



Take Note...

May 28, 2009

Attendance and Routine Matters

GISD Board of Education Awards Accepted

Genesee County Common School Calendar Approved

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

Recently, the Michigan Association of School Boards presented the Honor Board, Standard of Excellence, and Distinguished Achievement awards to the GISD Board of Education. These awards have been earned by the GISD Board of Education for participation in the MASB Certified Boardmember Awards program and leadership at the local, state, and national levels. The Honor Board Award is given to boards when all board members achieve certification status. The Standard of Excellence Award is given to boards when all board members have received the Award of Merit. The Distinguished Achievement Award is given to boards when all members have received their Master Boardmember Award. This year, 24 boards of education in Michigan have earned the Honor Board Award; only 13 received the Standard of Excellence Award, and the Genesee Intermediate School District Board of Education is the only board in the state to have earned the Distinguished Achievement Award. At its May 12 meeting, the board of education accepted the awards as a symbol of the board's commitment to quality school board leadership.

Genesee County districts have had a long history of supporting a common calendar. The county superintendents, working through the Genesee County Negotiators, a committee of the Superintendents Association, have traditionally approved a common calendar to minimize interruptions of instruction in student programs. The common calendar has always been a goal of the county to improve educational opportunities for students and to facilitate family holiday planning and vacations. The common calendar has benefitted students enrolled in shared programs between districts and increased efficiencies, which have led to savings and overall improvement of student programs. As an example, the implementation of a common calendar has minimized lost instructional time at the GASC Technology Center and other programs such as GenNET ITV classes, special education Project CHOICE classes, and center-based special education.

Public Act 101 of 2007 requires that a common school calendar be officially adopted by an intermediate school district board of education for a period of five years. Therefore, the only change from the previously adopted common school calendar is the addition of the 2013-14 school year. Consistent with Public Act 101 of 2007, and following the recommendation of the Genesee County Superintendents Association, the GISD Board of Education adopted the Genesee County common school calendar.

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**Property Transfer
Hearing Date
Established**

Donations Accepted

Staff Layoffs Approved

**Accelerated Return
from Leave Approved**

**Leaves of Absence
Approved**

Resignation Accepted

The Sunridge Meadow Condominium Homeowners Association, whose property is within the Linden Community School District boundaries, has submitted a request to transfer their property to the Fenton Area Public Schools. As a result, a property transfer hearing to consider the request has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at the Genesee Intermediate School District.

Generous donations to the Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center were received by the board. The donations included student nutrition and hygiene products, and a \$450.00 cash donation from the Rotary Club of Flushing.

Beginning last fall, Health, Safety, and Nutrition Services Director Gloria Bourdon has been involved in strategic planning with the Mott Foundation and the United Way of Genesee County regarding the direction of the Bridges to the Future program. Bridges to the Future served 10,868 students during 2007-08 in 20 local school districts. The result of these discussions is a different operational configuration. Due to the uncertainty in program funding for 2009-10 and the results of the strategic planning, layoff meetings were held on April 29, 2009, with the affected employees in accordance with Article VII of the collective bargaining agreement with the Genesee Intermediate Education Association. Bumping rights were reviewed, and employees were given the appropriate 60 days notice of layoff effective June 30, 2009.

The Personnel Committee met prior to the May 12 meeting to review the recommendation to layoff the following Health, Safety, and Nutrition Services staff: Elaina Conklin; Aimee Phillips; Marisa Ulmer; and Freda Hearsch. At its meeting on May 12, the GISD Board of Education approved the layoffs.

At its meeting on May 26, the GISD Board of Education considered and approved an accelerated return from leave of absence for Deborah Crawford, Transportation Services.

Leaves of absence were considered and approved for: Chanda Cleaves, Business Services; Placido John Dias, MCIC; Lisa Iordanou, SESC-N; Gale Luketich, Transition Center; and Kelly St. Amand, Transportation Services.

A resignation for the purpose of retirement was accepted from Evelyne Brown, Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center.

Note: This document based on unofficial minutes of the GISD board meetings - May 12 and 26, 2009.



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