



**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, April 25, 2016, 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: Policy Committee Chair Leslie Juby, David Lamb, Mike McCormick, Vice President Kelly Nowak, Mary Stith, Finance Committee Chair Bill Wilson, President Mark Grosso.
Late: None. Absent: None.

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

District staff present: Shonette Sims, Director Learning & Teaching; Tom Rogers, High School Principal; Kristy Poteete-Kriegermeier, Communications Coordinator; Dr. Adam Law, Assistant Superintendent Personnel Services; Dr. Andy Barrett, Assistant Superintendent Learning & Teaching; Donna Oberg, Assistant Superintendent Business Services; Dr. Kent Mutchler, Superintendent.

Others present: Jessica Parker, Julie Stocker, Amy Belloli, Katie Kenneth, Brenda Schory, Ryan Belloli, Stephen Creger, Alexander Novy, Jeffrey Visk.

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 (Bylaw 0168.1)

- 3.1 Regular Session, April 11, 2016
- 3.2 Executive Session, April 11, 2016

Motion by McCormick, second by Nowak, to approve the above-listed minutes, items 3.1 & 3.2 as presented. On roll call, Ayes, seven (7), Juby, Lamb, McCormick, Nowak, Stith, Wilson, Grosso. Nays, none (0). Absent, none (0). Abstained, none (0).

4. RECOGNITION, AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PUBLIC HEARING

- 4.1 Tradition of Excellence Award: Geneva High School Students/District Staff (Policy 5451)
WYSE (Worldwide Youth in Science & Engineering State Qualifiers, CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) Award

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

WYSE State Qualifiers

Ryan Belloli – 6th Place, Chemistry
Stephen Creger – Chemistry
Alexander Novy – 6th Place, Engineering Graphics
Jeffrey Visk – Physics

CAFR Award

Donna Oberg – Assistant Superintendent Business Services

5. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT (Policy 1210)

The Superintendent reported that there are just a few weeks of school left in the school year, and there is also a lot of planning for next school year. Dr. Barrett will report on summer activities at the next meeting, as well as summer planning by our administrative staff and our School Board. We have completed, for the most part, the PARCC testing for this year. The State informed us that there will be a PARCC science test this May. The date and format are not known at this time. We continue to seek this information from the State and hope that our students are taking this assessment as seriously as possible. It’s important to us that our students do their best on all PARCC testing so that we can gather accurate and usable data to help us inform instruction.

6. BOARD DIALOGUE TOPICS & PENDING ACTION CONSIDERATION

6.1 2016/17 Preliminary O&M/Transportation Budget

The Assistant Superintendent of Business Services presented to the Board information on the preliminary O&M/Transportation budget. The projected revenue assumptions for this budget include the Property Tax Levy (CPI 0.8%), State, Federal, and local funding, bus buy back, E-Rate funding and loan proceeds for the modular classroom. The projected expenditure assumptions for this budget include salary costs per agreement (3.5%), additional staff for Special Needs transportation, health benefit increases (PPO 4.3%, HMO 1.9%, Dental 2.6%), bus purchases, O/M, Security, modular classrooms purchase, Transportation Plans, and an estimated increase in electricity and contingencies. The projected revenue for Transportation is \$4,501,825 and the projected expenses are \$3,238,895, leaving us with a projected ending fund balance for 2016-2017 of \$4,830,513. The projected revenue for O&M is \$10,692,966 and the projected expenses are \$10,602,865, leaving us with a projected ending fund balance for 2016-2017 of \$1,100,617.

Board questions, comments, concerns: Remember that the added positions for Special Education result in actual cost savings to the District, as it means less contracting out. We are very thankful that the pipe at the high school made it through the winter. This has been a constant concern. For O&M, the bottom line is not so good, but there are some one-time projects that need to be done and other projects being postponed to improve budgeting.

Motion by Nowak, second by Lamb, to approve the above-listed item 6.1 as presented. On roll call, Ayes, seven (7), Juby, Lamb, McCormick, Nowak, Stith, Wilson, Grosso. Nays, none (0). Absent, none (0). Abstained, none (0).

7. WORK-STUDY TOPICS & FUTURE ACTION CONSIDERATION

7.1 Review City of Geneva Proposed TIF

The Superintendent reported that we have been trying to work with the City on proposed TIF 3, as they have been very collaborative in reaching solutions in the past. We have asked that they form a Task Force for this, as opposed to taking a broad based blanket approach to this TIF. The reason we are concerned, is that if the City uses TIF as the tool to aid in development, it will put on the backs of all residential tax payers about \$16 million over 23 years, based on their estimates. We took a more consistent approach and came in with a range of \$8 million to \$16 million. Those would be tax dollars lost by the school district over the next 23 years that would need to be recouped from others. We also proposed several different tools that we would like the City administration, council and mayor to take a look at which may be more reasonable and still grant the developers some incentives but not make it such an unfair burden on the tax payers. If we could sit at the table along with the other public entities and try to reach a better solution, then that would be our preference. We have our

public forum planned for May 3rd at Geneva Middle School North cafeteria at 7 p.m. to answer questions and explain to the taxpayers in Geneva the effect this TIF could have on them. Ms. Oberg went over how we came up with our low (\$8 million) and high (\$16 million) estimates for the TIF.

Board questions, comments, concerns: When will the press release be out for the forum? (Tomorrow morning.) Any time that we help businesses in this matter, it increases taxes of others because of fixed cost increases and our debt. It's then the taxpayers that end up shouldering the additional tax support. Hopefully there will be a solution that lessens the impact on the taxpayers and still encourages development.

7.2 Review Textbooks and Learning Materials (Policy 2510)

Dr. Barrett presented to the Board the proposed textbook adoption for 2016-2017. He has been meeting with teachers over the course of the school year to determine what kind of tools we need for students for next year. It was last spring that we talked about the shifting paradigm on learning materials and selection process and how we need to be shifting with it. The proposed materials to be adopted are from the following curriculum areas: English, World Languages, Math, Science and Social Studies. These textbooks will be on display at the Coultrap Educational Services Center.

8. INFORMATION

8.1 Suspension Report (Policy 5610)

9. CONSENT AGENDA (Bylaw 0166.1)

9.1 Monthly Financial Reports and Interfund

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

New Hires Certified Staff

Bruno, Autumn, GMSS, Science, 1.0 FTE, effective 8/22/16

Semyck, Elizabeth, MCS, Librarian, 1.0 FTE, effective 8/22/16

Villanueva, Giana, HSS/GMSN, Intern-Social Work, 1.0 FTE, effective 8/22/16

Resignations Certified Staff

Dworak, Jason, GHS, Physical Education, 1.0 FTE, effective 5/26/16

Long-Term Substitutes Certified Staff

Sarah Thompson (Cathy Pool), GHS, Guidance Counselor, .50 FTE, effective 4/29/16-5/23/16

Resignations Support Staff

Jungels, Paul, GMSS, 2nd Shift Custodian, 12 month, effective 4/9/16

Schimpf, Frank, CO, Custodian Support Technology Assistant, 12 month, effective 4/15/16

Smith, Pat, Garage, Mechanic, 12 month, effective 4/29/16

Fenne, Kara, MCS, Registered Nurse, 9 month, effective 5/26/16

Geneser, Kathleen, GMSS, Special Education Assistant, 9 month, effective 5/26/16

Reappointments Support Staff

Mertes, Anne Marie, HES, Special Education Assistant 6 hours, 9 month

Family and Medical Leave Support Staff

Lydon, Del, HES, Administrative Assistant, 10 month, effective 8/30/16-11/29/16

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

Motion by Wilson, second by McCormick, to approve the above-listed items 9.2 as presented. On roll call, Ayes, six (6), Juby, Lamb, McCormick, Nowak, Stith, Wilson. Nays, none (0). Absent, none (0). Abstained, one (1), Grosso.

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

One Board member attended the Sports Boosters meeting last week and they are looking for people to fill leadership positions next year and also some other committee spots. If you are interested please let us know.

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)]. (Bylaw 0167.2)

At 7:45 p.m., motion by Juby 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, seven (7), Juby, Lamb, McCormick, Nowak, Stith, Wilson, Grosso. Nays, none (0). Absent, none (0). Motion carried unanimously.

At 8:25 p.m., the Board returned to open session.

14. ACTION POSSIBLE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

14.1 Instructional Support Staff Agreement Approval

Motion by Wilson, second by McCormick, to approve the above-listed item 14.1 as presented. On roll call, Ayes, seven (7), Juby, Lamb, McCormick, Nowak, Stith, Wilson, Grosso. Nays, none (0). Absent, none (0). Abstained, none (0).

14.2 Honorable dismissal of Custodian

Motion by Grosso, second by Wilson, to approve the above-listed item 14.2 as presented. On roll call, Ayes, seven (7), Juby, Lamb, McCormick, Nowak, Stith, Wilson, Grosso. Nays, none (0). Absent, none (0). Abstained, none (0), Grosso.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

APPROVED May 9, 2016
(Date)

_____ PRESIDENT

SECRETARY _____

_____ RECORDING SECRETARY