



**GENEVA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 304
227 NORTH FOURTH STREET, GENEVA, ILLINOIS
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR SESSION
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 304 met in a regular session on Monday, November 27, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Coultrap Educational Services Center, 227 North Fourth Street, Geneva, Illinois

1. CALL TO ORDER (Bylaws 0163 & 0164)

- 1.1 Roll Call
- 1.2 Welcome
- 1.3 Pledge
- 1.4 Reminder to sign attendance sheet

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Grosso.

Board members present: Taylor Egan, Policy Committee Chair Leslie Juby, Finance Committee Chair Dave Lamb, Mike McCormick, Vice President Kelly Nowak, Mary Stith, President Mark Grosso. Late: None. Absent: None.

The President welcomed everyone, reminded them to sign the attendance record, and lead them in the Pledge of Allegiance.

District staff present: Ron Zeman, Principal Western Avenue School; Brenna Westerhoff, Principal Harrison Street School; Laura Sprague, Communications Coordinator; Anne Giarrante, Director Student Services; Dr. Andy Barrett, Assistant Superintendent of Learning & Teaching; Dr. Adam Law, Assistant Superintendent Personnel Services; Dr. Kent Mutchler, Superintendent.

Others: Kathleen Doyle, Christina Kovarik, Kristine Rathunde, Elly Skok, Scot Thor, Jill Brown, Don Brown, Kevin Connelly, Chrissy & Joey Swanson, Michelle Vargas Hubst, Jessica Breugelmans, Madeline Lauria, Annie Seitelman, Susie Browning.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Bylaw 0168.1)

- 2.1 Regular Session, November 13, 2017
- 2.2 Executive Session, November 13, 2017

Motion by Nowak, second by Juby, to approve the above-listed minutes, items 2.1-2.2. On roll call, Ayes, seven (7), Egan, Juby, Lamb, McCormick, Nowak, Stith, Grosso. Nays, none (0). Absent, none (0). Abstained, none (0).

3. RECOGNITION, AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1 Global Read Aloud (HSS & WAS)

Staff and students from Harrison Street Elementary School and Western Avenue Elementary School shared with the Board what they have been learning while blogging through global read aloud. Third grade students from both elementaries are learning the do's and don'ts of blogging, such as, never giving out personal information, because it can be very dangerous and not using mean words because it could hurt someone's feelings. Blogging allows students to connect with other students from other locations. Global read aloud connects with the District's vision by challenging our students to be self-directed, lifelong learners; effective communicators; complex, creative and adaptive

thinkers; and collaborative and productive citizens.

3.2 Student Services Presentation – Anne Giarrante

Ms. Giarrante and Mrs. Stephanie Martin shared with the Board updates on the continuum of services offered by our district.

The Alternative Learning Opportunities Program (ALOP) currently has 22 students enrolled. There are more females than males, and most of the students are seniors. Students in this program have to be at-risk for failure. They can have a 504 Plan, Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or be in regular education. The ALOP program currently consists of math, English, science, social studies and electives. This is a blended program with both technology and direct instruction. Going forward with this program, the district would like to write their own ALOP grant, work independently of the Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative, utilize reimbursement for additional services to support students, and collaborate with outside agencies to provide targeted interventions to support students.

In the Functional Academic Skills Training program at the middle school level, students receive instruction from a special education teacher outside of the regular education environment for four periods a day. Students also receive instruction within the regular education classroom with support for four periods of the day. Moving forward, the district would like to enhance the program by providing students the opportunity to be instructed by a special education teacher in the content areas of science and social studies, add a vocational component to the program, and provide students enhanced opportunities related to independent living skills.

The Geneva Early Learning Program (GELP) currently has 39 students enrolled. Enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year is open. The special education program currently has 38 students enrolled. Most new students have social/emotional and/or behavior concerns. Of the current students, several may be dismissed this year due to increased performance. During the recent parent conferences, we received great feedback on the program. This year, the program has been able to participate in a Preschool Fair, the GenOvation Forum, STEAM Days, collaborate with Geneva High School Child Development class, and work to create a PTO for the program.

Board comments, questions, concerns: Does the PTO need Board members to attend their meetings? (When we are ready, yes we will.)

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Per Board Policy 0167.3, Section C, Attendees wishing to speak at the Board meeting must register their intention to participate in the public portion(s) of the meeting upon their arrival at the meeting. Complete the form found in the Welcome to Our Meeting brochure (print legibly) and give it to the Presiding Officer or the Recording Secretary before the meeting is called to order.

None.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (Policy 1210)

We had a great week prior to Thanksgiving with the GenOvation forum, Leadership Breakfast and IASB Triple I Conference. Thank you to the members of the Communications Task Force for their work on the presentation at the conference. Laura Sprague and Taylor Egan did a great job presenting. Thank you to all of the Board members who attended the Triple I Conference. The Board is looking at a possible Governance workshop in January, which will be added to the presentation schedule when finalized. Board members have been attending PTO meetings as an opportunity to talk with parents and staff.

6. BOARD DIALOGUE TOPICS & PENDING ACTION CONSIDERATION

6.1 2016 PTAB Appeals for Best Buy and Kaneville Road Joint Venture Inc.

6.1.1 Resolution for PTAB Appeal for Best Buy

Motion by McCormick, second by Nowak, to approve the above-listed PTAB appeal, item 6.1.1. On roll call, Ayes, seven (7), Egan, Juby, Lamb, McCormick, Nowak, Stith, Grosso. Nays, none (0). Absent, none (0). Abstained, none (0).

6.1.2 Resolution for PTAB Appeal for Kaneville Road Joint Venture Inc.

Motion by Juby, second by Egan, to approve the above-listed PTAB appeal, item 6.1.2. On roll call,

Ayes, seven (7), Egan, Juby, Lamb, McCormick, Nowak, Stith, Grosso. Nays, none (0). Absent, none (0). Abstained, none (0).

7. WORK-STUDY TOPICS & FUTURE ACTION CONSIDERATION

7.1 Board Meeting/Presentation Schedule

The Board President shared that the Board will meet on January 12th to participate in an IASB Governance or Self-Evaluation workshop. Please watch for updates to the presentation schedule.

8. INFORMATION

8.1 FOIA Requests

8.2 Suspension Report

9. CONSENT AGENDA (Bylaw 0166.1)

9.1 Monthly Financial Reports and Interfund Transfers (Policy 6800)

9.2 Personnel Report: Resignations, Retirements, Leave Requests, Changes in Assignment/FTE, New Hires (Policies 1520, 3120, 4120)

Family and Medical Leave/Leave of Absence Certified Staff

Stocker, Julie, HSS, ELL, 1.0 FTE, effective 11/1/17-12/1/17

Pool, Cathy, GHS, Guidance Counselor, 1.0 FTE, effective 11/16/17-12/1/17

McAvoy, Kristen, HES, Grade 5, 1.0 FTE, effective 1/8/18-4/10/18 (FMLA) & 4/11/18-5/31/18 (LOA)

Resignations Support Staff

Alaniz, John, GMSN, Special Education Assistant, 9 month, effective 12/22/17

Family and Medical Leave Support Staff

Hanson, Debra, GHS, Administrative Assistant, 12 month, 10/8/17 (intermittent)

9.3 Pay Request #1: \$77,160.50, Vortex Commercial Flooring, for flooring replacement at Geneva High School

Motion by Juby, second by Lamb, to approve the above-listed items 9.1-9.3. On roll call, Ayes, seven (7), Egan, Juby, Lamb, McCormick, Nowak, Stith, Grosso. Nays, none (0). Absent, none (0). Abstained, none (0).

10. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTION

None.

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Policy Committee, Finance Committee, Boundary Task Force, Communications Task Force, Facilities Task Force, Technology Task Force, Joint PTO, Geneva Academic Foundation, Geneva All-Sports Boosters, Geneva Music Boosters, Geneva High School Theater Boosters, GEARS, K-12 Discipline Committee, Geneva Coalition for Youth, PRIDE, Fox Valley Career Center, IASB/Legislative, IASB Kishwaukee Governing Board

Board members attended the Geneva Middle School North PTO meeting, where they had the opportunity to talk with parents and staff. As part of the Facilities Task Force, Board members are happy to see project invoices, like the Vortex invoice that was approved, come in under budget. Heartland Elementary had their family reading night, where they had a book walk instead of a cakewalk. Board members enjoyed the Leadership Breakfast, where student council members presented. A big thank you to our sponsors. Without them, the breakfast would not be possible. Board members attended the IASB Triple I conference in Chicago, where they were able to attend a variety of workshops. The delegate assembly also met, and there will be a report in a couple of weeks about actions taken. The IASB Board of Directors elected their new President, JoAnne Osmond. In January, one of our Board members will be in Springfield to be part of the interviews for a new executive director of IASB. The GenOvation Forum was awesome! Laura Sprague and Taylor Egan did an awesome job presenting at the Triple I conference. Board members attended the recent PTO meeting at Geneva High School. This group is in need of volunteers, especially with post prom. The school funding workshop at the Triple I conference had a very vocal crowd in attendance regarding legislation.

12. NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONSIDER MATTERS PERTAINING TO COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATING

MATTERS BETWEEN THE PUBLIC BODY AND ITS EMPLOYEES OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES [5 ILCS 120/(c)(2)]. (Bylaw 0167.2)

The Board did not have need to go into executive session.

14. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:40 p.m., motion by Juby, second by Nowak, and with unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED December 11, 2017 _____ PRESIDENT
(Date)

SECRETARY _____ RECORDING
SECRETARY