



Take Note...

June 29, 2009

Attendance and Routine Matters

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

Biennial Election Conducted

The Genesee Intermediate School District (GISD) held the biennial election for its board of education on June 1, 2009. Voting representatives from 19 of Genesee County's 21 constituent districts were present. The candidate for the six-year term was Dale A. Green. James Cole and Cindy A. Gansen were the candidates for the partial four-year term (to fill the balance of a term created by the resignation of Peggy J. Tortorice). Following the call to order by President Lawrence P. Ford, a roll call was conducted, and the election procedures were explained. Two of the candidates, Dale A. Green and Cindy A. Gansen, then signed affidavits of eligibility certifying their qualifications as electors of constituent districts of the Genesee Intermediate School District. The third candidate, James Cole, was not able to attend the meeting due to a work conflict. After signing of the affidavits, the ballots were distributed to each of the constituent district board representatives. As a result, the incumbents, Dale A. Green and Cindy A. Gansen, were re-elected. Dale A. Green received 19 votes for the six-year term. Cindy A. Gansen received 18 votes for the partial four-year term, and James Cole received one vote for the partial four-year term. Both incumbents took the oath of office and signed an Acceptance of Office document following the election.

2008-2009 Budget Amendment #2 Approved

The GISD business office must present a final budget amendment to the board of education in accordance with the State of Michigan Budget Act. Amendment #2 represents the anticipated revenue and expenditures for the 2008-2009 fiscal year for the delivery of the *GISD Teaching, Learning, and Service Plan*, as adopted by the board of education. Adjustments are made within the funds to account for items such as, but not limited to, new grants, staff turnover, line item adjustments, special projects, the utilization of deferred revenue, and pilot programs. The district will be finishing the year in a very strong financial position. This is a result of the implementation of cost effective measures such as the subcontracting of substitute teachers and para-educators, the copier/printer project, energy conservation, changes in administrator health insurance, and staff reductions. At its meeting on June 23, the board approved Amendment #2 to the 2008-2009 budget and adopted a resolution amending the budget in accordance with the Uniform Budgeting Act.

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Budget Hearing Conducted

Public Act 43 of 1963 requires that intermediate school districts hold a public hearing before adoption of its budget and give notice of the hearing by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the ISD at least six days before the hearing. Notice of the public hearing was published in *The Flint Journal* on June 14, 2009, and the hearing was conducted on June 23, 2009. A truth-in-taxation hearing was not required, as the district held the budget hearing in accordance with Public Act 43 of 1963.

2009-2010 Budget Adopted

At its meeting on June 23, 2009, the Genesee Intermediate School District Board of Education approved the 2009-2010 GISD budget, in compliance with the Uniform Budgeting Act. This budget has been adjusted to reflect changes that have occurred since constituent districts endorsed the budgets at the annual budget hearing held on March 11 and during the time that local districts were considering the recommended budgets for approval. GISD has received information that adjusts revenues and expenditures in certain funds. The budget, as endorsed by constituent district representatives at the hearing on March 11 and approved by every constituent district board of education, was \$121,446,278. The budget approved on June 23 by the GISD Board of Education was \$147,520,335. Adjustments were made to reflect the deferral of local, federal, and state grant dollars received in the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Adjustments also included grants that have been awarded that will impact the 2009-2010 budgets. Grant adjustments will have a net impact of zero on fund equity. The 2009 taxable value for Genesee County came in lower than originally estimated, as a result of the lowering of assessments on property in the community. Revenue decreases were made in Local Sources, Current Property Taxes in the General Education Fund by \$15,174, the Special Education Fund by \$223,641, and the Career Technical Education Fund by \$89,355 to reflect the 2009 taxable value. The anticipated beginning balances have also been adjusted to reflect the Amendment #2 estimated ending balances.

Budgeted Expenditures

Fund	MARCH 2009-10 Proposed	JUNE 2009-10 Proposed	Adjustments
General Education Fund	\$14,987,754	\$19,790,057	\$4,802,303
Special Education Fund	72,011,054	93,406,166	\$21,395,112
Career Technical Education Fund	15,582,545	15,459,187	(\$123,358)
Enterprise Fund	16,742,202	16,742,202	\$0
Capital Projects Fund/Durant Settlement Funds	290,000	290,000	\$0
Special Education Capital Projects Fund	1,555,000	1,555,000	\$0
Debt Retirement Durant Fund	221,223	221,223	\$0
School Lunch Services	56,500	56,500	\$0
TOTAL	<u>\$121,446,278</u>	<u>\$147,520,335</u>	<u>\$26,074,057</u>

Should constituent district board of education members have questions regarding the GISD budgets, they should feel free to contact GISD Superintendent Dr. Thomas Svitkovich, at 810-591-4402.

GASC Technology Center Budget Approved

The Flint Community Schools Board of Education approved its 2009-2010 budget, along with the GASC Technology Center budget, on April 29, 2009. Flint Community Schools anticipates that the Genesee Intermediate School District will provide \$10,430,495 derived from 90% collection of .9628 mill levied in all school districts. The projected tax revenue is higher than can be supported by the final taxable valuable certified by the Genesee County Department of Equalization on May 27, 2009. Flint Community Schools will be addressing the reduction in revenue with the GASC Administrative Advisory Council and ultimately the Flint Community Schools Board of Education through the amendment process. The remaining revenue balance comes from earmarked state revenue, federal grants, miscellaneous sources, and fund balances. Total revenue

Excellence in Transportation Award Winners Recognized

in 2009-2010 is projected at \$12,227,412, and total expenditures for the GASC Technology Center for the 2009-2010 school year are appropriated at \$12,527,450. The undesignated fund balance for the GASC Technology Center after the 2009-10 school year is expected to be \$2,643,695. At its meeting on June 23, the GISD Board of Education directed the superintendent to inform the Flint Community Schools administration that the revenue anticipated from local taxes, as included in the budget, exceeded current revenue projections and, as a result, a budget amendment will be necessary.

The third annual Excellence in Transportation award was presented at the GISD Transportation Services Employee Appreciation event on May 1, 2009. This award is presented to one bus driver and one transportation aide each year who, in the eyes of their peers, demonstrate outstanding performance in their duties. Criteria for the award include good attendance, positive attitude, attention to detail in service to students and parents, meeting job responsibilities, and maintaining a safe and clean environment for students. Each nomination must be accompanied by at least one supporting letter. At its meeting on June 23, the board recognized Carla Diehl, driver, and Deanna Yurk, transportation aide, as the 2009 Excellence in Transportation award winners.

Shared Education and Learning Services Contract with Bay-Arenac Intermediate School District Approved

Since the 2007-2008 school year, the board has approved education and learning services contracts to form partnerships to provide education and learning consultant services with three ISDs/RESAs. The services are customized based on the request of the districts, and GISD's Business Services staff worked with the Thrun Law Firm, P.C., to develop a standard contract that includes options for defining the specific details of customized services and payments.

Bay-Arenac Intermediate School District (BAISD) Superintendent Michael Dewey worked with GISD's Education and Learning department to finalize the customized shared education and learning services provided to BAISD. Specifically, the services requested are for social studies consultant services. A contract was submitted to BAISD, and Mr. Dewey has returned the signed contract. At its meeting on June 23, the GISD Board of Education approved the contract for GISD to provide shared education and learning services for Bay-Arenac Intermediate School District.

Region 10 Rodeo Winners Recognized

The Michigan Association of Pupil Transportation (MAPT) Region 10 Rodeo school bus driving championship was held on May 16, 2009, at Lapeer West High School. Region 10 covers the counties of Genesee, Lapeer, Sanilac, and Huron and the competition is open to all bus drivers within the region. This year, 22 drivers participated and the top four moved on to the state finals that were held in Caledonia near Grand Rapids.

Five bus drivers from GISD competed in the MAPT Region 10 Rodeo this year: Dawn Carlson, Andrea Gerth, Dawn Wineman, Walter Davis, and Brian Watson. Dawn Carlson and Andrea Gerth finished second and third, respectively, at the MAPT Region 10 event and represented GISD at the state finals on June 15.

Each year at the MAPT Region 10 championship, the district with the most overall points receives the traveling team trophy. For the first time ever, Genesee Intermediate School District has taken this honor. At its meeting on June 23, the board recognized the MAPT Region 10 Rodeo winners.

Bid Approved for Summer Youth Career Exploration Program

GISD is the recipient of a Workforce Investment Act (WIA) grant from Career Alliance, Inc. for a summer youth career exploration program. Career Alliance, Inc.'s procurement policy requires that services utilized for this summer youth career exploration program be formally bid by GISD. A request for proposals (RFP) was issued on May 16 and May 17, 2009. The RFP was posted on GISD's website, and a notice was published in *The Flint Journal*. The GASC Technology Center was the only respondent. The proposal was reviewed, and it was determined that the GASC Technology Center meets all of the criteria specified in the RFP and was awarded the bid.

Layoffs Rescinded

On April 28 and May 12, 2009, the GISD Board of Education acted on recommendations for employee layoffs in Health, Safety, and Nutrition Services to be effective June 30, 2009, due to lack of funding. Subsequent to the layoff process, Gloria Bourdon, director of Health, Safety, and Nutrition Services, received grant award notification from the Michigan Department of Education for new funding through the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant which also allows for redistribution of funding for other positions and recall of the following employees: Freda S. Hearsch, Aimee T. Phillips, Marisa M. Ulmer, Connie I. Smith, and Elaina A. Conklin. Funding for the recalled positions is effective July 1, 2009. At its meeting on June 23, the board was made aware of the circumstances that allowed GISD to rescind the layoffs.

Bid for Roof Replacement at EKLC Approved

On January 22, 2008, the board of education approved the updated GISD Capital Improvement Long-Range Plan, which outlines the ongoing renovation and repair of GISD facilities. A major summer project this year is the roofing of the Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center. THA Architects Engineers provided the plans for the project, and Wolgast Corporation will continue in its role as construction manager. The bidding process was conducted in accordance with state law, including advertising on the state website and in local newspapers. Bids were opened at a public meeting at the Erwin L. Davis Education Center on June 11, 2009. The Building and Grounds committee met prior to the June 23 board meeting to review the bid results and Wolgast Corporation's recommendations. As a result of those reviews and recommendations, the board awarded the bid to the low bidder, Thomas Brown & Son Roofing of Bay City, in the amount of \$275,000.

First Reading of Board Policy Revisions Approved

GISD's contract with NEOLA includes a policy update service to keep the district abreast of changes needed to ensure compliance with recent legislation and to maintain quality and usefulness of the board policies. Recently, NEOLA provided drafts of recommended new or revised policies for consideration by the board. The Policy Committee met prior to the June 23 board meeting to review the revisions and make recommendations to the board. As a result, the board approved the first reading of the board policy revisions.

Donations Accepted

Generous donations to Early Childhood Programs and Services and the Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center were received by the board. The donations included adaptive equipment for student use, in addition to cash donations that included \$1,891.44 from the Knights of Columbus – Michigan State Council.

Leave of Absence Approved

A leave of absence was considered and approved for Nicole L. Heavilin, Early Childhood Programs and Services.

Resignations Accepted

Resignations for the purpose of retirement were accepted from: Dianne A. Dunchock, Special Education Services; June D. Downey, Health, Safety, and Nutrition Services; Margaret J. Smithwick, Transition Center; and Kenneth W. Duncan, Transportation Services. A resignation was also accepted from Michelle C. Stafford, Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center, who declined a recall to an available 2009-2010 position following a board-approved leave of absence in 2008-2009.

Note: This document based on unofficial minutes of the GISD board meeting - June 1, 9, and 23, 2009.



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