



Take Note...

July 30, 2008

Attendance and Routine Matters

Officers Elected

GISD Board Member Appointed

Bank Depositories Selected

Memberships Approved

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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



GENESEE ISD
Thomas Svitkovich, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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

The following officers of the board were elected for the 2008-09 school year: Lawrence P. Ford, president; Jerry G. Ragsdale, vice president; Dale A. Green, secretary; and Paul D. Newman, treasurer.

At a special meeting on July 22, the GISD Board of Education appointed Cindy A. Gansen of Flushing to its vacant trustee position. The vacancy resulted from the recent resignation of Peggy J. Tortorice, who retired from the board after dedicated service over the past 31 years. Gansen, also a school board member of Flushing Community Schools, is the Development Coordinator for Online and Graduate Studies at Baker College of Flint. She has extensive experience as a local board member and is a certified board member with the Michigan Association of School Boards having achieved Master Board Member Award Level 4 certification. Ms. Gansen has an extensive list of community service and civic involvement, including the Flushing Athletic Boosters, the Flushing Community Foundation, and the Cheff Center for the Disabled.

Citizens Bank, JPMorgan Chase, and Bank of America 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.

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 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.

To keep you informed of actions and information from the GISD Board of Education Meeting.
Questions? Call Communications and Development, 591-4541.

**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.

Auditors Selected

The board designated Lewis and Knopf as auditors for the district for the 2008-09 fiscal year.

**Retain Labor
Relations Firm**

Alan Luce of Luce, Basil & Collins, Inc. was retained as chief negotiator for the district for the 2008-09 fiscal year.

**Designate Official
Newspaper**

The Flint Journal was designated as the official newspaper for the posting of all GISD official notices. If *The Flint Journal* is unable to provide this service, then notices, advertisements, and required postings will be placed in the various publications of the Detroit Newspapers and the Oakland Press.

**Board of Education
Meeting Schedule for
2008-09**

The GISD Board of Education approved the following meeting schedule for the 2008-09 school year:

• August 12	Special Meeting/Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• August 26	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• September 9	Special Meeting/Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• September 23	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• October 14	Special Meeting/Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• October 28	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• November 11	Special Meeting/Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• November 25	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• December 9	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• January 13, 2009	Special Meeting/Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• January 27	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• February 10	Special Meeting/Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• February 24	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• March 10	Special Meeting/Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• March 11	Budget Hearing	7:00 p.m.
• March 24	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• April 28	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• May 12	Special Meeting/Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• May 26	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• June 1	Biennial Election	5:30 p.m.
• June 9	Special Meeting/Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• June 23	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• July 13	2009-10 Organizational Meeting	5:00 p.m.

**Unemployment
Compensation
Consulting Firm
Retained**

The consulting contract for unemployment compensation with the TALX Corporation of St. Louis, Missouri, was approved for GISD'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 Mt. Morris and Westwood Heights.

**Designate Electronic
Transaction Officer**

The board appointed Cynthia McCain, GISD'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.

Board Committees Established

The following board committees were established for the 2008-09 school year:

- Building and Grounds Committee
- Education Advisory Group (EAG)
- Finance Committee
- GASC Technology Center Administrative Council
- GCASBM Executive Committee
- GCASBM Working Committee
- Genesee County Educational Foundation
- Genesee Early College Advisory Committee
- Genesee/Shiawassee Workforce Development Board
- Liaison to Local Boards
- MASB Liaison/LRN Member
- Mott Middle College Advisory Committee
- Personnel/Salary/Labor Relations Committee
- Policy Committee
- Wellness Committee

The board also authorized the president to designate committee assignments for approval at the August meeting.

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 2008-09 school year authorizing the superintendent to submit grant applications to the Community Foundation on behalf of GISD.

Business Services Contract with LakeVille Approved

Since the 2006-07 school year, the GISD Board of Education has approved several Shared Business Services contracts. Most recently, LakeVille Community District Superintendent Ted Gardella has worked with GISD's Business Services to develop a contract for GISD to provide customized business-related services to the LakeVille Community School District. As a result, Mr. Gardella has returned a signed contract, and at its July 14 meeting, the GISD Board of Education approved the Shared Business Services contract with LakeVille Community School District.

Education and Learning Services Contract with St. Clair RESA Approved

At its July 14 meeting, the Genesee Intermediate School District Board of Education authorized the superintendent to execute an agreement to continue to provide social studies consultant services for the St. Clair Regional Educational Service Agency during the 2008-09 school year. 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 St. Clair Regional Educational Service Agency.

Shared Drain and Architectural/ Engineering Fees Approved

At the June 10, 2008 board meeting, the board of education approved Ace Asphalt, Inc. for GISD's repaving project. This project was bid in cooperation with the Flint Community Schools in order to save resources by using a single contractor and sharing architectural/engineering fees for paving both the GASC Technology Center and the Erwin L. Davis Education Center parking lots. As a related project, drain work must also be completed in the GASC Technology Center parking lot. This drain also provides service for water runoff from the south Davis Center parking lot, adjacent to the GASC Technology Center. After discussing sharing costs for the GASC Technology Center with Flint Superintendent Linda Thompson, and review by the GISD Board of Education Buildings and Grounds Committee, the board has agreed to provide \$33,000 for its portion of the drainage, architectural and engineering work.

Donations Accepted

Generous donations for use by the Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center and the Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center were accepted by the board. Donations included student hygiene items, as well as cash donations from the Knights of Columbus Council 10170 and Davison Knights of Columbus.

Report on New Auditing Standards Received

Mr. Kim Lindsay from Lewis & Knopf, CPAs, P.C., was in attendance at the July 14 meeting to present an overview of the new auditing requirements under the new Statement of Auditing Standards (SAS) and discuss GISD's 2007-08 audit process. The new standards from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Auditing Standards Board provide guidance for the auditor's assessment of the risk of material misstatement in a financial statement audit and are an indirect result of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. It was reported that the new standards will initiate more interaction between the auditor, members of the board of education and administration before, during and after the audit process. The new standards will also result in more written comments from the auditors than was given in the past.

GCASBM Officer and Bylaws Votes Cast

The district recently received a communication from the Genesee County Association of School Board Members concerning the election of association officers and bylaws for the 2008-2009 school year. At the July 14 meeting, the GISD board approved the GCASBM bylaws and cast its official ballot for the following officers: Richard Hill, vice president; Debbie Hancock, secretary; and Cindy Gansen, treasurer. Also, Mr. Jerry Ragsdale was selected as the primary representative and Mr. Dale Green as the alternate representative for the 2008-2009 GCASBM working committee.

Administrative Contract Approved

As part of the expansion of the collaborative programs supported by Genesee Intermediate School District and consistent with its *Teaching, Learning and Service Plan*, the development of shared services with local districts continues. A position for shared-time director of special education administration was requested by Goodrich Area Schools as a cost-saving measure and to supplement the expertise of their special education administration. The position was posted and interviews were conducted by a team, which included members of the Goodrich administrative team. Recommendations were reviewed by GISD's Board of Education Personnel Committee prior to its July 14 meeting. As a result, the board of education approved the employment of Allyson J. Mills as shared-time director for special education administration.

Employee Hired

At its meeting on July 14, the board approved the employment of Nicholas J. Stage as teacher of students with cognitive impairments at the Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center.

Leaves of Absence Approved

Leaves of Absence were considered and approved for: Barbara A. Gould, Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center; and Christine M. Emmendorfer, Transportation Services.

Resignation Accepted

A resignation for the purpose of retirement was accepted from Darlene A. White, Transportation Services.

Note: This document based on unofficial minutes of the GISD Board Meeting — July 14, 2008.



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