

**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 10, 2014, at 7:00 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: Leslie Juby, David Lamb, Mike McCormick, Vice President Kelly Nowak, Policy Committee Chair Mary Stith, Finance Committee Chair Bill Wilson.

Late: None. Absent: President Mark Grosso.

The Vice-President welcomed everyone, reminded them to sign the attendance record, and asked the students present to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

District administrators present: Tom Rogers, GHS Principal; Kelley Munch, Communication Coordinator; 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: Emily Laski, Jill Nippert, Ericka McNeal, Katie Rhoades, Lori Dowd, Natalie Natale, Rose Educate, Jessie Egan, Jason Santo, Kathy Spencer, McKenzie Altmayer, Brittany Caskey, Taryn Christy, Emma Claire Ehrhardt, Marin Leone, Emma McSpadden, Sarah Mozden, Brooke Nusser, Gabrielle Thomson, Mitchael Deamantopulos, Kirby Einck, Susan Sarkauskas.

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, October 27, 2014

3.2 Executive Session, October 27, 2014

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

4. RECOGNITION, AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS

4.1 Tradition of Excellence Awards: Geneva High School Students

Girls Cross Country State Qualifiers, Boys Cross Country State Qualifier, Girls Tennis State Qualifiers

Geneva High School Principal Tom Rogers presented students in recognition of their accomplishments. Students recognized included:

Girls Cross Country State Qualifiers

McKenzie Altmayer, Brittany Caskey, Taryn Christy, Allison Dudman, Emma Claire Ehrhardt, Marin Leone, Emma McSpadden, Sarah Mozden, Mary Neville, Brooke Nusser, Heidi Stimac, Gabrielle Thomson

Boys Cross Country State Qualifier
Mitchael Deamantopulos

Girls Tennis State Qualifier
Kirby Einck
Grace Krueger

4.2 School Board Member Appreciation Day-November 15, 2014

The Superintendent recognized and presented Board members with a certificate from the Illinois Association of School Boards for School Board Member Appreciation Day on November 15, 2014. The Board puts in hundreds of hours of their time in voluntary service. We are thankful for all that they do. They work together to make the best decisions for our students and district.

4.3 Long Term Payment Plan Presented by Elizabeth Hennessey of William Blair

The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Business Services met with Hennessey and discussed strategies to impact our debt working to minimize the dates and costs of retiring loans, levelling the levy rates over time, and keeping the District financially sustainable. Our planning is for both short term and for long term as well.

Elizabeth Hennessey of William Blair presented the District's possible Long Term Payment Plan. This presentation is an update of what the District used last year. Currently, the District has abated \$14,146,467 back to the taxpayers since 2011. Ms. Hennessey presented two options to the Board.

Option I

- Assumes current financial projection – no additional surplus set aside for defeasance in FY2015 or FY2016
- Uses Educational fund surpluses over \$14M per current projection through FY2017
- Refund/defeasance takes place in Fall 2017
- Does not use prospective surpluses in FY2018 or FY2019
- Extends debt service payments by four years from current final maturity

Option II

- Assumes current financial projection – no additional surplus set aside for abatement in FY2015, 2016 or 2017
- Uses Educational fund surpluses over \$14M per current projection through FY2016
- Refund/defeasance takes place in Fall 2016
- Does not use prospective surpluses in FY2017 or thereafter
- Extends debt service payments by four years from current final maturity

Discussion, comments, questions: To be clear on the abatements, we are trying to solve the debt service issue. In Plan B, are you factoring in gains on funds? (No, just the interest earnings in the Education Fund.) Option I feels less risky. Is this correct? (Option I will be less costly over time, but in 2016 the levy goes up which delays refunding until 2017.) It appears that in Option II, the key point is refunding a year earlier projecting funds will go up. In Option II, the ending balance in 15/16 drops to \$13M, but when we talked before, I thought we didn't want it to fall below \$14 M in the Education Fund. We need to talk about what we want to do with the Education Fund balance. For those who do not understand what is happening, we have a mortgage, and each year it increases. We are trying to take ending balances and move them to other funds to pay down our debt.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent reported that the middle schools would be having their Veteran's Day programs on Tuesday morning for the community. This program is an excellent learning experience for our students and a very meaningful way to recognize veterans. American Education Week is November 17-21, 2014 and one of this year's themes is "Stand Up for Public Schools". Each year, the District hosts a Leadership Breakfast for students, staff, and community members who hold or have held a leadership role. The Illinois Association of School Boards will have their Joint Annual Conference in

Chicago November 21-24, 2014. Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on November 24th & 25th.

6. BOARD DIALOGUE TOPICS & PENDING ACTION CONSIDERATION

6.1 Resolution in Support of American Education Week

Motion by Wilson, second by Juby, to approve the above-listed resolution, item 6.1, as presented. On roll call, Ayes, six (6), Juby, Lamb, McCormick, Stith, Wilson, Nowak. Nays, none (0). Absent, one (1), Grosso. Abstained, none (0).

6.2 Tax Levy 2014

The Assistant Superintendent of Business Services presented the 2014 tax levy. The components of the tax levy are the Equalized Assesses Valuation (EAV), new property (construction), Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL), Consumer Price Index (CPI), and tax rates. There are currently 102 districts and 39 have a tax cap. She talked about how all of these areas play into how the levy is determined. This year's request is 6.51 which is an increase over last year at 6.45. This is a .06 increase per \$100 EAV and an approximate increase on a home valued at \$315,000 would be \$191.

6.3 Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to be levied for Tax Year 2014

Motion by Lamb, second by Stith, to approve the above-listed resolution, item 6.3, as presented. On roll call, Ayes, six (6), Juby, Lamb, McCormick, Stith, Wilson, Nowak. Nays, none (0). Absent, one (1), Grosso. Abstained, none (0).

7. WORK-STUDY TOPICS & FUTURE ACTION CONSIDERATIONS

7.1 Policy Updates: First Reading

7.1.1 2412, Home Hospital Services General Education Students, **Revised**

7.1.2 6230, Budget Hearing, **Revised**

The Assistant Superintendent of Business Services indicated that Policy 6230 has been revised to clarify the process timeline.

8. INFORMATION

8.1 Suspension Report

8.2 FOIA Requests

9. CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 Personnel Report: Resignations, Retirements, Leave Requests, Changes in Assignment/FTE, New Hires

Certified Long-Term Substitutes

Davis, Lynette, MCS, Special Education, 1.0 FTE, effective 12/1/14 – 1/5/15

Pawlak, Chris, GHS, Speech Language Pathologist, 1.0 FTE, effective 11/10/14 – 1/5/14

Resignations Support Staff

Rodriguez, Angel, FES, 2nd Shift Custodian, 12 month, effective 11/7/14

Resignations Administrators

Munch, Kelley, CO, Communication Coordinator, 12 month, effective 12/5/14

Motion by Wilson, second by McCormick, to approve Consent Agenda Item 9.1. On roll call, Ayes, six (6), Juby, Lamb, McCormick, Stith, Wilson, Nowak. Nays, none (0). Absent, one (1), Grosso. 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

None.

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 120/2(c)(2)]; 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 8:10 p.m., motion by Lamb, second by Wilson, to go into executive session to consider matters pertaining to collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives; 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, Stith, Wilson, Nowak. Nays, none (0). Absent, one (1), Grosso. Motion carried unanimously.

At 8:17 p.m., following a break to relocate to the Williamsburg conference room, the Board moved into executive session.

At 8:28 p.m., motion by Wilson, second by McCormick, and with unanimous consent the Board returned to open session and relocated to the Williamsburg cafeteria.

At 8:30 p.m., the Board returned to open session.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30 p.m., motion by Wilson, second by Juby, and with unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED November 24, 2014
(Date)

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY _____

RECORDING
SECRETARY