



Take Note...

July 27, 2009

Attendance and Routine Matters

Officers Elected

Bank Depositories Selected

Legal Counsel Retained

Labor Relations Firm Retained

Auditors Selected

Memberships Approved

Lawrence Ford, president; Cindy Gansen, treasurer; and Dale Green, trustee.

The following officers of the board were elected for the 2009-10 school year: Lawrence P. Ford, president; Jerry G. Ragsdale, vice president; Paul D. Newman, secretary; and Cindy A. Gansen, treasurer.

Bank of America, Citizens Bank, and JPMorgan Chase 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 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.

Alan Luce of Luce, Basil and Collins, Inc. was retained as chief negotiator for the district for the 2009-10 fiscal year.

The board designated Lewis & Knopf, CPAs, P.C. as auditors for the district for the 2009-10 fiscal year.

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.; Priority Children; the Greater Flint Health Coalition; the Genesee Regional Chamber of Commerce; and Automation Alley.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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



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Official Newspaper Designated

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 Approved for 2009-10

The GISD Board of Education approved the following meeting schedule for the 2009-10 school year:

• August 11, 2009	Special Meeting/Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• August 25	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• September 8	Special Meeting/Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• September 22	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• October 13	Special Meeting/Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• October 27	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• November 10	Special Meeting/Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• November 24	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• December 8	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• January 12, 2010	Special Meeting/Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• January 26	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• February 9	Special Meeting/Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• February 23	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• March 9	Special Meeting/Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• March 10	Budget Hearing	7:00 p.m.
• March 23	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• April 27	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• May 11	Special Meeting/Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• May 25	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• June 8	Special Meeting/Work Session	5:00 p.m.
• June 22	Regular Meeting	5:00 p.m.
• July 12	2010-11 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.

Electronic Transaction Officer Designated

The board appointed Cynthia McCain, GISD's Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, 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.

July Bills Payable

Since the board had only one scheduled meeting in July, it was recommended and approved that the administration office, upon review of the board treasurer, be authorized to process July bills payable and issue checks. The full board will approve July financial reports in August.

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 2009-10 school year authorizing the superintendent to submit grant applications to the Community Foundation on behalf of GISD.

GCASBM Officer Votes Cast

Board Committees Established

Expanded Shared Education and Learning Services Contract with Goodrich Area Schools Approved

Board Policy Revisions Adopted

Resignation Accepted

The district recently received a communication from the Genesee County Association of School Board Members (GCASBM) concerning the election of association officers and bylaws for the 2009-2010 school year. At the July 13 meeting, the GISD board cast its official ballot for the following officers: Patrice Hatcher, vice president; Debbie Hancock, secretary; and Jerry Ragsdale, treasurer.

The following board committees were established for the 2009-10 school year:

- Building and Grounds Committee
- Education Advisory Group
- Finance Committee
- GASC Technology Center Administrative Council
- GCASBM Executive Board
- GCASBM Working Committee
- Genesee County Educational Foundation
- Genesee Early College Advisory Committee
- Genesee/Shiawassee Workforce Development Board
- Liaison to Local Boards
- Michigan Association of School Boards 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.

Since the 2007-08 school year, the board has approved education and learning services contracts to form partnerships to provide education and learning consultant services with Bay-Arenac Intermediate School District, Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District, Lapeer County Intermediate School District, and St. Clair County Regional Education Service Agency. Additionally, the board approved English as a second language services agreements with 17 Genesee County school districts and two public school academies. Currently, GISD has a contract with Goodrich Area Schools to provide English as a second language tutor services. Goodrich Area Schools Acting Superintendent Larry Allen worked with GISD's Education and Learning department to expand the shared education and learning services and specifically add Reading Recovery consultant services. A contract was submitted to the Goodrich Area Schools, and Mr. Allen has returned the signed contract. At its meeting on July 13, the board approved the contract for GISD to provide expanded education and learning services for Goodrich Area Schools. Further, it also authorized the superintendent to define the working relationship with the district as outlined in the agreement.

At its meeting on June 23, the board of education approved a first reading of revised GISD Board Policies 3231 (Outside Activities of Staff), 3430.01 (Family Medical Leave Act), 7217 (Weapons), 8310 (Public Records), and 8330 (Student Records). Additionally, board members received the following recommended new policies 7530.01 (Staff Use of Wireless Communication Devices) and 8470 (Students – Sex Offender Registry, Criminal Records). At its meeting on July 13, the board conducted a second reading and adopted the aforementioned revised and new policies.

A resignation for the purpose of retirement was accepted from Linda L. Jaworski, Special Education Services Center-North.

Seat Time Waiver Report Received

Recently, GISD and its constituent districts received a seat time waiver for its online program that allows for ten percent of Genesee County's high school population to take all of their courses online. At the recent Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators (MAISA) Summer Conference, Assistant Superintendent for Technology and Media Services Beverly Knox-Pipes and Superintendent Dr. Thomas Svitkovich presented a program describing the details and operation of the seat time waiver. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Michael Flanagan was in the audience and announced that all GISD partner districts, to include every district in the state, will be eligible to utilize the waiver when it is renewed next month. To use the waiver, districts must work through their ISD and commit to following all of GISD's processes and procedures, as well as select classes from the list of GenNET courses. In order to implement this program, GISD has submitted a request for support to MAISA to help with management costs related to the program. At the July 13 board meeting, Beverly Knox-Pipes delivered a short presentation that provided GISD board members with an overview of the waiver.

Digital Content Bid Approved

On behalf of the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), GISD submitted a request for bids for the purchase of digital content (online course content) to support the Michigan High School Content Expectations and the Michigan Merit Curriculum. The district received three compliant bid responses. Representatives from MDE and GISD's Technology and Media Services department evaluated the bids. As a result of the bid analysis and recommendations, the GISD board awarded the bid to Smart Solutions VSO, Inc., representing Florida Virtual School, in the amount of \$650,000.

Donations Accepted

Generous donations for use by Early Childhood Programs and Services (ECPS), Elmer A. Knopf Learning Center (EKLC), and the Marion D. Crouse Instructional Center (MCIC) were accepted by the board. Donations included a lift chair, cash contributions to the ECPS Outdoor Learning Activity Center, as well as cash donations to EKLC and MCIC from the Davison Knights of Columbus Council 4090.

Leaves of Absence Approved

Leaves of Absence were considered and approved for: Carly A. Adams, Early Childhood Programs and Services; Jacqueline B. Chapman, Transportation Services; and Jamie M. McClelland, Transportation Services.

Employment Rights Terminated

Provisions in the agreement with the Genesee Intermediate Educational Support Personnel Association (GIESPA) allow that employees remaining on medical leave for the third contractual year may lose all employment rights at the discretion of the board. Disability benefits, if appropriate, would continue subject to the limitations of the carrier and in accordance with the master agreement. At its meeting on July 13, the GISD board acted to terminate the employment rights of one employee, in accordance with the provisions in the GIESPA contract.

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