

GENESEE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Gary Galbraith. Secretary Wayne Blossom was absent; all other Board members were in attendance. Superintendent Jeff Rohrer, Secondary Principal Richard Carsten, Elementary Principal Joseph Perrera and one (1) guest also attended the meeting.

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Dan Eashoo, supported by Fred Hinz...to approve the minutes of the August 2008 regular business and the September 9 special business meetings. Motion carried.

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Fred Hinz...to approve the August 2008 treasurer report. Discussion was held. Motion carried.

President Galbraith opened the floor for public comment.

Local business owner Chris Spencer reported she had honored 107 coupons as part of the district effort to increase student participation in the school meals program.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Roger Haas, supported by Fred Hinz...to approve the Michigan Department of Treasury 2008 Tax Rate Request (18.0 mills non-homestead properties, 9.1 mills debt retirement, 1.0 mills sinking fund). Motion carried.

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Dan Eashoo...to approve the Superintendent Evaluation Criteria for the 2008-09 school year as presented. Motion carried.

Policy Committee Chair Fred Hinz opened discussion for recommended updates/changes to Policies #203, #209, and #215. Action will be taken at the October regular business meeting.

Trustee Fred Hinz recommends the Board of Education recite the district Vision Statement at each meeting. Discussion was held; tabled for action at the next regular business meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Student enrollment as of September 17, 2008 is 815; (pupil count day is Wednesday, September 24). This figure is down from last year but he hopes to see an increase before count day. Discussion was held.

Stairs at the football stadium have been repaired and renovations to the roof are complete.

Superintendent Rohrer reminded Board members of the upcoming "Meet the Candidates" forum on September 29 at Baker College.

In reference to policy revisions, Superintendent Rohrer stated this effort requires time and commitment.

President Galbraith reported he recently attended a Board President workshop sponsored by the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB). He stated several topics were addressed and it was a "good workshop, well worth the time".

Motion by Fred Hinz, supported by Dan Eashoo...to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Motion by Fred Hinz, supported by Roger Haas...to move to Executive Session (negotiations) at 7:53 pm. Motion carried.

The Board arose from Executive Session at 7:59 pm.

Discussion was held regarding the recent graduation rates based upon per district results.

Motion by Fred Hinz, supported by Eladio Quintanilla...to adjourn at 8:03 pm. Motion carried.

GENESEE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Galbraith at 6:30 pm. Secretary Wayne Blossom and Trustee Roger Haas were absent; all other Board members were present. Superintendent Jeff Rohrer, GESPA President Melissa Coon and two (2) guests also attended the meeting.

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and the Genesee School District Vision Statement.

President Galbraith opened the floor for public comment; there was none at that time.

Due to Board members having no questions regarding negotiations; there was no need to move to Executive Session.

Superintendent Rohrer outlined some of the changes to the GESPA contract. Discussion was held.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Eladio Quintanilla, supported by Fred Hinz...to approve the Master Agreement between the Genesee School District and the Genesee Education Support Personnel Association (GESPA) for the 2008-09 and 2009-10 school years as amended. Roll call vote as follows: Hinz, yes; Eashoo, yes; Quintanilla, yes; Simons, yes; Galbraith, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dan Eashoo, supported by Eladio Quintanilla...to accept the administrative recommendation to hire Stacy McDonald as a secondary Spanish/History teacher. Motion carried.

President Galbraith opened the floor for public comment.

GESPA President Melissa Coon offered "thanks" to the Board for the ratification of the GESPA agreement.

Board members will contact Jill Simpson to finalize registration for the MASB Conference.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Rohrer reviewed details of the Joint Resolution III (amendment to Section 3 of Article IX of the State Constitution – to specify for taxes levied after the year 2010) as recently passed by the Michigan House of Representatives. Discussion was held.

Motion by Fred Hinz, supported by Eladio Quintanilla...to adjourn at 6:42 pm. Motion carried.

GENESEE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Galbraith at 6:30 pm. Secretary Wayne Blossom was absent; all other Board members were present. Superintendent Jeff Rohrer (arrived at 7:04 pm), GESPA President Melissa Coon, Maintenance Supervisor Scott Stoiniski and (1) guest also attended the meeting.

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary and treasurer reports will be presented at the August 20, 2008 regular business meeting.

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Fred Hinz...to accept the low bid from Roofing Innovations L.L.C for roof repairs as presented. In-depth discussion was held.

Cecil Male (Roofing Innovations L.L.C) answered questions regarding the existing roof/repair areas. In-depth discussion was continued.

The motion to accept the low bid from Roofing Innovations L.L.C. was carried.

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Dan Eashoo...to recess for until Superintendent Rohrer arrives. Motion carried.

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Fred Hinz...to reconvene at 7:05 pm. Motion carried.

Newly-elected Eladio Quintanilla was sworn into office by Brian Simons (highest seniority member). Mr. Quintanilla was unable to attend the Organizational meeting on July 16, 2008.

Superintendent Rohrer reviewed the proposed changes to the Master Calendar 2008-09. Discussion was held.

Motion by Eladio Quintanilla, supported by Fred Hinz...to approve the changes to the Master Calendar 2008-09 as presented. Motion carried.

Superintendent Rohrer reported the stairs at the football field are in need of repair. Discussion was held.

Discussion was held regarding outside maintenance.

Superintendent Rohrer reviewed legislative update information. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Rohrer stated secondary teachers Lisa Hansen and Jenifer Tong have resigned their positions with the district. Due to these resignations, a Spanish/English position has been posted. Discussion was held.

Due to a recent chain of events, the Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance policy that covers the maintenance and secretarial staffs and also the administrators was cancelled. Discussion was held. The policy has since been reinstated.

President Gary Galbraith opened the floor for public comment.

Maintenance Supervisor Scott Stoiniski offered praise and appreciation to the entire maintenance staff for their excellent work to prepare the building for the new school year. To their credit, this has been accomplished with a reduced number of staff members.

Motion by Fred Hinz, supported by Eladio Quintanilla...to adjourn at 7:29 pm. Motion carried.

GENESEE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Galbraith at 7:00 pm. All Board members were present. Superintendent Jeff Rohrer, Principals Richard Carsten and Joseph Perrera, Special Services Coordinator Kelly Davis, Athletic Director John Carpenter, Technology/Media Director LaRene Klink, Food Service Director Dona Lovelady, GESPA President Melissa Coon and five (5) guests also attended the meeting.

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Eladio Quintanilla, supported by Fred Hinz...to approve the minutes of the June regular business and the August 6 special business meetings. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Fred Hinz...to approve the June/July 2008 treasurer report. Motion carried.

President Galbraith opened the floor for public comment.

As head wrestling coach at Bentley Michael Coon explained fundraising abilities through the Poker Palace. Discussion was held.

Trustee Fred Hinz will act as district delegate at the MASB Fall Conference; the alternate position will be filled by Trustee Eladio Quintanilla.

Motion by Roger Haas, supported by Eladio Quintanilla...to approve the Genesee School District Tax-Sheltered Annuity Plan (effective September 1, 2008) as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was held with regard committee work for the 2008-09 school year.

Motion by Roger Haas, supported by Wayne Blossom...to utilize the Committee-of-the-Whole process for the 2008-09 school year. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding district spokesperson. Superintendent Rohrer is designated as the spokesperson for the district; the Board President will speak on behalf of the Board of Education.

In-depth discussion was held regarding the proposed change in the agenda style (consent agenda) as recommended by President Galbraith. This change would create a planning/update meeting to follow.

Motion by Fred Hinz, supported by Roger Haas...to change the current agenda style to a consent agenda for a trial period of three (3) months. Motion carried.

In-depth discussion resumed regarding the consent agenda in relationship to adopted Board policies that affect the motion listed above.

Motion by Fred Hinz, supported by Dan Eashoo...to rescind the motion to change the current agenda style to a consent agenda for a trial period of three (3) months. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

The district architect has examined the football stadium stairs and deemed them to be safe until repairs are done with an anticipated timeline of August 20. Discussion was held.

A volunteer Mentor Meeting (reading program) will be on August 22 at 9:00 am.

The "Welcome Back Celebration" will be held on Thursday, August 28 from 3:30-6:30 pm for all students in the district. Those who attend will receive free admittance to the football game.

Closing date for the State Aid note is August 27, 2008.

Corrections have been made to the 2008-09 Calendar.

The roof renovations began on August 20 and will be completed before school starts.

All teachers have been recalled with the exception of (1) half-time teacher.

Interviews will be begin on August 21 for the Spanish position.

Monique Coulman has been placed in the Credit Recovery position. Nine (9) students are currently enrolled in the program. Discussion was held.

Discussion was held regarding the plantings in the fenced in area at the north end of the high school gymnasium.

A Special Board of Education meeting will be held on September 9 at 6:30 pm.

President Galbraith opened the floor for public comment.

District parent and area fire fighter, Brian Blossom, approached the Board regarding the district hosting a bon-fire during Homecoming week. He indicated the Athletic Boosters would support this endeavor. He will meet with Principal Carsten for planning purposes.

Michael Coon commented on the consent agenda issue.

Motion by Fred Hinz, supported by Wayne Blossom...to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Motion by Fred Hinz, supported by Wayne Blossom...to move to Executive Session at 8:10 pm to discuss negotiations with the GEA and GESPA groups. Motion carried.

The Board arose from Executive Session at 8:16 pm.

Discussion was held regarding the review of all Board policies to insure they are up-to-date and follow the letter of the law.

Discussion was regarding the MEAP-ACT scores and what steps are in place for improvement.

Motion by Fred Hinz, supported by Eladio Quintanilla...to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Motion carried.

GENESEE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Galbraith at 6:31 pm. Secretary Wayne Blossom and Trustee Eladio Quintanilla were absent;

all other Board members were present. Superintendent Jeff Rohrer, Principals Richard Carsten and Joseph Perrera, Special Services Coordinator Kelly Davis, Technology/Media Specialist LaRene Klink and Athletic Director John Carpenter also attended the meeting.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Galbraith opened the floor for public comment; there were no guests in attendance.

President Galbraith gave an opening statement in regard to the purpose of the meeting, the need for more public contact and the Board direction of "keeping to task".

Joseph Perrera, Richard Carsten, John Carpenter and LaRene Klink each reviewed one of the four goals listed in the Genesee School District Plan for the Future and emphasized the strategies that have been put in place to attain them. In-depth discussion was held.

Superintendent Rohrer presented cost comparisons from NEOLA and the MASB – School Board Policy Consultants. Discussion was held. No action taken at this time. Superintendent Rohrer will collect additional information and present at the next regular business meeting.

Phones in each classroom are still a priority if funds become available stated Superintendent Rohrer.

The financial audit was conducted on site September 4-5. The results will be presented available within the next few weeks.

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Dan Eashoo...to direct the ad-hoc Policy Committee to review Policy #203-Salaries. Motion carried.

Motion by Fred Hinz, supported by Roger Haas...to direct the ad-hoc Policy Committee to review Policy #209-Order of Agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Fred Hinz, supported by Dan Eashoo...to direct the ad-hoc Policy Committee to review Policy #215-Travel Expense. Motion carried.

Motion by Fred Hinz, supported by Roger Haas...to create an ad-hoc Policy Committee; members to include Roger Haas, Fred Hinz (chair) and Dan Eashoo (meeting date/time to be scheduled). Motion carried.

Superintendent Rohrer announced a "Meet the Candidate Forum" to be hosted by Baker College of Flint on September 29. Board members, school administrators and their spouses are invited to attend this GCASBM sponsored event.

In the Board's quest to "keep on task", Trustee Fred Hinz suggests Board members recite the Genesee School District Vision Statement at the end of each meeting. This item will be placed on the next meeting agenda for discussion.

Discussion was held regarding the Open House, the first week of school, and the Credit Recovery program.

Motion by Fred Hinz, supported by Roger Haas...to move to Executive Session at 8:12 pm to discuss (1) Superintendent evaluation and (2) negotiations. Motion carried.

The Board arose from Executive Session at 8:52 pm; no action taken.

Motion by Fred Hinz, supported by Roger Haas...to adjourn at 8:53 pm. Motion carried.

GENESEE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2008

President Quintanilla declared the Annual Budget Hearing open at 6:55 pm. All Board members were present; seven (7) guests also were in attendance.

The purpose of the hearing is to review the final budget figures for all funds for the 2007-08 school year and to present the preliminary budgets for the upcoming 2008-09 school year. The budgets are based upon a tax rate of 18 mills for non-homestead property. The 2008-09 budget for the Sinking Fund will be based upon a tax rate of 1 mill.

Superintendent Rohrer reviewed the final 2007-08 General Fund, School Service (Food Service/Athletics) and Debt Retirement budgets and the preliminary budgets for all funds for fiscal year 2008-09. Discussion was held.

This hearing offers the public the opportunity to address questions/concerns regarding the financial state of the district. There were no questions/comments from the guests.

The meeting was closed at 7:16 pm.

GENESEE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Quintanilla at 7:32 pm. All Board members were present. Superintendent Jeff Rohrer, Elementary Principal Joseph Perrera, Special Services Coordinator Kelly Davis, Media Technology Director LaRene Klink, Food Service Director Dona Lovelady and five (5) guests also attended the meeting.

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Wayne Blossom, supported by Dan Eashoo...to approve the minutes of the May 21 regular business and the June 3 and June 18, 2008 special business meetings. Motion carried.

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Gary Galbraith...to approve the May, 2008 treasurer report as presented. Motion carried.

President Quintanilla opened the floor for public comment; there was none at that time.

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Wayne Blossom...to approve the final 2007-08 General Fund Budget as presented (revenues \$7,181,984, expenditures \$7,199,333). Roll call vote as follows: Simons, yes; Eashoo, yes; Haas, yes; Hinz, yes; Blossom, yes; Galbraith, yes; Quintanilla, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Wayne Blossom...to approve the final 2007-08 School Service Fund Budget as presented (Food Service - revenues \$298,092, expenditures \$291,588; Athletics - revenues \$197,274, expenditures \$197,274). Roll call vote as follows: Galbraith, yes; Simons, yes; Blossom, yes; Eashoo, yes; Hinz, yes; Haas, yes; Quintanilla, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Wayne Blossom...to approve the final 2007-08 Debt Retirement Fund Budget as presented. Roll call vote as follows: Blossom, yes; Galbraith, yes; Eashoo, yes; Haas, yes; Hinz, yes; Simons, yes; Quintanilla, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Dan Eashoo...to approve the preliminary 2008-09 General Fund Budget as presented (revenues \$6,943,456, expenditures \$6,986,091). Roll call vote as follows: Blossom, yes; Galbraith, yes; Eashoo, yes; Hinz, yes; Haas, yes; Simons, yes; Quintanilla, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Dan Eashoo...to approve the preliminary 2008-09 School Service Budget as presented (Food Service – revenues \$319,740, expenditures \$314,542; Athletics – revenues \$228,070, expenditures \$228,070). Roll call vote as follows: Galbraith, yes; Hinz, yes; Eashoo, yes; Simons, yes; Haas, yes, Blossom, yes; Quintanilla, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Dan Eashoo...to approve the preliminary 2008-09 Debt Retirement Fund Budget as presented (revenues \$591,204, expenditures \$591,204). Roll call vote as follows: Simons, yes; Galbraith, yes; Eashoo, yes; Blossom, yes; Hinz, yes; Haas, yes; Quintanilla, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Dan Eashoo...to approve the preliminary 2008-09 Sinking Fund Budget as presented (revenues \$58,700, expenditures \$58,700). Roll call vote as follows: Hinz, yes; Eashoo, yes; Galbraith, yes; Haas, yes; Blossom, yes; Simons, yes; Quintanilla, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dan Eashoo, supported by Roger Haas...to approve the 2008-09 Extra-curricular positions as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Dan Eashoo, supported by Fred Hinz...to approve the increase in breakfast/lunch/milk prices beginning the 2008-09 school year (\$1.25 breakfast, \$1.75 lunch, and \$.50 milk). Motion carried.

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Wayne Blossom...to accept with regret the resignations of faculty members Lisa Moleski and Meredith Weldon effective immediately. Motion carried.

In-depth discussion was held regarding the Credit Recovery Proposal (independent study program for 2008-09).

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Gary Galbraith...to approve the Credit Recovery Proposal as presented. Motion carried.

The ATI Group one-year contract extension proposal was tabled for action at the July regular business meeting.

Superintendent Reports

- With funds now available through the Sinking Fund budget, Superintendent Rohrer reported he is gathering estimates for roof repairs. Discussion was held.
- Some laid-off members of the Genesee Education Support Personnel Association (GESPA) have been recalled for the 2008-09 school year. Contract negotiations with this group continue. Updated information will be presented at the July regular business meeting.
- Discussions are being held with the Genesee Education Association (GEA) regarding adding to or the movement of Professional Development days throughout the school year. At present, Professional Development days are scheduled at the beginning and end of the contract year.
- The Personnel Committee will meet on Wednesday, July 9, 2008 at 5:00 pm to review secretarial and administrative contracts.

President Quintanilla opened the floor for public comment.

Chris Spencer, owner of Smitty's Diner, volunteered to host a promotion at her place of business to help the school increase the number of free/reduced applications submitted for the 2008-09 school year breakfast/lunch program. Discussion was held.

Secretary Wayne Blossom offered his thanks to Chris Spencer for her active role in the creation of the GENESEE PRIDE and the group's beautification efforts.

Although on the agenda, Superintendent Rohrer indicated there was no need to move to Executive Session at this meeting.

Motion by Wayne Blossom, supported by Roger Haas...to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Motion by Dan Eashoo, supported by Fred Hinz...to adjourn at 8:07 pm. Motion carried.

GENESEE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Wayne Blossom at 7:00 pm. President Eladio Quintanilla, Vice President Dan Eashoo and Trustee Fred Hinz were absent; all other Board members were present. Superintendent Jeff Rohrer, Secondary Principal Richard Carsten, Elementary Principal Joseph Perrera, Special Services Coordinator Kelly Davis, Athletic Director John Carpenter, Food Service Director Dona Lovelady and two (2) guests also attended the meeting

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secondary Principal Richard Carsten reviewed proposed revisions to the 2008-09 Secondary Student Handbook. Discussion was held.

Elementary Principal Joseph Perrera reviewed proposed revisions to the Haas Elementary Handbook for 2008-09. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Rohrer detailed the status of the 2007-08 budgets and outlined a draft of the budget for 2008-09. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Rohrer reported the resignation of Spanish teacher Meredith Weldon and anticipates the loss of another secondary staff member within the week. Discussion was held regarding how these resignation impact the call back of teachers on lay-off. Updated information will be presented at the next regular business meeting.

Superintendent Rohrer outlined the details of the proposed CREDIT RECOVERY program for secondary students. This program will target students who left the district to attend alternative education or to simply remain out of school and bring them back into the district. In-depth discussion was held regarding the funding for this program. A recommendation will be available at the next regular business meeting.

Discussion was held with regard to dual sports participation for students in grades 9-12. Students could elect to participate in two (2) sports that run concurrently, but must designate a primary and a secondary sport. Discussion was held.

Due to the anticipated rise in food costs, Superintendent Rohrer indicated he would recommend an increase of 25 cents for student breakfast and lunch costs beginning with the 2008-09 school year. These changes will not impact students who qualify for free or reduced meals.

Beecher School District has petitioned to join the Genesee Athletic Conference (GAC). Superintendent Rohrer announced their request has been accepted; Beecher will enter the GAC effective 2009-10 school year. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Rohrer noted the district would participate in an Energy Management program to evaluate district buildings for cost saving measures. This four-year program is part of a consortium provided through the Genesee Intermediate School District. Discussion was held.

Discussion was held regarding the storm sewer discharge proposal (GISD consortium).

Secretary Blossom opened the floor for public comment; there was none at that time.

Trustee Roger Haas noted the Vietnam Moving Wall was at Crossroads Village.

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Roger Haas...to move to Executive Session at 8:27 pm to discuss negotiations progress. Roll call vote as follows: Haas, yes; Galbraith, yes; Simons, yes; Blossom, yes. Motion carried.

The Board arose from Executive Session at 8:31 pm.

Motion by Roger Haas, supported by Gary Galbraith...to adjourn at 8:32 pm. Motion carried.

GENESEE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2008

President Quintanilla called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Vice President Dan Eashoo, Secretary Wayne Blossom, and Trustee Fred Hinz were absent; all other Board members were present. Superintendent Jeff Rohrer, Technology/Media Director LaRene Klink and seven (7) guests also attended the meeting.

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The secretary and treasurer reports for the month of May will be presented at the next regular business meeting scheduled on June 25, 2008.

Superintendent Rohrer presented a detailed budget update for the 2007-08 and 2008-09 school years. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Rohrer reported the Northern Tier consortium would no longer offer the Building Trades Program, as this course has become cost prohibitive to participating schools. Students will have the opportunity to apply for a similar program offered by the Genesee Area Skill Center.

Our district loses approximately 10-15 students per year to alternative education. In an effort to reverse this trend, Superintendent Rohrer stated he would propose an alternative on-line program (PLATO) for students to continue their education at Genesee but in a non-traditional classroom format. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Rohrer addressed the need to upgrade technology within the district. A pilot writing software program has been in place this school year but lacks the technical support needed for easy student access. Discussion was held.

To promote contact with parents and aid in building security, Superintendent Rohrer is gathering information to upgrade the district phone system. He would like to see the installation of a telephone in each classroom; the cost is not currently in the 2008-09 budget. Discussion was held.

Students in grades 7-8 will now have two (2) hours of language arts each day (Reading and English). Superintendent Rohrer proposes the use of technology (new software program) to improve reading skills within this group.

The legislature is in the process of establishing the State aid figures for the 2008-09 school year. Superintendent Rohrer anticipates this information will be available within the next few weeks. Discussion was held.

Several teachers are still on "lay-off" status. Superintendent Rohrer indicated the district might recall some teachers based upon final budgetary figures. He also reported the support staff will hold a "bumping" meeting (based upon the GESPA Master Agreement) on Thursday, June 5 that could result in additional lay-offs for the group. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Rohrer proposes changes in LTD and other insurances that will impact costs to the district. These changes may take place this summer.

President Quintanilla opened the floor for public comment.

Staff members Amber Boisclair, Tamela Maples and Holly Karram voiced concerns in the areas of recall of teachers, the proposed phone system, technology upgrades, software purchases/integration of technology, elementary supplies budget and student absenteeism.

Superintendent Rohrer/Board members gave their response to these concerns.

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Gary Galbraith...to move to Executive Session at 8:11 pm to discuss collective bargaining strategy. Roll call vote as follows: Simons, yes; Galbraith, yes; Haas, yes; Quintanilla, yes. Motion carried.

The Board arose from Executive Session at 8:48 pm.

Motion by Gary Galbraith, supported by Roger Haas...to adjourn at 8:50 pm. Motion carried.

GENESEEE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Quintanilla. Trustee Roger Haas was absent; all other Board members were present. Superintendent Jeff Rohrer, Secondary Principal Richard Carsten, Elementary Principal Joseph Perrera, Special Services Coordinator Kelly Davis, Technology Media Director LaRene Klink, Athletic Director John Carpenter, Dean of Students Charleen McKeever, GEA Co-Presidents Curt Drier and Jan Gunther, GESPA President Kim Stearns and twenty-four guests also attended the meeting.

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Wayne Blossom, supported by Fred Hinz...to approve the minutes of the March 2008 regular business meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Fred Hinz...to approve the March 2008 treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Secondary Principal Richard Carsten introduced the March Students of the Month, Senior Kendra Stacy and Underclassman Travis Ulrich.

Superintendent Rohrer presented updated budget information. Discussion was held.

The district will ask voters to approve a 1-mill increase on May 6 for a Building and Site proposal (sinking fund).

Superintendent Rohrer reported millage request information has been distributed to all registered voters. A community forum meeting will be scheduled and additional information will be directed to district parents. Discussion was held.

President Quintanilla opened the floor for public comment.

District parent, Mimi Matthews, expressed concern regarding the proposals for next school year and how these changes will effect children and parents.

Board members offered their response to these concerns.

Motion by Dan Eashoo, supported by Wayne Blossom...to approve the administrative recommendation to recall faculty members Emily Cherry and David Williams for the 2008-09 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Dan Eashoo...to approve the administrative recommendation to participate in the GISD School of Choice program for the 2008-09 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Dan Eashoo...to approve the administrative recommendation to accept Section 105c (opting out) Schools of Choice. Motion carried.

Motion by Gary Galbraith, supported by Wayne Blossom...to approve changes to the Reproductive Health Curriculum as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Wayne Blossom...to approve all GISD Budgets 2008-09 as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Gary Galbraith, supported by Wayne Blossom...to approve the request by the Class of 2008 to host Baccalaureate services in the high school gymnasium on Sunday, June 1, 2008 at 6:00 pm. Motion carried.

Superintendent Rohrer presented updated information regarding Strategic Planning. Session II will meet on Tuesday, April 22 at 7:00 pm in the Media Center. The final session for this school year is scheduled for May 13. Discussion was held.

Discussion was held regarding the resolution presented by the Citizens for Equity (equitable funding for public schools in Michigan. This resolution will be addressed at the May regular business meeting.

Superintendent Rohrer reported on the following:

GCASBM Workshop - The Genesee County Association of School Board Members will host a workshop "Risk Management Issues for School Board Members" on April 17 at the University of Michigan-Flint. This program will present an overview of potential risks of liability associated with the activities of outside support organizations. A representative from the Boosters and PTO have been invited to attend. Additional information will be presented at the May regular business meeting.

"GENESEEE PRIDE" - is the name chosen by local merchants for the new, monthly community newsletter. Superintendent Rohrer reported this citizen involvement group will meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Media Center (the public is welcome and encouraged to attend).

Through a grant "Cultivating our Communities" from the Ruth Mott Foundation and also from private donations, the first planting date has been scheduled for May 31, 2008. Anyone needing additional information can contact Chris Spencer at Ms Smitty's Diner (640-1253).

Vice-President Dan Eashoo - will be presented an Award of Merit from the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) at the GCASBM meeting on April 29, 2008.

Synvoice - Through grant monies from the Genesee Intermediate School District, the district will purchase this system that will enable the district to contact each household (based upon phone numbers listed within our student database regarding school closings/emergencies. This automated system will also provide additional parent/teacher contacts.

Upcoming Events - a list of upcoming events through the end of the school year was distributed to Board members.

There were no committee reports.

President Quintanilla opened the floor for public comment.

Discussion was held regarding the community forum meeting date (millage election), book swap, memorial donations and student recruitment for the next Strategic Planning meeting.

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Dan Eashoo...to approve pay the bills. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding district action plans since the publication of the MEAP scores.

Discussion was held regarding disciplinary issues, (fighting incidents) at the elementary and secondary levels with comparisons based upon previous years.

Motion by Fred Hinz, supported by Wayne Blossom...to adjourn at 8:23 pm. Motion carried.

GENESEE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Quintanilla at 7:00 pm. Vice President Dan Eashoo was absent; all other Board members were present. Superintendent Jeff Rohrer, Elementary Principal Joseph Perrera, Secondary Principal Richard Carsten, Special Services Coordinator Kelly Davis, Technology Media Director LaRene Klink, Athletic Director John Carpenter and seven (7) guests also attended the meeting.

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Wayne Blossom, supported by Roger Haas...to approve the minutes of the January 2008 regular business meeting. Motion carried.

The January treasurer's report will be presented at the next regular business meeting.

Secondary Principal Richard Carsten introduced the January Senior of the Month, Courtney Cooney. Underclass Student of the Month Hillary Clayburn was unable to attend.

President Quintanilla opened the floor for public comment.

Holly Karram, (K-6 Language Arts Department Head) distributed an invitation to each Board member to act as a guest reader on March 12 in recognition of March is Reading Month.

Discussion was held regarding the final draft of the Genesee School District Vision Statement.

Motion Brian Simons, supported by Gary Galbraith...to adopt the final draft of the Genesee School District Vision Statement as presented. Motion carried.

Genesee School District Vision

The Genesee School District will be the top-achieving district in Genesee County where all students will be prepared to be contributing members of their communities.

Our mission would be to increase academic achievement and encourage students to become successful members of the school and their community.

Discussion was held regarding action plans for Strategic Planning. Meetings have been scheduled for March 25, April 22 and May 13 at 7:00 pm in the Media Center.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed sinking fund (building and site) millage request to be placed on the May 6, 2008 ballot.

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Wayne Blossom...to approve the RESOLUTION PLACING MILLAGE PROPOSITION ON BALLOT (exclude the term "real estate" from ballot language). Roll call vote as follows: Galbraith, yes; Hinz, yes; Simons, yes; Haas, yes; Blossom, yes; Quintanilla, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Gary Galbraith, supported by Wayne Blossom...to hire Tracy McDonough as a part-time grade 6 teacher for the remainder of the school year. Motion carried.

Treasurer Brian Simons will represent the district at the Annual GISD Budget Hearing to be held on March 12, 2008. President Quintanilla will act as district alternate.

Superintendent Rohrer reported on the following:

Nice Job Notes: The "Nice Job Notes" program is being well received by staff. This recognition program is a way to say "thank you" among staff members for their help and support.

Schools of Choice 2008-09: Discussion was held regarding the proposed countywide Schools of Choice Program for the 2008-09 school year. A participation choice will need to be made in March/April. Updated information will be available at the next regular business meeting.

Staff Cuts 2008-09: The district will need to make staff cuts for the 2008-09 school year. The district has experienced a loss of 18 students from the fall 2007 count. Discussion was held. Teacher lay-off recommendations will be presented at the next regular business meeting.

Snow Days: The district has been closed for five (5) days due to inclement weather. No need to schedule make up days at this time but this may be necessary if the district should close again.

School Board Election: The annual school board election will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2008. Incumbents Gary Galbraith and Eladio Quintanilla have returned petitions for the election.

Secondary Principal Richard Carsten reported approximately 98 students will participate in three (3) days of MME testing (March 11-14). Discussion was held.

Chairperson Wayne Blossom reported the Finance Committee met to discuss and review details of the proposed sinking fund request. The finance committee will meet again on Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 10:00 am.

Before the next regular business meeting, Superintendent Rohrer reported a committee of volunteers would be formed to organize strategies for the upcoming sinking fund millage issue. Discussion was held.

Trustee Roger Haas, Personnel Committee chair, distributed the final copies of the Superintendent Evaluation. The forms should be completed and returned to Jill Simpson as soon as possible. President Quintanilla will meet with Superintendent Rohrer on March 5 to review the results of the evaluation.

The Personnel Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 11 at 6:00 pm to review staffing for 2008-09.

President Quintanilla opened the floor for public comment; there was none at that time.

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Wayne Blossom...to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Trustee Gary Galbraith offered his support of the new mentoring program for elementary students. Volunteers are needed and should contact LaRene Klink (591-3111) or Sherry Azelton (631-6382) to register.

Motion by Fred Hinz, supported by Roger Haas...to adjourn at 8:06 pm. Motion carried.

GENESEE BOARD OF EDUCATION
VISION STATEMENT/REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Quintanilla at 6:00 pm. Secretary Wayne Blossom was absent (arrived at 7:00 pm); all other Board members were in attendance. Superintendent Jeff Rohrer, Secondary Principal Richard Carsten, Elementary Principal Joseph Perrera, Special Services Director Kelly Davis, Athletic Director John Carpenter, Cafeteria Director Dona Lovelady, GEA Co-President Jan Gunther, GESPA President Kim Stearns and seventeen (17) guests also attended the meeting.

In-depth discussion was held regarding a new Vision Statement for the district.

After a short intermission the meeting reconvened at 7:00 pm.

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Gary Galbraith, supported by Dan Eashoo...to approve minutes of the December 2007 regular business meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Roger Haas...to approve the November and December 2007 treasurer reports. Motion carried.

On behalf of the Genesee County Association of School Board Members (GCASBM), President Quintanilla presented Certificates of Appreciation to former Superintendent Mark Hilt and Treasurer Brian Simons for their many years of service to the educational community.

Tokens of gratitude were presented to Board members by representatives from the Student Council, JH/HS Honor Societies, and the Genesee Education Association in recognition of School Board Appreciation Month. Superintendent Rohrer praised the Board for their role as representatives of the district and the impact they have on 800+ students within the district.

Secondary Principal Richard Carsten introduced the December Students of the Month, Junior Shana'e Clark and Senior Kayla Bright.

President Quintanilla opened the floor for public comment.

Paula March read aloud and distributed a copy of a letter of concern regarding an incident at a recent basketball game.

Motion by Gary Galbraith, supported by Brian Simons...to approve the Michigan School Readiness Participating Resolution for 2007-08. Motion carried.

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Wayne Blossom...to change health insurance for district administrators and secretaries to Blue Cross Community Blue as soon as possible. Discussion was held. Motion carried.

Motion by Fred Hinz, supported by Dan Eashoo...to approve the business contract with the Genesee Intermediate School District

(GISD) as an independent contractor for the processing of accounts payable/receivable and payroll at a total cost of \$34,500 for the 2007-08 school year, \$50,000 for 2008-09. Discussion was held. Motion carried.

Superintendent Rohrer reported on the progress of possible changes to the kindergarten program. As a result of research and discussion, it appears the best way to help our students is to provide more time at the kindergarten level (full day and half-time). Some factors, which still need to be addressed, are kindergarten enrollment figures, additional costs and contractual issues. He will bring updated information to the February regular business meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the Professional Contract Management, Inc. (PCMI) contract to staff the junior high/high school Intervention Room. This contract will expire June 30, 2008.

Superintendent Rohrer reported on the following:

Budget Update – Superintendent Rohrer anticipates the need to trim next year's budget by at least \$400,000 due a loss of students and inflationary costs. Discussion was held.

School Board Election – Deadline for candidate filing is February 13, 2008 at 4:00 pm. Candidates should contact the Elections Division of the Office of the Genesee County Clerk for more information.

Fingerprinting – All school district employees will be fingerprinted on site February 5, 2008.

Finance chairperson Wayne Blossom reported the committee had met on January 8 to review budget information. The committee will meet again on Tuesday, February 5 at 6:00 pm.

The Personnel Committee met on January 8 to review the proposed insurance changes, chairperson Roger Haas reported. Discussion was also held on the Superintendent Performance Evaluation, as the evaluation is due by March 10. The committee will meet on Tuesday, February 5 at 7:00 pm.

Trustee Galbraith recently attended a play at Clio Area Schools that focused on the "Pillars of Character" program with an emphasis on character building. Discussion was held.

President Quintanilla opened the floor for public comment; there was none.

Motion by Dan Eashoo, supported by Wayne Blossom...to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Vice President Dan Eashoo suggested an article be placed in the COMMUNICATOR highlighting the area businesses and private donors to the signage project. This article will appear in the February issue.

Motion by Fred Hinz, supported by Roger Haas...to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Motion carried.

GENESEE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Galbraith. Trustee Eladio Quintanilla was absent; all other Board members were present. Superintendent Jeff Rohrer, Secondary Principal Richard Carsten, Elementary Principal Joseph Perrera, Special Services Coordinator Kelly Davis, Athletic Director John Carpenter, Cafeteria Director Dona Lovelady, Technology/Media Director LaRene Klink, GEA President Curt Drier, GESPA President Melissa Coon and (12) guests also attended the meeting.

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and the Genesee Vision Statement.

Motion by Fred Hinz, supported by Dan Eashoo...to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Wayne Blossom, supported by Roger Haas...to accept the minutes from the October 15 regular business and October 28 special business meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Wayne Blossom...to approve the September and October 2008 treasurer reports as presented. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Richard Carsten introduced the Students of the Month Senior Tabitha Adkins-Link and Underclassman Devin Sapp (was unable to attend).

Superintendent Rohrer recognized bus driver, Angie Stanton, for her actions when she came upon an automobile accident on October 30, 2008. The accident victim also presented a token of her appreciation to Mrs. Stanton.

President Galbraith opened the floor for public comment; there was none at that time.

ACTION ITEMS

Discussion was held regarding Board Policy Development contract proposals from the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) and NEOLA. Topics included the need for compliance, policy updates, company expertise, school attorney opinion and recommendations from other districts that use these services.

Motion by Fred Hinz, supported by Roger Haas...to approve the purchase of Board Policy Development services from NEOLA as presented at the October 28, 2008 regular business meeting. Motion carried.
The purchase of administrative guidelines and placing the

policies on the website was not part of this motion.

Motion by Dan Eashoo, supported by Wayne Blossom...to approve the administrative recommendation for contract renewals thru the 2009-10 school year for the following: Richard Carsten-Secondary Principal, Joseph Perrera-Elementary Principal, Kelly Davis-Special Services Coordinator and LaRene Klink-Technology/Media Director. Discussion was held. Motion carried.

Superintendent Rohrer recommends the district host a Strategic Planning Update Meeting early next year. An invitation will be extended to all who participated in last year's planning sessions and to any who would offer input for the future of the district.

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Dan Eashoo...to schedule February 11, 2009 at 7:00 pm for the Strategic Planning Community Update Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Roger Haas, supported by Wayne Blossom...to approve the Resolution to be presented to bus driver Angie Stanton. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Agreement for Cooperative Intergovernmental Services between the GISD and the Genesee County Drain Commission. This item will be on the action items at the December regular business meeting.

Superintendent Rohrer will bring budget amendment information to the December regular business meeting.

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Fred Hinz...to approve the first reading of the 403b Board Policy Concerning Tax-Sheltered Annuity Tax Compliance as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Fred Hinz, supported by Roger Haas...to approve the first reading of the GISD Energy Management Conservation Policy as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Brian Simons, supported by Dan Eashoo...to approve the No Child Left Behind Resolution as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Roger Haas, supported by Dan Eashoo...to accept the School Bus Maintenance Agreement with Mt. Morris Schools as presented. Discussion was held. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

To limit athletic travel time and expense, area Superintendents recently met to discuss the creation of a middle school mega-league for districts within the county and surrounding areas. This issue is still in the discussion

stage; he will bring updated information to the December regular business meeting.

Secondary Principal Carsten explained the details of the Michigan State Department of Education Seat Waiver option granted to schools in Genesee County. This waiver would allow students to participate in on-line learning while allowing school districts to report full-time FTE under specific guidelines. Discussion was held.

School Safety Grant monies will be available for phones in each classroom; \$8,000 toward the purchase of security cameras and \$1,000 toward Synervoice (a system to contact all student households with emergency information). This \$1,000 will not cover the entire cost; future costs will be on a per pupil basis.

The Genesee County Association of School Board Members (GCASBM) will host their annual Holiday Gathering on December 11, 2008. The Genesee Employee Holiday Celebration will be held on December 19; Board members are asked to contact Jill Simpson to confirm their attendance.

Discussion was held regarding the role of school districts dealing with our legislators during these tough economic times in the State of Michigan.

Although the district is not involved in the financial system of the Athletic Boosters; the district does have the obligation to make certain the group follows all rules and guidelines as set forth by district auditors. The Athletic Boosters are audited as part of our school district audit. This action does not increase or decrease our obligation to monitor the Boosters.

President Galbraith and Trustee Hinz reported on their attendance at the MASB Fall Conference in Traverse City and the Poverty Summit in Detroit.

President Galbraith opened the floor for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT/RESPONSE

Charleen McKeever requested clarification regarding the approval of the NEOLA Board Policy Development contract. Superintendent Rohrer reported the motion passed reflects Board policy development services only.

GEA President Curt Drier asked for clarification of the tenure paragraph included in the Administrator contract. He questioned the accuracy.

Denise Powell inquired as to the location of the new security cameras. Superintendent Rohrer indicated the parking lot will be targeted for monitoring at this time; other areas will be determined upon the number of cameras made available through this county-wide grant. Our intention is to provide additional information at the December regular business meeting.

Chris Spencer reported the Genesee Pride would sponsor a community Family Fun Festival on Memorial Day 2009 at the Lions Club Park. Several events are being planned for that day to include a car/motorcycle cruise. The new "Welcome to Genesee" sign will be in place by the end of the month.

Motion by Fred Hinz, supported by Roger Haas...to move to Executive Session at 8:08 pm for the purpose of student discipline. Motion carried.

The Board arose from Executive Session at 8:51 pm.

Motion by Fred Hinz, supported Dan Eashoo...to accept the administrative recommendation to expel Student #1 from the Genesee School District effective November 19, 2008. Motion carried.

Motion by Wayne Blossom, supported by Dan Eashoo...to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Motion by Fred Hinz, supported by Wayne Blossom...to adjourn at 8:52 pm. Motion carried.

JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH EXAM SCHEDULE

First semester exams will be given to grades 7-12 on January 15 and 16, 2009. The exam schedule is as follows:

January 15	7:50 am – 9:10 am	6 th hour exams
	9:15 am – 10:35 am	5 th hour exams
	10:40 am – 12:00 pm	4 th hour exams
January 16	7:50 am – 9:10 am	3 rd hour exams
	9:15 am – 10:35 am	2 nd hour exams
	10:40 am – 12:00 pm	1 st hour exams



Students will be dismissed at noon on Thursday, January 15, and Friday, January 16. Bus transportation will be pro-