

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

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 304 met in a Board Retreat on Saturday, May 16, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. at Coultrap Educational Services Center, Geneva, Illinois.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Roll Call
- 1.2 Welcome
- 1.3 Pledge
- 1.4 Reminder to Sign Attendance Record

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by President Grosso.

Board members present: Leslie Juby, David Lamb, Mike McCormick, Vice President Kelly Nowak, Policy Committee Chair Mary Stith, Finance Committee Chair Bill Wilson, President Mark Grosso.

District staff present: Kristy Poteete-Kriegermeier, Communications Coordinator; Anne Giarrante, Director of Student Services; Dr. Andy Barrett, Director of Learning & Teaching; Elizabeth Janowiak, Director of Technology; 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: Adam Law, Shonette Sims.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. BOARD DIALOGUE TOPICS

- 3.1 Goals & Information Update – [click here](#)

There was discussion of each of the goal areas (pillars of our diagram).

1. Communication Planning

Reports were given by Kristy Poteete-Kriegermeier and Superintendent Mutchler on the variety of ways that the District has expanded into social media. There's an emphasis on pictures, further exploration of social networking, emphasis on alumni, and plans to develop a comprehensive community outreach plan involving a survey by the Communications Committee.

2. High Quality Staff

Superintendent Mutchler presented information regarding recruitment and retention of quality staff, issues involving the recently adopted evaluation plans for teachers and for principals, and the possible use of student growth data in future planning and evaluation. We are relying on professional development opportunities offered through the DuPage County ROE to help further expand our tools in these areas.

3. Learning & Teaching

Andy Barrett and Patty O’Neil presented updates regarding Learning & Teaching programs and processes, intentions to continue to use data to share with the Board regarding specific areas such as, all day kindergarten and Eureka Math, and then the overall program and its impact on student performance through assessments. Of particular mention, is how the world is changing for the development of learning and teaching based on several factors including the Common Core Standards, technology, access to information, and expectations for students learning as we move through the 21st century.

4. Student Health and Well-Being

Anne Giarrante presented on pre-school and early childhood programming, mental health issues and services, and the pyramid of support services. There was discussion on possible further program implementations in these areas and in the area of special education during the 2015-2016 school year.

5. Operational Services

Donna Oberg and Superintendent Mutchler presented on capital projects in terms of their status and planning for the upcoming school year and beyond. Budgetary issues and planning were also discussed.

6. Financial Resources

Donna Oberg presented on the full implementation of Push Coin for the upcoming school year, evaluating whether to bring more special education transportation into the district (not back into the district), implications of many different types of legislation regarding school funding, long term debt planning, and the possible implementation of sub caller. It was noted that our district should do even more regarding releasing information on possible legislation that would impact our local school district, students and tax payers.

7. Technology

Superintendent Mutchler presented planning that has taken place recently in technology and possibilities for the future.

8. The Board President provided possible changes in committee structure and membership regarding the Board. These will be shared as an informational item at the upcoming Board meeting.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:05 p.m., motion by Nowak, second by Wilson, and with unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED May 26, 2015
(Date)

_____ PRESIDENT

SECRETARY _____

_____ RECORDING SECRETARY

