24, 2009 meeting, the GISD Board of Education authorized the total 2008-09 Act 18 disbursement of \$5,477,443.

Donations Accepted

Generous donations on behalf of the Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center, Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center, and Mott Middle College were received by the board. The donations included equipment for classroom and student use, cash and gift certificates, and a magazine subscription.

Leaves of Absence Approved

Leaves of absence were considered and approved for: Gail Kern, Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center; Traci Kita, Special Education Services-North; April Miller, Health, Safety, and Nutrition Services; Tamara Morrow, Special Education Services-North; Mary Rankins, Transportation Services; Sherri Schopieray, Transportation Services; Michelle Shaw, Transportation Services; Brian Vanderkarr, Transportation Services; and Lori Warner, Transportation Services.

Resignations Accepted

A resignation for the purpose of retirement was accepted from Diane Scrimger, EKLC Project CHOICE.

Note: This document based on unofficial minutes of the GISD board meeting - February 24, 2009.



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