

**GENEVA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 304  
227 NORTH FOURTH STREET, GENEVA, KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The Board of Education Policy Committee met at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 24, 2014, at Williamsburg Elementary School, 1812 Williamsburg Avenue, Geneva, Illinois.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Committee Chair Stith.

Committee members present: Leslie Juby, Mike McCormick, Mary Stith.

District staff present: Amy Campbell, District Safety/Security Supervisor; Anne Giarrante, Director of Student Services; Elizabeth Janowiak, Director of Technology; Patty O'Neil, Assistant Superintendent Learning & Teaching; Dr. Kent Mutchler, Superintendent.

Others present: Ryan Kastel.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3.1 October 27, 2014

Motion by McCormick, second by Juby, and with unanimous consent, the minutes were approved as presented.

**4. DISCUSSION / POSSIBLE FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

4.1 Policy 5410, Promotion, Placement, and Retention

Clarification was requested about the word "patriotism" as to whether this term was required by the Illinois School Code, and a request made for a reference of the School Code in the policy.

Motion by McCormick, second by Juby, and with unanimous consent, the policy was approved to move forward to the Board as presented. (Juby voted opposition to use of the word "patriotism" as presented in this policy.)

4.2 Policy 6144, Investment Policy, Revised

This policy was presented as revised in order to allow schools to invest in municipal governments, school districts, and other public entities. Discussion was that we should move this to the Finance Committee with the recommendation to go to the full Board following their review and comments.

Motion by Juby, second by McCormick, and with unanimous consent, the policy was approved to move forward.

4.3 Policy 8390, Service Animals on District Property

This was presented as revised with edits. Discussion included: Does our insurance need to cover the service animals? (The owner needs to cover it. If we are negligent for injuries from the animal, then our policy would cover it.) There was a question over the word "housed" as to whether that is commonly used? (Yes.) Does the IEP cover the animals use? (Only if it alters other parts of the IEP.) The animal can't be a threat to other students or allergies correct? (Correct.) Concerns over the use of animals go to Anne correct? (Yes.) ADA could cover the need for a service animal couldn't it? (We need to check into that.) Do we need to consider transporting the animal if needed? (This is done on a case by case basis and referenced as "in special cases".) On page 3, should the required documentation include an insurance document on the animal? (Yes.) Is there a separate policy for regular animals? (There will be. They had been combined and are now being separated out.)

