



# Take Note...

**December 17, 2008**

## **Attendance and Routine Matters**

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

## **Donation to GISD Early Childhood Programs and Services Recognized**

At its November 25, 2008 meeting, the board of education accepted a donation from Mr. Donald Foren for \$10,000. This generous donation was made on behalf of the Foren family to GISD's Early Childhood Programs and Services (ECPS) to support the outdoor learning center and the communication needs of students at the center. Mr. Foren is the grandfather of a student attending the program.

The board invited Mr. Foren and/or representatives of the family to a board meeting to accept the board's gratitude for this donation. Mr. Dave Foren, the student's father, was present at the December 9, 2008, meeting. Assistant Superintendent for Special Services Jan Russell and ECPS Principal Jennifer Lee were also in attendance at that meeting to thank the family.

This is the second largest personal donation the district has ever received in support of programs and services at GISD. It represents the wonderful work done by staff on behalf of our students. The board recognized and thanked the Foren family for the donation made to Early Childhood Programs and Services.

## **Annual Website Reporting Update Received**

Legislation was passed four years ago that requires Michigan regional educational service agencies to post a great deal of information on their websites by December 31 of each year. GISD is in the final stages of preparing the information for this year's report. Mr. Jerry Johnson, executive director for Communications and Development, was present at the December 9 meeting with a preview of the GISD information to be posted. He noted that the report begins with an introduction centering on the GISD Teaching, Learning and Service Plan and is followed by district information and data. That information includes general information, and also must include information about contracts; contract modifications; compensation; fiber optic and cable equipment; public relations, polling, lobbying and legal services; IRS 1099; travel; certain ISD expenditures, and motor vehicles. The board accepted the update.

GISD's report information will be available by December 31, 2008, in the Publications area of its website at: [www.geneseeisd.org](http://www.geneseeisd.org).

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## **Resolution for Summer Tax Collection Adopted**

The board of education has previously authorized a summer tax levy. In order to continue with that authorization for 2009, the board of education must take action by adopting a resolution and filing a copy of that resolution with each city and/or township within the Genesee Intermediate School District prior to January 1, 2009. The Genesee Intermediate School District will only levy summer taxes when the local school district is also levying a summer property tax levy. At the December 9 meeting, the board adopted a resolution to levy summer taxes in 2009 and provide proper notice to the taxing units.

## **December Bills Payable**

The Genesee Intermediate School District Board of Education scheduled its regular December meeting early due to the holiday break. As a result, only one meeting, the December 9, 2008 meeting, was scheduled. At the time the board approved the meeting schedule, it was indicated that special action would be necessary to authorize the payment of December bills. At the December 9 meeting, it was recommended and approved that the administration office, upon the review of the board treasurer, is authorized to process the December bills payable and issue checks. The board, as an official body, will approve the December financial reports in January.

## **Parent Advisory Committee Member Appointed**

At its meeting on December 9, the GISD Board of Education appointed Kimberly McCarthy, representing Fenton Area Public Schools, to the GISD Special Education Parent Advisory Committee.

## **Donations Accepted**

Generous donations to the Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center were accepted by the board. The donations included craft items, as well as a \$507.13 cash donation from the Knights of Columbus, Council 6694.

## **Leave of Absence Denied**

A leave of absence was considered and denied for James A. Gazso, EKLC Project CHOICE.

Note: This document based on unofficial minutes of the GISD Board Meeting—December 9, 2008.



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