

**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, September 8, 2014, at 7:05 p.m. at Williamsburg Elementary School, 1812 Williamsburg Avenue, Geneva, Illinois

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

The President welcomed everyone, reminded them to sign the attendance record, and then Kelley Nowak led the Pledge of Allegiance.

District administrators present: Elizabeth Janowiak, Director of Technology; Scott Ney, Director Facility Operations; Kelley Munch, Communication Coordinator; Todd Latham, Director Business Services; Craig Collins, Assistant Superintendent Personnel Services; Donna Oberg, Assistant Superintendent Business Services; Patty O'Neil, Assistant Superintendent Learning & Teaching; and Dr. Kent Mutchler, Superintendent.

Others present: Tom Anderson

2. 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.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.1 Regular Session, August 25, 2014
- 3.2 Executive Session, August 25, 2014

Motion by Nowak, second by McCormick, to approve the above-listed minutes, items 3.1 & 3.2, as presented. On roll call, Ayes, six (6), Juby, Lamb, McCormick, Nowak, Wilson, Grosso. Nays, none (0). Absent: One (1), Stith.

4. RECOGNITION, AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent reported that there have been a lot of things going on during the start of the year, but it's been going smoothly. All day kindergarten has kicked off, as well as the technology project for 5th graders.

The Director of Technology reported that 480 computers have been delivered, imaged and distributed in secured mobile carts to all 5th grade classrooms. There was tech assistance in each classroom as this was rolled out. It was a change for the teachers, but for the most part went well. Our new facilitator worked with teachers providing sample lessons, co-teaching, and revving up the excitement. I had the chance to be in one of the 5th grade classrooms today and one of the things I

saw was that our vision was being realized immediately. Students were working together collaboratively to solve problems. The new computers have Windows 8 which was new to many of the students. They really liked working with creative and adaptive thinking. Here are a couple of quotes I heard from students as I observed:

- Can we take selfies?
- I know a better way to do that.
- You should get Windows 8 (told to teacher).
- Are we using computers today?
- I've never had my own computer. This is awesome!

Board comments, questions, discussion: Are computers all the same? (Yes, they are all HP215's with Windows 8.1.) Do they have cameras to take selfies? They do have cameras, but they only have a front facing camera.) The vision is innovative teaching and learning.

You've also heard updates about evaluation from the Superintendent of Personnel Services. We also have the common core curriculum, and we are doing a great deal of collaboration in all of these areas. A big part of all of these processes is the assessment.

The Superintendent of Learning & Teaching reported that MAP testing began today. This is the first time the students have used online testing. This is going to be a great thing for two reasons. The first one is that the MAP assessment will give us some terrific data to help adjust programs to help students learn. The second one is that students will learn how to deal with questions in an online format, and how to use that as a tool for the PARCC assessment for testing next spring. Not all schools had students testing today, however principals have worked out a schedule. MAP books provided teachers with some tutorials so that students can get logged in and get comfortable. They can also look at some assessment-like material to help them feel more comfortable. This assessment will replace a couple of other assessments that we had used in the past. What we like about the MAP testing is that they offer it on a three times a year basis, so that we can continue to monitor through fall, winter, and spring. Classroom teachers will then have a rich array of information on their students that they can use to plan instruction. This test is adaptive in nature, so each question will determine what the next question will be, which means students will not be asked the same questions. Thanks to the Director of Learning & Teaching for working with principals and teachers on the institute day. Also, thank you to the Director of Technology and her staff for getting the technology up and running for our students.

6. BOARD DIALOGUE TOPICS & PENDING ACTION CONSIDERATION

None.

7. WORK-STUDY TOPICS & FUTURE ACTION CONSIDERATIONS

None.

8. INFORMATION

- 8.1 FOIA Requests
- 8.2 Communication Outlets
- 8.3 Strings Camp Participation
- 8.4 Summer Institute

9. CONSENT AGENDA

- 9.1 Personnel Report: Resignations, Retirements, Leave Requests, Changes in Assignment/FTE, New Hires
 - Long Term Subs
Donash, Judy (Chris Arnett), GHS, English, 1.0 FTE, effective 9/2/14 – 10/14/14
 - Support Staff New Hires
Alcala-Gates, Dawn, WAS, Reading Tutor, 9 month, effective 8/25/14
Braddy, Linda, MCS, Reading Tutor, 9 month, effective 8/25/14
Brunswig, Marcia, WES, Reading Tutor, 9 month, effective 8/25/14

Pender, Kristi, FES, Reading Tutor, 9 month, effective 8/25/14

Support Staff New Hires

Little, Regis, FS, Special Education Assistant, 9 month, effective 6/5/14

Falduto, Debbie, GMSS, Special Education Assistant, 9month, effective 9/5/14

Baer, Danna, Garage, Bus Driver, 9 month, 8/29/14

9.2 Updated 2014-2015 Board Calendar

9.3 Pay Request #2: \$12,069, Vortex Enterprises, Inc., 2014 GHS Floor Replacement

9.4 Bid Summary/Award: \$1,475, Great Lakes Snow System, Bid Package #1; \$1,125, Great Lakes Snow System, Bid Package #2; \$2,495, Meyers Trucking, Bid Package #3

9.5 Bid Summary/Award: Enterprise Fleet Management, \$23,719, 2015 Ford Standard F-350; \$29,745, 2015 Chevy Crew Cab Silverado 2500 HD; \$57,670, 2015 Ford F-450 Dump Truck Chassis (1); \$57,670, 2015 Ford F-450 Dump Truck Chassis (2)

Motion by McCormick, second by Wilson, to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1 – 9.5. On roll call, Ayes, six (6), Juby, Lamb, McCormick, Nowak, Wilson, Grosso. Nays, none (0). Absent, One (1), Stith. Motion carried unanimously.

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, 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, REMS Grant Advisory Board

A link was sent to all of you if you would like to attend ISBE State Superintendent Dr. Koch's presentation on September 9th. The presentation will be on PARCC and Common Core. It's an interactive workshop. Links were sent to you about coding the projected increase in jobs using coding. I attended two back to school events and the football game on Friday evening.

12. NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONSIDER MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC BODY, INCLUDING MEETINGS HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING WHETHER A PARTICULAR PARCEL SHOULD BE ACQUIRED [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)]; THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC BODY OR LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE PUBLIC BODY [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)].

At 7:25 p.m., motion by Nowak, second by Wilson, to go into executive session to consider matters pertaining to the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired; the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body. On roll call, Ayes, six (6), Juby, Lamb, McCormick, Nowak, Wilson, Grosso. Nays, none (0). Absent, one (1), Stith. Motion carried unanimously.

At 7:35 p.m., following a break, the Board moved into executive session.

At 9:26 p.m., motion by Wilson, second by Lamb, and with unanimous consent the Board returned to open session.

At 9:28 p.m., the Board returned to open session

14. ACTION POSSIBLE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

14.1 Possible action on land purchase

14.2 Possible action on land lease

- 14.3 Possible action on sale of 28 acres
- 14.4 Possible disciplinary action regarding James Lovig

Motion by Lamb, second by Grosso, to approve the dismissal of James Lovig, custodian at Heartland Elementary School, effective September 8, 2014. On roll call, Ayes, four (4), Juby, Lamb, Nowak, Grosso. Nays, one (1), Wilson. Abstain, one (1), McCormick. Absent, One (1), Stith. Motion carried.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:29 p.m., motion by Wilson, second by Lamb, and with unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED September 22, 2014
(Date)

_____ PRESIDENT

SECRETARY _____

_____ RECORDING
SECRETARY