

# Gilbert Community School District

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## Superintendent's Message

The bids for the new high school were received on January 12. There were a total of eleven general contractors from Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota that placed a bid on our project. The low bid was from Harold Pike Construction of Ames with a bid of \$17,298,000.00. There were five alternates to be considered with this bid. The school board looked over the base bid and alternates and approved Harold Pike Construction as the general contractor at the January 23<sup>rd</sup> board meeting. The bids and alternates came in at a very competitive rate which may allow for additional things to be done. The board continues to support the community priorities of building an auditorium and upgrading our athletic facilities and moving them to our new high school site. It looks like major construction will begin this spring and the projected completion date is scheduled for August 2013. What we continue to stress is that we are all working for the common good for all our students and a common goal on our project.

One of the groups who greatly helps the district reach our goals is the Gilbert Education Foundation. Their annual fundraiser, the Rock Hop, will be held on March 31, 2012. Their theme this year is Tiger Zone, All in for Gilbert, and I encourage you to support them in any way possible. Raffle tickets are on sale now! Classroom basket letters will be coming out February 3<sup>rd</sup> with donations due back on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Coming soon to your inbox will be sneak peeks of live auction packages. The Foundation helps us provide many of the "extras" we enjoy in our classrooms.

The district Speech contest was held this past weekend in Des Moines. It was moved to Roosevelt from North Des Moines following some water damage. We had a number of students participate and there will be eight groups that will be moving on to the state contest on February 4<sup>th</sup> at Ankeny High School. Congratulations to those students and their coaches, Cathy Anderson and Kaaren Rogers. Good luck at state!

Our girls' basketball team continues a remarkable season with only two losses. Our boys' basketball team has been steadily improving this season as we move closer to tournament play. Our wrestling team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Heart of Iowa Conference Tournament with Jacob Zenor, Kaiden Billings and Jonathan Shuka as individual champions. We have also enjoyed a few performances from the dance team at the halftime of the basketball games. We also had a "white out" in an effort to raise money to fight childhood cancers. We appreciate your support of this cause.

Kind Regards,

*Lindsey Beecher*, Superintendent

## Update on District Facilities

Marcia DeZonia for the Gilbert School Board

On January 12, the district opened the bids on the new Gilbert High School Project. We had 11 general contractors submit bids and all bids were quite close in their projected costs. We are very lucky to be building in a very competitive bid environment. The lowest bid was submitted by Harold Pike Construction of Ames. Their overall bid, including the concrete parking areas, was \$15.3 Million. This was about \$2.5 million less than the forecasted cost. This bid enabled the school board to also accept the project alternates or add-ons at their January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The board accepted the addition of a wood gym basketball floor, terrazzo tile in the commons area, additional cabinetry in the classrooms, and the auditorium shell. **The total contract amount of 17.3 Million was accepted at the January 23<sup>rd</sup> school board meeting.**

The district has been accepted by FEMA to receive funding to plan the safe room/wrestling room in the new high school. Specific plans are being developed. These plans will need to be approved by FEMA before being put out for bid. Generally, once a project is approved for funding of the planning, then the actual plan is approved for funding also. However, this is not definite until actual approval. Currently, the timeline would have this project go out for bids in May. We are very hopeful that this will gain FEMA approval and provide our district a quality wrestling room that will also be a safe room if weather necessitates.

In the coming weeks, the board will be discussing what additional building projects can be considered. This consideration will be based on projected funding needs to accommodate enrollment growth and projected funding availability from additional bonding capacity (some additional capacity resulted from the low interest rates we received on our current bond sales) and additional Penny Sales Tax money. Additional bonding capacity is made available when our district property tax valuation grows. In the last 5 years, we have experienced over 5% growth each year. Additional Sales Tax money is derived from increased enrollment (it is a per pupil amount), increased state sales tax revenue that results in an increase per pupil and from selling our latest bonds at lower than anticipated interest rates. These

increases are in addition to our savings from the initial bid package. **The result of these favorable factors is that the district has approximately \$3 Million additional dollars that can go towards current projects.**

The Facility Task Force has been meeting regularly to be able to provide needed information to the school board. They are working on developing an enrollment prediction model that looks at needed classroom space as our enrollment grows. Mike Haverdink and Joe Metzger have developed a Google spreadsheet that allows us to predict when each building will need additional classrooms to ensure the quality of our programs. The spreadsheet can be adjusted for different growth rates. For instance, 3% which is our historic growth average or 4.5%, which is our growth rate the last two years. The spreadsheet will help the board be aware of key potential deadlines when funding needs are available to add classroom space. When you look at 3% growth, additional classrooms would likely not be necessary until 2022. When you look at 4.5% growth the need moves up two years and classroom additions become necessary in more than one building. This tool is a refinement of the initial helpful tool developed by the Long-Range Facility Committee.

The Facility task force and the school board will be working in the next month to overlay the enrollment projections with the funding availability in the next 5-8 years. This will give us the information we need to move forward on our additional building priorities like a new track, finishing out the auditorium, additional high school locker room space, finish out of the new gym for competition, and development of a new football complex. These priorities were developed during the bonding process with the Vote Yes Gilbert Committee. The school board and the facility task force are planning to hold a forum before spring break to lay out in more detail the developing plan. The school board is optimistic that additional facility projects on our "wish list" can go out for bid this spring to take advantage of the bidding climate.

Finally, the Facility Task force has been updated by the sub-committee considering additional classroom space needed for the 2012-13 school year at the elementary building. Principal Staci Edwards presented to the board on January 23<sup>rd</sup> the two most viable options. Option 1 would be to lease portable classrooms for the year that they are needed. This option would cost approximately **\$50,000-\$60,000**. Option 2 would be to build additional classroom space that would be similar to the current elementary portable. It would have 2 classrooms and a restroom. It would be a permanent structure and would provide additional space in the future for storage or additional activities when not needed as classroom space. This option would cost approximately **\$120,000-\$140,000**. The board discussed these options and will make a final decision at our February 13<sup>th</sup> board meeting. A big thank you to the sub-committee of Gayle and Ryan Gehling, Jake and Katie Hanson, Kurt and Angie Kuda, Heather Currans and Staci Edwards for all their work in researching and exploring options.

As always, please contact a board member if you have questions about the facility projects. We know everyone in the Gilbert community is anxious to have a wonderful auditorium for our Fine Arts Program and upgraded athletic facilities for our growing programs. It is very good news that we will be able to have an accelerated timeline for many of these projects.

## **Kindergarten 2012-2013: Parent Night and Roundup**

Thanks to all who have signed their children up for kindergarten in 2012-2013. If there are others that still need to, please call the elementary office. We are looking forward to round-up time again. On April 9, we will host a parent night for our 2012-2013 kindergarten parents. We will follow a round robin format that allows each parent a chance to meet every teacher and gain a lot of information about next year. In addition, on Friday, April 13, we will have our kindergarten round-up. Parents will be able to choose one of three times on that day to bring their children for our round-up activities. More information will follow in our parent letter, as well as what documentation parents need to provide on April 9. Please call the elementary office at 232-3744 with any questions.



## **Gilbert CSD's School Alert System, Including Text Alerts**

**Family Profile Feature – You can add phone numbers and emails not uploaded from PowerSchool**

As mentioned, we are only uploading the home phone, contact 1 cell phone and contact 1,2, and 3 emails into the system from PowerSchool. If you wish to enter in more phone numbers and emails, please access the Family Profile at <http://gilbert.k12.ia.us/district/schoolalerts>. **Login** using your child's last name and your home phone number. Complete the login and entering of phone numbers and emails for each child at each building. If all of your children are at one building, you only need to login and enter the information once.

**Text Message Opt-In Directions**

Parents/Guardians wishing to receive a text alert may now "opt-in" to this feature by sending a text message with the word "Alert" to 22300. Note that standard text messaging rates apply for texts received from One Call Now. Not all service plans include SMS text messaging. **A note about SMS text:** If you opt in for a text on a cell phone number, you will not receive a phone call on that phone number. You will receive a text and an email but not a phone call.

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**Parent Teacher Conference Scheduling Opens February 1 at 4:00 p.m. and will remain open through March 19 for March 27 and 29 PT Conferences. Find out more at <http://gilbert.k12.ia.us/district/conferences>. Don't Delay – Sign-up Today!**

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## Rock Hop 2012

The raffle prizes this year will be CA\$H!!

Top prize is \$5,000

with two other prizes totaling \$2,500.

Look for exciting new coupons on the back of this year's tickets!

The 2012 Rock Hop is March 31<sup>st</sup> at the Gateway Hotel. Show your Tiger spirit by wearing red and black or your favorite Gilbert gear! This year the **silent auction will be from 5-6:45pm** so get there early to check out all the great silent and super silent items!

Coming soon to your inbox, Live Auction Sneak Peeks! Each week we will be sending out snippets about live auction items. Every week will be different, so keep track of what you see so you can get groups together and bid on packages at the Hop! You can always follow up on the website where a cumulative list will be posted.

**Raffle tickets are on sale now!** This year's winners will receive cash! Total prize money will be \$7,500. Tickets will be \$20 and coupons on the back of the ticket stub can be redeemed for over \$30 in value.

Do you have Facebook friends? You can now follow the Gilbert Education Foundation on Facebook look for Gilbert Education Foundation, Iowa. Having trouble finding us? Check our tab on the Gilbert homepage for help.



### Come "W(h)ine" About Winter

Mark your calendars for the next open house on Saturday, February 25th from 5:30-7:30 pm at the home of Steve and Tami Goodhue, 3210 Foxley. Please contact Lisa Snyder ([lisa.snyder@sigler.com](mailto:lisa.snyder@sigler.com)) or Dhuha Akili ([dakili@rocketmail.com](mailto:dakili@rocketmail.com)) with questions or visit us on Facebook. The Live auction committee would like to say a special thank you to Amy and Nabil Salama for hosting the collection party in January. We have a great start to our "cellar" but we need your favorite to make it complete!

***Proceeds from the 2012 Rock Hop will continue to support the learning of each student in our district through the use of technology and literacy.***

**Classroom Basket Letters** will be coming home on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Donations for the themed baskets are due back on March 9<sup>th</sup>. These baskets have been key in helping our silent auction be a success. Get creative with your donations and look for new themed baskets this year!

A gracious thank you to the businesses supporting Gilbert Schools through their involvement on the raffle ticket.

They are: Casey's, Valentino's, Subway, Buffalo Wild Wings and Fareway.



If you have an item you would like to donate to the Rock Hop this year, please contact one of the following committee chairs.

Rock Hop Chair  
Lisa Snyder

[Lisa.snyder@sigler.com](mailto:Lisa.snyder@sigler.com)

Live Auction Chair  
Dhuha Akili

[dakili@rocketmail.com](mailto:dakili@rocketmail.com)

Silent Auction Chair  
Chris Lawrence

[snlmom2@gmail.com](mailto:snlmom2@gmail.com)

## **Mentoring Minute**

*"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill*

BE A MENTOR for a child in the Gilbert Schools. Contact me today! ~~~ Shelly F. Billings, GRIP Mentoring Program Gilbert Facilitator  
515-291-6361

## **Middle School News**

**Chris Billings, Principal**

As detailed in the December School Newsletter, Iowa Assessments will take place at the middle school between January 30 and February 9. Please make every effort to avoid being absent on those days. The students will be completing tests in the areas of reading, math, social studies, science, and vocabulary.

Students from Iowa State University will be observing our classes during the second week of February. These students are beginning teacher candidates and will come to the middle school to observe and participate in our classes.

On February 10, teachers will travel to Iowa Falls to participate in a regional AIW (Authentic Intellectual Work) Conference. The purpose of the conference is for area teachers to evaluate instruction, assignments, and student work for rigor and relevance. This is the third year of this initiative at the middle school.

Finally, 6-8 grade students will participate in the middle school band contest on February 27-28 starting at 5 PM each evening. This is always a great opportunity for our students to perform in a contest setting. Parents are welcome to come with students and watch their performance. A big thank you to Jenni Thomas and all of the volunteers who make this contest a possibility.

## **GHS Extended Learning Program (ELP) News**

A student representing Gilbert High School recently won honors in this year's WordMasters Challenge, a competition for high school students requiring close reading and analysis of many different kinds of prose and poetry. In the year's second meet, held in December, freshman David Adcock placed among the 111 highest-scoring ninth graders in the entire country. More than 54,000 students from 46 states (and four foreign nations) entered the meet.

The text for the second WordMasters 9th grade meet this year was a poem by Henry Reed. Ninth Grade ELP Seminar students will participate in two more WordMasters meets in the coming months, and medals and certificates will be awarded in May to those who achieve and/or improve the most in the course of the year.

### Plan Ahead for Summer 2012

- OPPTAG: Pre-collegiate Programs for Talented and Gifted at Iowa State University -- [www.opptag.iastate.edu](http://www.opptag.iastate.edu)
- Summer Programs at the University of Iowa's Belin-Blank Center. Registration opens in January. -- Search "Summer on the Brain" at [uiowa.edu](http://uiowa.edu)
- Concordia Language Villages. Premier Language and Cultural Immersion Programs. Registration currently open. -- <http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org>
- Northwestern University Center for Talent Development. Summer Program for Academically Talented Students -- <http://www.ctd.northwestern.edu>

## **PTO News**

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 9 at 7:30 PM at the elementary school. There will be free child care in the gym.

If you have ideas for Reading Night or would like to join the committee, please contact Katie Mueller. Her email address is [krmuelle@yahoo.com](mailto:krmuelle@yahoo.com) and her phone number is 515-460-8012. Reading Night will be Monday, April 2 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

Mr. Franzen at the middle school has organized an Internet Safety Night on Thursday, February 16 at 7 PM. This event is aimed at middle school and high school students and their parents. The event will be held in the middle school commons.

PTO has taken over as the contact for the elementary school's Mileage Club. Sara Tiff will be the coordinator and will be looking for help soon.



## Internet Safety Night

The Internet Safety night is February 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Commons. This event is for all parents and middle school/high school students. The speaker is Karen Gale, a FBI Victim Specialist. She will be speaking about being safe on the Internet. If anyone has any questions about the event they may contact Joel Franzen at [franzenj@gilbert.k12.ia.us](mailto:franzenj@gilbert.k12.ia.us).

## After-Prom Planning – Attention Junior & Senior Parents

Prom isn't until April, but the planning for the After-Prom party has already begun. In order for there to be a successful After-Prom party for our juniors and seniors to attend, we MUST have volunteers helping out NOW. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2012, at 7:00 pm in the high school commons. This meeting is very important as we head into the final months of pre-planning. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kris Oelmann at 450-9996. We hope you will join us at the next meeting!

### Future meeting dates are as follows:

February 8, 2012  
March 7, 2012 (in Media Center)  
March 28, 2012  
April 11, 2012  
Wrap-up Meeting – TBA

Prom is less than three months away – April 14, 2012. The After-Prom committees are in full swing planning a memorable party for all of Gilbert's Junior and Senior students. All Juniors and Seniors are welcome (and encouraged) to attend the After-Prom event at the high school.

To make this event successful, we need your help! The After-Prom event is funded solely through donations. **We are asking all Junior and Senior parents to donate \$30.00** to help offset the cost of the event. Please send your donation to the high school office or make a payment online through PaySchool at [www.gilbert.k12.ia.us](http://www.gilbert.k12.ia.us).

We are also seeking business donations. If your business has not been contacted, please contact Kris Barrientos (290-8531) or Johna Clancy (232-3740).

## AP Exam Notice!

Students planning to take an AP Exam (Calculus, Chemistry, U.S. History, or other) need to sign up in the high school office mid February. Watch for announcements at school. The fee for each exam is \$87.

## Counselor's Corner

### High School – Paul Jacobson, Counselor

**Financial Aid:** Meetings were held in November for both parents and students about need-based aid and the financial aid process. There is one common form for application, called the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* or FAFSA. You can fill out the FAFSA online at [www.FAFSA.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov). It is highly recommended to apply for a Personal Identification Number or PIN, if you haven't already, that is used as an electronic signature. One parent and each student that will be attending college during the 2012-2013 school year will need a PIN number when using the online version of the FAFSA. You can apply for your PIN at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov). Applying for financial aid should NOT cost parents or students anything. Please be aware not to use [www.fafsa.com](http://www.fafsa.com) as this site charges a fee for completing the FAFSA! Students and their parents are encouraged to meet a common college aid application deadline of March 1. Colleges have set a priority deadline for the FAFSA to be filled out in order to receive the best financial aid package possible. While March 1 is generally early enough to make the priority deadline it is recommended to talk with the financial aid office of each college a student is considering in order to know for sure what the college's priority deadline is. A good rule of thumb is to get the process completed by Valentine's Day. Either use actual figures off your 2011 tax returns or **estimated amounts** in order to meet the deadline! Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns!

**Juniors Need to Consider Spring ACT Test Dates:** Juniors, who plan to attend four-year colleges directly out of high school, should take this assessment at least once during their junior year. Most students will take it a second time, often in September or October of their senior year, and more than likely improve their scores. The remaining dates and registration deadlines are:

April 14 Test Date.....March 9 registration deadline  
June 9 Test Date.....May 4 registration deadline  
Registration forms are in Mr. Jacobson's office or can be found at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).



Many parents and students look for a valuable resource in order to study for the ACT. I have found that the program ACT Online Prep, found at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org), is very helpful and inexpensive.

**Students involved in Iowa Assessments:** All ninth, tenth and eleventh graders will be involved in the Iowa Tests of Educational Development during the week of February January 31-February 9. Too often both students and parents question the importance of these standardized tests. Whether students, or we in education, like it or not, with the No Child Left Behind federal legislation, such tests have taken on even increased importance. The results of these tests should be important to the student. They should be a reflection of each student's academic strengths and weaknesses. Knowing these should be used to plan individual coursework through high school. Whether a student is headed to college or the workforce, he/she will be required to be a lifelong learner. Developing the skills assessed by these tests will be important far beyond high school. Secondly, if a school is to evaluate successfully its own strength and weaknesses and plan accordingly, it must have honest effort and results from the students involved. Finally, all school districts are now required to report such test scores to the State of Iowa. Scores are used to grade school districts and identify those that are failing. Please encourage your student to make an effort at doing their best on the Iowa Assessments.

**Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery** will be administered on a voluntary basis to juniors at Gilbert High School in March. The ASVAB is administered free to students. It measures students' aptitudes or capabilities that one can develop with training or experience. The results can be one more clue in helping students develop realistic educational and career plans. The U. S. Military uses the results to determine what military occupations a young man or woman could be eligible for if they choose this path. Although this assessment is required of all candidates entering the military, students and parents are to be reminded that the ASVAB carries with it no military obligation whatsoever, and students will eventually be contacted by recruiters whether they take the ASVAB or not.

#### **Guidance Reminders:**

- We are just beginning the scheduling process for the 2011-2012 school year. Please be on the watch for your son or daughter to bring home a Class Registration Form.
- Sophomores and juniors who took the PSAT in October received their results back in mid-December. Those should have gotten home.
- Sophomores who took the PLAN Assessment in December received those results back at the end of January.
- An updated scholarship listing can be found on the school's website by going to:  
<https://sites.google.com/a/gilbert.k12.ia.us/jacobson/>
- We will be sponsoring a college fair on March 6th!

#### **Elementary – Cari Lambert, Counselor**

**Nutrition and Exercise!** In third grade guidance we will soon be working on learning about the new Food Plate requirements for daily eating. We will be learning about which foods help specific areas of our bodies. We will learn about why each vitamin and mineral is necessary to our bodies. Students have really been encouraged to get "active" this year. They are given the opportunity before school to run and play, as well as during recess. They are given great ideas for proper strength training and skill building in Physical Education classes. We have been using Brain Breaks to help students keep active with thinking skills in many classrooms as well. Please remind children at home how important it is to be physically active all year around.

Any parent who might want to visit class and bring in a nutritious snack would be very welcome to do so! Just call me at 232-3744 to make arrangements. The kids enjoy parents teaching us how to make simple snacks and smoothies. There are many new exciting ways to creatively use veggies and fruits too!

**Please check the Lost and Found!** If you happen to be in the building during Valentine party time, please stop by and check out the Lost and Found clothing. We still have many wonderful articles of clothing that are not marked and never claimed. All will be given away on February 15<sup>th</sup> to Good Will. Thanks so much!

**What a Winter!** It has been such a wonderful winter in Iowa but things can change quickly! When it snows, we do have winter clothing requirements. All students must have hats, gloves/mittens, coats, snow pants, and boots. We plan to keep all students safe and healthy so this is a main priority.



### **Vocal Music News**

The Gilbert High School Music Department will present their Mid-Winter Concert on Thursday, February 23 at 7:30 pm in the east gym of the high school. Performing at this concert will be the High School Concert Choir, Tiger Voices and our A.M. Voices. Selections from the concert choir will include "Rest" by Ruth Morris Gray and text by Christina Rossetti, "Wade In The Water", a traditional spiritual and "Amani" which is song of peace sung in Swahili and featuring a percussion ensemble. Tiger Voices anticipated selections are "Brown Eyed Girl" by Van Morrison, "Moon River" from *Breakfast at Tiffany's* and other selections to be announced. Please plan to join us for our Mid-Winter Concert on Thursday, February 23.

The Gilbert Vocal Department will be participating in the HOIAC Fine Arts Festival on Thursday, March 1 at the Roland Story High School in Story City. Guest director for the event will be Matthew Armstrong, a former Roland Story graduate and now choral director at Cedar Rapids Washington High School, and Shelley Marshall Armstrong, who will be directing the women's choir. Students from throughout the

Heart of Iowa Conference will participate by nomination of the choral director. Students participating from Gilbert include Carrie Goossen, Tiffany Stubbs, Sadie Timms, Blair Holck, Lauren Mosiman, Erika Graber, Jared Haverdink, Noah Haverdink, Carson Gardner, Matthew Shuka, Jeremy Murray, Jon Cackler, Ryan Gallus, and Devin Simmons. Students will be rehearsal throughout the day with their guest conductor and then present a concert starting at 7:00 at the Roland Story High School. If you have any questions concerning the HOIAC Fine Arts Festival, please contact Kaaren Rogers at the Gilbert High School.

## Music Scholarship Recipient

Congratulations to **Sarah Baker** who auditioned for a Major Landers Scholarship and received \$300 for her 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish! The Major Landers audition is for students who will be majoring in music education at a college or university in the state of Iowa. Besides preparing and performing a solo for a panel of judges, students are also required to take a music theory test and be interviewed.

## Honor Band Participants

The band department is having a great start to the New Year by having many students accepted to various honor bands. Congratulations to the students listed below for their musical talent and dedication! All of these honor bands include several hours of rehearsals followed by concerts open to the public. Please feel welcome to support these individuals by attending one or more of the following concerts:

### Drake Jazz Honor Band: January 31—

**Drake University—7:00 p.m.**

Nolan, Adair, Drums  
Sarah Baker, Tenor Sax I  
Emily Engle, Tenor Sax I



### ISU Honor Band: February 4—Hilton

**Coliseum, Ames—3:00 p.m.**

Sarah Baker, Tenor Sax  
Jessica Bolar, Clarinet  
Emily Engle, Oboe  
Andy Mayes, Trombone  
Rachel Peterson, Trumpet

### HOIAC Honor Band: March 1—Roland-

**Story High School—7:00 p.m.**

Sarah Baker, Tenor Sax  
Jessica Bolar, Clarinet  
Chris Culek, Alto Sax  
Aaron Daharsh, Baritone B.C.  
Emily Engle, Oboe  
Kay Harper, Alto Sax  
Andy Mayes, Trombone  
Jesse Peterson, Percussion  
Rachel Peterson, Trumpet  
Andrea Schwartz, Flute  
Jonathan Shuka, Percussion  
EB Wleziem, Bassoon

## District Large Group Speech Contest Results

The following participated in the District Large Group Speech Contest in Des Moines on January 21. Those who received a "I" rating will move on to state competition on February 4 in Ankeny.

### Received a "I" rating at the district contest:

#### **Short Film "Bonfire"**

Jessica Bolar	Blair Mirka
Umar Farooq	Brook Nelson
Levi Fisher	Kayla Pierce
Amanda Matthews	Madeline Smith
Mariah McGuire	Joelle Swanson
Rachael Meehan	

#### **Musical Theatre "Annie"**

Mikaela Cannon	Kaylee Renteria-Lewis
Abby Olson	Sadie Timms

#### **Group Improvisation**

Joseph Becker	Sam Jackson
Ryan Gallus	

#### **TV News & Radio "KRMX"**

Richard Adcock	Kenzie Hosch
Umar Farooq	Devin Simmons

#### **Readers Theatre "Fractured Fairytales"**

Rachel Andersen	Adi Rohrssen
Jessica Bolar	Annika Rotto
Leta Jaquis	Andrea Schwartz
Terianne Marsh	Molly Sharp
Jenny Mayes	

### Received a "II" rating at the district contest:

#### **Ensemble Acting "Y'All"**

Mikaela Cannon	Erika Munn
Amanda Matthews	Brook Nelson

#### **Group Improvisation**

Jared Haverdink	Jeremy Murray
Zach Lund	

#### **TV News & Radio "KQST"**

David Adcock	Sam Mosiman
Ben Duster	Matthew Shuka
Jeff Edwards	

#### **Ensemble Acting "Don't Play Games with Me"**

Mariah McGuire	Kayla Pierce
Rachael Meehan	Madeline Smith
Blair Mirka	Joelle Swanson

#### **One-Act Play "How to Succeed in High School Without Really Trying"**

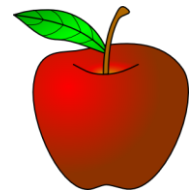
David Adcock	Zach Lund
Richard Adcock	Terianne Marsh
Harrison Cook	Erika Munn
Levi Fisher	Selena Rinehart
Ryan Gallus	A.J. Royer
Carrie Goossen	Devin Simmons
Kenzie Hosch	Lex Statia

**Group Mime "Learn to Drive - the Instructor Crazy"**

Colby Abrams            Sam Drawbond  
Joseph Becker

Sirena Lindsay

**Also, Umar Farooq was the 2nd runner-up in the Student Congress category at the State Debate Tournament held January 6 & 7 in Ankeny.**



**Ensemble Acting "Blind Date"**

Julie Beecher            Jeremy Murray

**Musical Theatre "Leading Ladies of Broadway"**

Julie Beecher            Sirena Lindsay  
Michaela Gibson        Lauren Mosiman  
Carrie Goossen

## Fine Arts Boosters

The Gilbert Fine Arts Boosters is a parent and patron group that volunteers our time and resources to directly support the Fine Arts programs of the Gilbert School system. We encourage your participation by attending our monthly meetings or donating your time or money. Information about our meetings, current projects and donation forms are available on our website at <http://www.gilbertfab.org/>. The boosters hope that you too will choose to support Gilbert's Fine Arts Programs by becoming active!

**Future FAB Meetings** - All meetings are held in the High School ICN Room (next to the library) and start at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

- Monday, February 27, 2012
- Monday, March 26, 2012
- Monday, April 23, 2012
- Monday, May 21, 2012

**Future FAB Events:**

Jan. 29--Friends and Family Day for Large Group Speech

Feb. 23--High School Band and Choir Concert

Feb. 27 & 28--Middle School Solo Contest

### 2011-2012 Membership in Fine Arts Boosters

**Bronze (\$25)**

Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Eric & Jen Weber  
Jeff & Tanya Klein  
Kari & Matt Ruba  
Kevin & Christine Bettis  
Pat & Amy Breen  
Renee Weigel Montgomery  
Tom & Sarvinder Naberhaus

**Silver (\$50)**

Dan & Jennifer Maguire  
Gene & Jennifer Noem  
Janet & John Kazwell  
John & Chris Kinley  
Kim & Hope Bossard  
Mark & Sonya Peterson  
Nancy & Michael Tretina  
Pat & Mindy Stahr  
The Loft - Eric & Amy Abrams

**Gold (\$100)**

Audrey Ricklefs Schwartz  
Ayers Family  
Bill & Gina Gallus  
Brenda & Eric Burrough  
Bruce & Diane Janvrin family  
Dan & Mary Mosiman  
Doug & Jackie Royer  
Doug & Melinda Luzbetak  
George & Shirley McGuire  
Gerard & Therese Baker  
Jamie & Christine Weydert  
Julie Larson & Ed Engle  
Keith & Deb Swanson  
Kendall & Julie Graber  
Lindsey & Virginia Beecher  
Mark & Nancy Doyle  
Mary & Joe Consamus  
Mitch & LeAnn Meehan  
Stephen & Mary K. Mahoney  
Steve & Kari Hasstedt  
The Timms Family  
Tyler Holck & Gayle Brown

**Platinum (\$250)**

Gary & Jami Mirka  
Leigh & Ed Adcock  
Mark & Pam Vandenberg  
Mike & Natalie Haverdink  
Scott & Nancy Nelson  
Sharon & Jeff Becker

## Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle AND DONATE!

- Please consider donating your redeemables to GHS activities by placing them in the GHS Redeemable Bin
- The GHS Redeemable Bin is located in the back driveway of the Gilbert Car Wash
- There are also collection bins at the school for the soda containers you empty at the sporting events
- Currently, the money raised through this program is benefiting the Spanish Club and the Fine Arts Boosters

So, after you enjoy your favorite carbonated beverage, donate the bottle/can to GHS

Thank you, The Fine Arts Boosters and the Spanish Club

Questions? Please contact Gayle Brown 292-2627, [gbbrown@iastate.edu](mailto:gbbrown@iastate.edu) or Natalie Haverdink, 233-0739, [natalie.haverdink@gmail.com](mailto:natalie.haverdink@gmail.com)

# January Students of the Month at Gilbert High School Congratulations!



Agricultural Education	Karl Nicholson
Art	Jossie Pett
Business	Paige DeBont
English	Walker Day
Family & Consumer Science	Maia Davis
History	John Carano
Industrial Education	Nathan Swart
Mathematics	Katie Thomas
Music	Jeremy Murraray
Physical Education	Leta Jaquis
Science	David Adcock
Spanish	Chase Pflughaupt

**Drivers Needed!** If you are interested in driving activity bus routes for Gilbert Schools, please contact Bruce Betts, Director of Transportation, at 515-232-0042 or [bettsb@gilbert.k12.ia.us](mailto:bettsb@gilbert.k12.ia.us). Great drivers are needed!

## Gilbert Athletic Booster Club

*Dedicated to the support, promotion, and celebration of our Gilbert Tiger sports.*

Students, teachers, administrators, coaches, kitchen and custodial staff, and many other support staff that we have in our school district that keep the machine running smoothly know what is expected of them and have a specific plan and schedule. The beginning of the new year is also a great time for the Gilbert Athletic Booster Club to reflect on our execution, plans and schedule over the last six months. We can set expectations and define our responsibilities to Gilbert athletics for the second semester; prepare the Spring budget for our Athletic Director; and set attainable goals for the Booster Club. We will identify ways that will make this second semester's performance better than the first semester's; make this fiscal year better than last year's; and take whatever steps are necessary in planning for the future to make sure next year is better than this year. It's what we should expect from ourselves.

The evaluation of new ideas and processes is important. That's how we get to that next step or level of achievement. I'm grateful that I am surrounded by very talented and conscientious individuals in our Athletic Booster Club's Executive Committee that are dedicated to the cause. These individuals (*who are volunteers*) represent the general membership of the Athletic Booster Club, and the Athletic Booster members represent the fans of Gilbert athletics. We are all in this together with the same underlying goals to increase the standard for excellence and achievement in Gilbert. Our Booster Club mission statement reads: "*Dedicated to the support, promotion and celebration of our Gilbert Tiger Athletes and Sports*". In Gilbert, it doesn't matter who or what, but it is the tremendous support from the community that is the "Gilbert Way". After years of hearing this philosophy mentioned in a variety of settings (but never specifically defined) I believe a pretty good explanation of the "Gilbert Way" is doing things together, as a family, to get the job done... "*with support*".

We have the opportunity to apply the "Gilbert Way" of doing things not only as the City of Gilbert, but within the school district as well. We are growing while most other school districts are shrinking which challenges us to be proactive. We are fortunate to have this problem. As we continue the process for design and site development of the new high school, and the remodeling of our other existing buildings, we *can* do it the "Gilbert Way". Our Administration, faculty, and school board are diligently moving forward with their comprehensive design of the primary academic elements of this project. These are the first and foremost criteria vital to a growing school district like ours, and one of the legs our foundation will be built upon.

The secondary elements consist of all other extra-curricular activities our students, athletes and community enjoys. Extra-curricular opportunities cover a wide spectrum of activities including boy's and girl's sports; instrumental, vocal, and theatrical performances; and the fundamentality competitive activities through FCCLA, FFA, etc. Together they cumulatively represent the other leg of our foundation. The best, most informed, and comprehensive facilities design plan for the Gilbert Community School District is the plan that utilizes both legs to stand on: 1) the academic leg and 2) the extracurricular leg. Each leg needs the other to stand the test of time as we formulate the best plans we can... in the "Gilbert Way".

And, as always, our meetings are held the first Wednesday evening of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the high school library. These are open meeting so I would welcome any Booster member who would like to attend.

**Jay Walton - President, Gilbert Athletic Booster Club**

## **Community Announcements**

Community announcements are provided as a service by the Gilbert Community School District, which does not sponsor nor endorse these activities.

### **Need Afterschool Care? Gilbert Kids Club has openings!**

Kids Club is a program that offers learning based activities in a safe, afterschool environment. A sliding fee scale is offered for children who attend three days a week or more. We offer flexible drop-in rates as well. We meet every day after school in the Elementary Cafeteria and are open until 6:00pm. Trained staff supervise the children, with a staff to child ratio of 1 to 10. DON'T forget about our summer program! If you are interested contact Michelle Hertzke @ 515.291.1048 or [kcgilbert@yss.ames.ia.us](mailto:kcgilbert@yss.ames.ia.us) Find registration forms online at [www.yss.org](http://www.yss.org)

### **Last Chance to Save Big on Microsoft Products for Home/Personal Use!**

Microsoft is dropping the aggressive discounts for teachers and students on Office and Windows Titles March 2012 For several years the Iowa Educators Consortium (IEC), in partnership with Microsoft and JourneyEd, has provided teachers, students, faculty and staff with discounts on Microsoft Office and Windows software for home use. (Example: Microsoft Office Professional Plus 2010, retail \$499, IEC price \$89.95). These discounts have been significantly less than what you'd find in retail stores. The IEC has recently been notified that Microsoft will be discontinuing this program effective March 2012. If Microsoft software is in your future for your home/personal computer, order today to insure you get the best price possible. Orders can be placed online by going to [www.JourneyEd.com/Select](http://www.JourneyEd.com/Select). Please inform teachers, students, faculty and staff that they have a limited time to take advantage of these prices. Note: All students can request this pricing, so parents of kindergartners could even order at these prices. JourneyEd will continue to provide education pricing on many other software titles and computer products however we do not anticipate that pricing on Microsoft products will ever be this low again. For more information, contact:

Marcy Rodriguez - Academic Superstore  
[marodriguez@digitalriver.com](mailto:marodriguez@digitalriver.com)  
866-559-0302

Amy Bohn - JourneyEd.com  
[abohn@digitalriver.com](mailto:abohn@digitalriver.com)  
(800) 876-3507 ext 37426

### **Gilbert Youth Baseball Sign-up**

The sign-up deadline for Gilbert Youth Baseball for kids ages 9-14 is Monday, Feb 27. The full registration packet is available at [www.gilbertparksandrec.org](http://www.gilbertparksandrec.org). This program is for kids in 3rd through 8th grade. Gilbert kids can play baseball together on Gilbert teams in the North Story Charter Little League. The League includes teams from Story City, Roland, Zearing, Jewell and Gilbert. Gilbert teams play home games at Brice Janvrin Field on the Elementary School Property, and on the other fields there. These teams will play a 14-16 game schedule that begins in early April. The fee is \$50 + volunteer service. For any questions, contact Tim Day ([day@iastate.edu](mailto:day@iastate.edu)) 515-451-9258 or Trent Becker ([beckert@gilbert.k12.ia.us](mailto:beckert@gilbert.k12.ia.us)) 515-291-8859.

Gilbert runs a more limited T-ball and Coach-Pitch program for kindergarten - 2nd grade that starts in early June, after the conclusion of the Heart of Iowa Spring Soccer Season. Information on that will be distributed soon.

### **Heart of Iowa Soccer Club**

**[www.hoisc.org](http://www.hoisc.org)**

**Spring registration NOW OPEN! Registration details:**

- Online registration open now through January 26 at [www.hoisc.org](http://www.hoisc.org). Register early to avoid late fees and guarantee your spot on a team! Registration fee: \$60.
- Late registrations (January 27-February 29) will assess a \$15 late fee  
\*\*Please note: players cannot be added after February 29\*\*
- First games of spring season: March 31  
Final games – current schedule, not including weather delays: June 2-3



More club news . . . Everyone's welcome to attend the HOISC Board meeting on Tuesday, February 21 at the elementary school commons. **Please consider volunteering** for a board position – Heart of Iowa Soccer Club is a great community organization with which to give your time. If you would like additional board member position details, see our website and "contact us" with any questions. Thank you!

**Coming soon** . . . soccer shoe exchange (free shoes!) in March . . . free coaching clinic on March 25 (morning only) . . . summer camp details coming soon!



## Softball Pitcher Clinic

for Girls 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade

Begins Feb. 5, 5:00 and 5:30 pm GHS, East Gym

[http://www.gilbertparksandrec.org/softball/softball\\_home.htm](http://www.gilbertparksandrec.org/softball/softball_home.htm)

- Instruction by Gilbert High School softball coaches Melissa Jones and Kristin Baum
- Sundays evenings, 30 minutes of instruction
- 10 sessions beginning Feb. 5 ending April 29. No sessions the two weeks of Spring Break or Easter
- Cost for the clinic (10 sessions): \$45 –financial assistance available

What you need to do:

- Sign-up using the form found at [http://www.gilbertparksandrec.org/softball/softball\\_home.htm](http://www.gilbertparksandrec.org/softball/softball_home.htm)
- Pitchers need to bring a catcher – friend or parent (parents you may want a bucket to sit on).
- Parents are encouraged to attend

Why do this?

In order to pitch in games, special training is required. We hope all girls with an interest in pitching will attend these trainings.

Questions, please contact Coach Jones at [jonesm@gilbert.k12.ia.us](mailto:jonesm@gilbert.k12.ia.us) or Gayle Brown, 292-2627, cell 291-0385, [gbbrown@iastate.edu](mailto:gbbrown@iastate.edu)



### Gilbert Girls Softball League

#### 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls



Gilbert Girls Softball is a recreational softball program for girls in the Gilbert School District grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. We play in the Story County Softball League which is coordinated by Nevada Parks and Rec and includes Gilbert, Roland-Story, South Hamilton, Collins-Maxwell, Colo, Nesco, and Iowa Falls (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> only). Practices are in Gilbert and begin in May. Games are played on weekdays between Memorial Day and July 4<sup>th</sup> “at home” and “on the road” at surrounding towns. Registration forms will be sent home via school folders in late January and will be due Feb. 27, 2012. The forms are also available on-line at: [http://www.gilbertparksandrec.org/softball/softball\\_home.htm](http://www.gilbertparksandrec.org/softball/softball_home.htm). Questions? Please call or email Gayle Brown at 292-2627, [gbbrown@iastate.edu](mailto:gbbrown@iastate.edu)

## United Way of Story County Service Bulletin



United Way of Story County

Legal Aid of Story County provides legal representation in civil matters at no or low cost to low-income residents of Story County. A person must have income at or below 125% of Federal Poverty income guidelines. For more information, call the Legal Aid Society office in Nevada at (515)382-2471 or visit their website [www.midiowa.net/~legalaidstory](http://www.midiowa.net/~legalaidstory).

## Eagle's Loft Board of Director's Annual Pasta Bake and Silent Auction

March 22 from 4 to 6 pm at Eagle's Loft Early Learning Center.

Proceeds go toward providing need based scholarships to children enrolled at Eagle's Loft Early Learning Center.

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILBERT COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD

High School Media Center

December 13, 2011

The regular meeting of the Gilbert Community School Board of Directors was called to order by President Kim Mosiman, at 6:05 p.m. with the following members answering roll call: Tanya Austin, Marcia DeZonia, Tyler Holck, Kim Mosiman and Mary Zimmerman.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Austin to approve the amended agenda, adding 9.00 Consider Open Enrollment Applications. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Lindsey Beecher discussed possible dates and times for a board work session. The need to discuss board goals was mentioned. There was continued dialog regarding administrative duties with the addition of a fourth building.

High School Principal Greg Fisher informed the board of an early graduation request. He also informed the board of discussions about class ranking.

Middle School Principal Chris Billings updated the board regarding online tutorials for middle school students and parents.

Fourth grade teachers Kristy Danilson and Melissa Jones and several students showcased how they are using iPads in their classrooms.

Travis Squires, Piper-Jaffray, shared results from the sale of bonds. The low bidder for the \$1,100,000.00 GO Bonds was UMB Bank NA from Kansas City, MO. The true interest rate was 1.302908%. The low bidder for the sale of \$8,900,000.00 School Infrastructure Sales, Service and Use Tax Revenue Bonds was Northland Securities from Minneapolis MN with a true interest rate of 2.783633%. Both are outstanding rates and will allow for more financial capabilities when it comes to the building project.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Zimmerman to approve the consent agenda, the minutes of the meeting held November 14 and 28, 2011, the bills and claims and the secretary's report for November. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Members Tanya Austin, Mary Zimmerman & Marcia DeZonia reported on IASB Convention. Marcia DeZonia reported on the site plans progressing through the Gilbert P&Z. Tanya Austin reported about different topics discussed at the Story County Legislative Forum. Report by members on the public informational meeting held on November 30.

Director of Curriculum & School Improvement Hope Bossard shared information on the visit from Department of Education Director, Dr. Jason Glass, to the district. She informed the board of the progress with the Language Arts curriculum.

Mr. Beecher reminded the board of the annual facility closing December 22-27, 2011.

The board held first reading for policy review series: 900 School-Community Relations.

Superintendent Beecher reviewed the dropout prevention program application to be filed with the Department of Education for allowable growth.

Superintendent Beecher and Board Secretary Johna Clancy reviewed the 2011-12 line item budget.

Board Member DeZonia will serve on the board contract negotiations team along with one other board member to be named later.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Zimmerman to approve the 2011-12 open enrollment application for Arin Lemmon from Ames CSD. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Zimmerman to approve the resolution to continue participation in the Instructional Support Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Holck, second by DeZonia to approve opening and considering sealed bids by the Superintendent of Schools, Secretary of the Board, and Financial Advisor for the School District and referring same to the Board of Directors for GO School Bonds Series 2012 not to exceed \$1,100,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Holck, second by Zimmerman to consider sealed bids opened and reviewed by the Superintendent of Schools, Secretary of the Board, and Financial Advisor for GO School Bonds Series 2012 not to exceed \$1,100,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Holck, second by DeZonia to approve resolution directing the sale of GO School Bonds Series 2012 not to Exceed \$1,100,000. Motion carried 4-0 (Austin absent). The true interest rate is 1.302908%.

Motion by Holck, second by Zimmerman to approve opening and considering sealed bids by the Superintendent of Schools, Secretary of the Board, and Financial Advisor for the School District and referring same to the Board of Directors for School Infrastructure Sales, Service & Use Tax Revenue Bonds Series 2012 not to exceed \$8,900,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by DeZonia to consider sealed bids opened and reviewed by the Superintendent of Schools, Secretary of the Board, and Financial Advisor for School Infrastructure Sales, Service & Use Tax Revenue Bonds Series 2012 not to exceed \$8,900,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Holck, second by DeZonia to approve resolution directing the sale of School Infrastructure Sales, Service & Use Tax Revenue Bonds Series 2012 not to exceed \$8,900,000. Motion carried 4-0 (Austin absent). The true interest rate is 2.783633%.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Zimmerman to approve the resolution entering into a real estate contract and authorizing purchase of parcel of land from Upstill Farms LLC for \$9,114. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by DeZonia to approve the Dropout Prevention Application for 2012-13. Motion carried unanimously. The district is requesting approximately \$187,607 in allowable growth.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Zimmerman to give second reading approvals with minor changes to the following policies:

203 Board of Director' Conflict of Interest	212 Closed Sessions	401.2 Employee Conflict of Interest
401.5R1 Employee Records Regulations	705.1 Purchasing – Bidding	711.2R2 Use of Video Cameras on School Buses Regulations

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Zimmerman to give first reading approval to board policy 704.2 Sale of Bonds. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Zimmerman to approve IASB Board of Directors Ballot of Dan Woodin (1 year term) and Julie Walter (two year term). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Zimmerman to approve the change order to DLR Group for \$2,000 for multiple changes of detention area. Motion carried 3-1 with Holck voting nay.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Zimmerman to approve Aliene Maloy's request for early graduation. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Zimmerman to approve the 2011-12 line item budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Holck to approve the cooperative sharing agreement with Ames CSD for Mock Trial. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Holck, second by DeZonia to waive the board's scholarship selection duty to the Gilbert Education Foundation for the Dorothy Shepard Estate. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Holck to approve contract with *One Call Now* for \$2,400.83 for the district's electronic notification system. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Zimmerman to accept the following resignations:

Janet Kilmer as cook effective December 31, 2011	Andy Eckert as Junior High Baseball Coach
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Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Holck to appoint Julie Sen as special education associate, 7 hours/day @\$10.05/hour effective December 5, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Eckert as Assistant Baseball Coach	Andy Sharp as Volunteer Wrestling Coach
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Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Holck, second by DeZonia to appoint the following extra-curricular contracts:

Andy Eckert as Assistant Baseball Coach	Andy Sharp as Volunteer Wrestling Coach
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Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Holck, second by DeZonia to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILBERT COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD**  
**High School Media Center**  
**December 19, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Gilbert Community School Board of Directors was called to order by President Kim Mosiman, at 6:03 p.m. with the following members answering roll call: Tanya Austin, Marcia DeZonia, Tyler Holck, Kim Mosiman and Mary Zimmerman.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Holck to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Jon Popp, Mayor of Gilbert, updated the board on ways for the city and school to work together to encourage the county to pave Grant Avenue (530th street) to Harrison Road and also the desire for an 8 foot wide walking/biking trail. The city is looking at options for the intersection of Mathews Drive and Gretten Street. No decision has been made at this time. There may be a meeting after the first of the year with the county, the city and the school to discuss Grant Avenue paving into Ames.

Board Member and Task Force Co-Chair Tyler Holck updated the board on some of the areas the task force has been working on: Elementary School – temporary classroom space, Intermediate School – playground needs, High School – athletic facility needs, auditorium inside completion phases and future facility projection tool. Task Force Members Mike Haverdink and Joe Metzger presented their future facility projection tool.

Eric Beron, DLR Group, reviewed a construction time line, discussed projected enrollment percentage, building capacity and expansion. He also discussed building cost and component options and the possibility of additional needs and the costs associated with those needs.

Motion by Holck, second by DeZonia to approve final costs for Upstill Farms land purchase as follows:

Upstill Farms LLC	\$10,199.50
Story County Recorder	\$17.00

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Zimmerman to approve second reading of board policy 704.2 Sale of Bonds. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Holck, second by DeZonia to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GILBERT COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD

District Office

January 3, 2012

The special meeting of the Gilbert Community School Board of Directors was called to order by President Kim Mosiman, at 2:03 p.m. with the following members answering roll call: Tanya Austin, Marcia DeZonia, Tyler Holck, Kim Mosiman and Mary Zimmerman.

The board held a work session to review aspects of the current building project and the long range facility plan.

Motion by Holck, second by Austin to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE GILBERT COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD

High School Media Center

January 9, 2012

The regular meeting of the Gilbert Community School Board of Directors was called to order by President Kim Mosiman, at 6:00 p.m. with the following members answering roll call: Tanya Austin, Marcia DeZonia, Kim Mosiman and Mary Zimmerman. Tyler Holck was absent.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Zimmerman to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Vollstedt, Maintenance Director, reviewed work the custodial staff completed over winter break. He recently walked through the buildings with the Gilbert Fire Chief Adams.

Elementary Principal Staci Edwards updated the board on the NAEYC accreditation process.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Austin to approve the consent agenda, the minutes of the meeting held December 12 and 19, 2011 and January 3, 2012, the bills and claims and the secretary's report for December. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Tanya Austin rewrote the notes for the victory statement from the earlier board work session. This information has been shared with the board members. Board President Kim Mosiman walked through the facilities with the superintendent and athletic director.

Director of Curriculum & School Improvement Hope Bossard presented a draft copy of the Extended Learning Program (ELP) that will describe possible vision, mission and belief statements.

District valuation information has not been received from both counties yet. Preliminary information indicates an increase in Gilbert's taxable valuation.

The board will be moving to more of an electronic board packet. This will be more efficient and will cut down on paper cost. There will also be some training for board members as they move into the new process.

Board Vice President DeZonia updated the board on the different tasks the Facility Task Force has been working on; one of the most time sensitive is establishing a subcommittee to look at room needs at the elementary for next year and options to accommodate these needs. Information from Staci Edwards and Chris Billings has been received on potential cost estimates and options for playground equipment at the new intermediate building. Other information included information Don Knock and Greg Fisher completed on athletic facility needs and options based on different bid scenarios. Mike Haverdink and Joe Metzger, task force members, have developed a program looking at key times when buildings will be reaching enrollment capacity where additional rooms may need to be added, the estimated cost for adding rooms and the ability of the district to bond during these different times.

The board discussed the need to begin the hiring process for an administrator for the 3-5 intermediate building. The goal is to have this position filled for the 2012-13 school and to allow this person to lead the process to develop the new intermediate building.

Board Members DeZonia and Austin will serve on the board's contract negotiation team. Conversations about a future meeting date with the Gilbert Education Association will be established.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Austin to approve the following 2011-12 open enrollment applications:

Jacqueline Grisham from Ames CSD

Rachael Busch from Ames CSD

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Zimmerman to approve the following change orders:

- \$4,562.17 to Sandstone Management for change order for labor and materials to install a 230 L.F. of 8' drain line to route an existing field drain into a new manhole structure
- Reduction of \$57,505 to DLR Group to reduce professional fees for the FEMA Safe Room.
- Increase \$7,475 to DLR Group to include professional fees for the FEMA Safe Room.
- \$71,505 to revise the scope of the preliminary design of the wrestling room addition to meet FEMA 361 guidelines.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Austin, second by Zimmerman to approve the resolution appointing paying agent, bond registrar and transfer agent agreement, and authorizing the execution of the same with regard to \$1.1 million general obligation school bonds. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Austin to approve form of tax exemption certificate with regard to \$1.1 million general obligation school bonds. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by DeZonia to approve continuing disclosure certificate with regard to \$1.1 million general obligation school bonds. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Austin to approve the issuance of the bonds with regard to \$1.1 million general obligation school bonds. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by DeZonia to approve form of tax exemption certificate with regard to \$8.9 million school infrastructure sales and service & use tax revenue bonds. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Austin to approve continued disclosure certificate with regard to \$8.9 million school infrastructure sales and service & use tax revenue bonds. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Zimmerman, second by DeZonia to approve resolution authorizing the terms of issuance and providing for and securing the payment of school infrastructure sales and service & use tax revenue bonds. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Zimmerman to approve the renewal of the Iowa Communications Network lease. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Austin to give second reading approval to board policy series 900. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Austin, second by Zimmerman to accept the resignation of Betsy Ratashak-Vogel as FCS teacher and FCCLA Advisor effective end of the school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Zimmerman to amend Nicole Kalla's contract to 0.815 FTE. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by DeZonia, second by Austin to approve the following extracurricular appointments:

Rich Lepper Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach

Tracy Deal Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach

Tom Isenhardt Volunteer Girls' Soccer Coach

Hannah Swanbom Volunteer Girls' Soccer Coach

Wayne Henryson Assistant Girls' Track Coach

Nic Scandrett Junior High Boys' Track Coach

Jessica Owens Junior High Girls' Track Coach

Motion carried unanimously. Motion by DeZonia, second by Austin to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.



## Join the Gilbert Fine Arts Boosters today!

- \$250 Platinum Membership (BONUS: 5 annual season passes to all fine arts activities!)
- \$100 Gold Membership (BONUS: 2 annual season passes to all fine arts activities!)
- \$50 Silver Membership
- \$25 Bronze Membership

Choose one of the following:

- Your membership name as you want it to appear on fine arts activity programs: \_\_\_\_\_ OR
- Please keep my membership anonymous.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out this form, cut it out and mail it with your membership check made out to Gilbert Fine Arts Boosters to: ***Gilbert Fine Arts Boosters, PO Box 192, Gilbert, IA 50105***. Thank you for your support of Gilbert students in the arts!

# Activity List for February 2012

Gilbert CSD - [www.gilbert.k12.ia.us](http://www.gilbert.k12.ia.us)

Date / Activity	Type	Time	Opponent	Location
<b>Wednesday, February 1, 2012</b>				
Booster Club Meeting		6:30PM		HS Commons
<b>Thursday, February 2, 2012</b>				
Basketball: Girls JV	Game	7:30AM	Away vs. CMB	CMB - Baxter East Gym
Basketball: Girls 8th	Game	4:15PM	Away vs. Perry	Perry Middle School
Basketball: Girls 7th	Game	4:15PM	Perry	Gilbert MS Gym
Basketball: Boys & Girls 9th	Game	6:00PM	Away vs. CMB	CMB - Baxter West Gym
Basketball: Girls 9th	Game	6:00PM	Away vs. CMB	CMB - Baxter East Gym
Basketball: Boys JV	Game	7:30PM	Away vs. CMB	CMB - Baxter West Gym
<b>Friday, February 3, 2012</b>				
ISU Cyclone Honor Band		8:00AM		TBA
Wrestling: Middle School	Meet	4:00PM	Away vs. Multiple Schools	Boxholm
Basketball: Boys 8th	Game	4:15PM	Away vs. Perry	Perry
Basketball: Boys 7th	Game	4:15PM	Perry	Gilbert Middle School
FCCLA Spaghetti Supper		5:00PM		HS Commons
Basketball: Girls Varsity	Game	6:00PM	Nevada	Gilbert HS - West Gym
Basketball: Boys Varsity	Game	7:30PM	Nevada	Gilbert HS - West Gym
<b>Saturday, February 4, 2012</b>				
Wrestling: Varsity	Sectionals	TBD	Away vs. TBA	TBA
ISU Cyclone Honor Band		8:00AM		TBA
Pinewood Derby		8:00AM		HS Commons, HS East Gym
State Large Group Speech Contest		8:00AM		Ankeny
Basketball: Boys JV	Quadrangular	9:00AM	Away vs. Multiple Schools	Nevada - Elementary Field House
Basketball: Boys 9th	Quadrangular	9:00AM	Away vs. Multiple Schools	Nevada MS
<b>Tuesday, February 7, 2012</b>				
District STAR Event Competitions Snowday				
Basketball: Boys 9th	Game	4:30PM	Colfax-Mingo	Gilbert HS
Basketball: Boys JV	Game	6:00PM	Colfax-Mingo	Gilbert HS - West Gym
Basketball: Boys Varsity	Game	7:30PM	Colfax-Mingo	Gilbert HS - West Gym
<b>Wednesday, February 8, 2012</b>				
Wrestling: Varsity	Regionals	TBD	Away vs. TBA	TBA
<b>Thursday, February 9, 2012</b>				
7/8 Middle School Dance		7:00PM		Middle School Commons
PTO Meeting		7:30PM		Elementary
<b>Friday, February 10, 2012</b>				
No School-Staff Development				All Buildings
<b>Saturday, February 11, 2012</b>				
Wrestling: Varsity	Districts	TBD	Away vs. TBA	Ballard High School
Booster Club Youth Basketball Tournament		8:00AM		HS West Gym, HS East Gym
Basketball: Girls Varsity	Regionals	7:00PM	Colfax-Mingo	Gilbert HS - West Gym
<b>Sunday, February 12, 2012</b>				
Booster Club Youth Basketball Tournament		8:00AM		HS West Gym, HS East Gym
<b>Monday, February 13, 2012</b>				
Basketball: Boys Varsity	Districts	TBD	Away vs. TBA	
First Day Practice- Boys/ Girls Track		3:00PM		High School
School Board Meeting		6:00PM		High School LMC
<b>Tuesday, February 14, 2012</b>				
Basketball: Girls Varsity	Regionals	7:00PM	Away vs. TBA	Gilbert High School
<b>Wednesday, February 15, 2012</b>				
Wrestling: Varsity	State	TBD	Away vs. TBA	
<b>Thursday, February 16, 2012</b>				
Basketball: Boys Varsity	Districts	TBD	Away vs. TBA	
Wrestling: Varsity	State	TBD	Away vs. TBA	
<b>Friday, February 17, 2012</b>				
Basketball: Girls Varsity	Regionals	TBD	Away vs. TBA	
Wrestling: Varsity	State	TBD	Away vs. TBA	

## Activity List for February 2012



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<b>Saturday, February 18, 2012</b>				
Indianola Jazz Festival				Indianola HS
Wrestling: Varsity	State	TBD	Away vs. TBA	
All-State Festival Large Group Events		8:00AM		Iowa State Center, Ames
Booster Club Youth Basketball Tournament		8:00AM		HS West Gym, HS East Gym
<b>Sunday, February 19, 2012</b>				
Booster Club Youth Basketball Tournament		8:00AM		HS West Gym, HS East Gym
<b>Monday, February 20, 2012</b>				
Fill Out the Form Night		4:00PM		HS Commons
Basketball: Girls Varsity	Regionals	6:00PM	Away vs. TBA	TBA
<b>Tuesday, February 21, 2012</b>				
Basketball: Boys Varsity	Districts	TBD	Away vs. TBA	
<b>Wednesday, February 22, 2012</b>				
Early Dismissal & Staff Development		12:30PM		All Buildings
<b>Thursday, February 23, 2012</b>				
Mid-Winter Concert Band & Vocal		7:30PM		HS East Gym
<b>Friday, February 24, 2012</b>				
Winter Bonanza		6:00PM		HS Commons
<b>Saturday, February 25, 2012</b>				
Basketball: Boys Varsity	Substate	TBD	Away vs. TBA	TBA
Coe Jazz Summit				Cedar Rapids
District Individual Events Speech Contest		8:00AM		Nevada, IA
<b>Sunday, February 26, 2012</b>				
Girls Basketball Banquet (9-12)		5:00PM		Middle School Commons
<b>Monday, February 27, 2012</b>				
Basketball: Girls Varsity	State	TBD	Away vs. TBA	
District STAR Event Competitions Snowday				
Solo Contest		5:00PM		Middle School
School Board Meeting		6:00PM		High School LMC
Fine Arts Booster Meeting		7:00PM		HS ICN Room (next to Library)
<b>Tuesday, February 28, 2012</b>				
Senior Announcement Delivery		10:20AM		HS Commons
Solo Contest		5:00PM		Middle School

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			1 Cinnamon Roll or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	2 Warm Bagel or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	3 Sausage and Egg Muffin or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	
	6 Breakfast Pizza or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	7 Pancakes and Sausage or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	8 Cinnamon Roll or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	9 Warm Bagel or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	10 Sausage and Egg Muffin or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	
	13 Breakfast Pizza or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	14 Pancakes and Sausage or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	15 Cinnamon Roll or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	16 Warm Bagel or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	17 Sausage and Egg Muffin or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	
	20 Breakfast Pizza or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	21 Pancakes and Sausage or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	22 Cinnamon Roll or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	23 Warm Bagel or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	24 Sausage and Egg Muffin or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	
	27 Breakfast Pizza or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	28 Pancakes and Sausage or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk	29 Cinnamon Roll or Cereal and Yogurt with Fruit or Juice Milk			

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<p>Lunch Prices: Elementary: \$2.00 Middle School: \$2.05 High School: \$2.10 Adult: \$3.10 Milk: 1/2pt. \$0.30</p>		<p>1 Chicken Nuggets <i>Macaroni and Cheese</i> California Vegetables Corn and Blackbean Salad Sliced Peaches Hot Roll Milk</p>	<p>2 BBQ Pork on a ww Bun <i>Peanut Butter and Jelly Uncrustable</i> Sweet Potato Puffs Applesauce Belly Bears Milk</p>	<p>3 Mozzarella Cheese Sticks <i>Meatball Sub</i> Marinara Sauce Peas Apple Slices Raisins Milk</p>
<p>6 Tacos <i>Cheese Quesadilla</i> Lettuce and Cheese Refried Beans Pineapple Tidbits Churro Milk</p>	<p>7 Chicken Patty <i>Cheeseburger on a ww Bun</i> Steamed Broccoli Potato Salad Pear Halves Graham Cracker Milk</p>	<p>8 Chili <i>Yogurt Parfait</i> Carrot Sticks Mandarin Oranges Cinnamon Roll Milk</p>	<p>9 Cheese Pizza <i>Mr. Rib on a Bun</i> Romaine Salad Red Grapes Oatmeal Cookie Milk</p>	<p>10 NO SCHOOL TODAY</p>
<p>13 Grilled Cheese Sandwich <i>Cuban Pork on a ww Bun</i> Tomato Soup Creamy Coleslaw Applesauce Goldfish Crackers Milk</p>	<p>14 Chicken Strips <i>Cheesy Tiger Bread</i> Green Beans Pasta Salad Cherries Cheesecake Milk</p>	<p>15 Spaghetti and Meat Sauce <i>Fish Shapes</i> Mixed Greens Salad Sliced Peaches Texas Toast Milk</p>	<p>16 Deli Combo Sub <i>Chicken Alfredo</i> Sweet Potato Crisp Cuts Banana Belly Bears Milk</p>	<p>17 Taco Salad/ Chips <i>Chicken Chipotle Burrito</i> Lettuce and Cheese Refried Beans Pineapple Tidbits Apple Streusal Milk</p>
<p>20 Chicken Fajitas <i>ww Rotini and Meat Sauce</i> Mixed Vegetables Sautéed Peppers and Onions Pear Halves Banana Bar Milk</p>	<p>21 Sloppy Joe on a ww Bun <i>Baked Fish Patty on a ww Bun</i> Corn Celery Sticks and Hummus Orange Wedges Sun Chips Milk</p>	<p>22 12:30 Dismissal Hot Dog on a ww Bun <i>Chili Dog</i> Confetti Fries Applesauce Cookie Milk</p>	<p>23 Glazed Chicken <i>Breaded Pork Chop Patty</i> Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Broccoli Florets Sliced Peaches Hot Roll Milk</p>	<p>24 Macaroni and Cheese w/ Sausage Patty <i>Chicken Panini</i> Peas and Carrots Strawberries and Bananas ww Bread Stick Milk</p>
<p>27 Crispito <i>Hot Dog on a ww Bun</i> Baked Beans Pineapple Tidbits Nacho Chips and Cheese Sauce Milk</p>	<p>28 Italian Dunker Sauce <i>Shrimp Shapes</i> Spinach Salad w/ Grape Tomatoes Pear halves Bread Sticks Milk</p>	<p>29 Cheese Omelet <i>Hot Ham and Cheese on a Bagel</i> Tri Tater Juice Banana French Toast Sticks Milk</p>		<p>H.S. and M.S. alternate menu item is written in Italics.  ww= whole wheat</p>

