



**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, October 23, 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, President Mark Grosso. Late: None. Absent: Mary Stith.

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

District staff present: Tom Rogers, Principal Geneva High School; Laura Sprague, Communications Coordinator; Todd Latham, Director of Business Services; Marty McConahay, Interim CFO; Dr. Andy Barrett, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning; Dr. Adam Law, Assistant Superintendent Personnel Services; Dr. Kent Mutchler, Superintendent.

Others: Becky Furnish, Lisa Meister, Archana & Divya Patel, Kate Kilmer, John & Carole Kasarda, Troy & Laurie Dalton, Nathan Dalton, Bill & Kathy McDonald, Jack McDonald, Chris & Michelle Geen, Nicholas Geen, Craig & Sue Lillibridge, Darby Lillibridge, Jeff & Linda Mills, Jacob Mills, Jason & Letty Ebel, Teegan Ebel, Mary & Cole Haberek, Rick & Jule Krieger, Jordan Zimberoff, Karna & Emma Chrusciel, Melia & Connie Linardos, Nick Linardos, Bryan Knapp, Naomi & Rey Lautenschlager, Kevin & Tyler Isenhardt, Sarah Mozden.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Bylaw 0168.1)**

- 2.1 Regular Session, October 10, 2017
- 2.2 Executive Session, October 10, 2017

Motion by McCormick, second by Nowak, to approve the above-listed minutes, items 2.1-2.2. On roll call, Ayes, six (6), Egan, Juby, Lamb, McCormick, Nowak, Grosso. Nays, none (0). Absent, one (1), Stith. Abstained, none (0).

**3. RECOGNITION, AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 3.1 Tradition of Excellence Award: Geneva Students (Policy 5451)  
Boys & Girls Golf State Qualifiers, National Merit Recipients

National Merit Scholars Commended

Emma Chrusciel

Katherine Kilmer

Constance Linardos

Noah Hood  
John Kasarda

Jack Krieger  
Rey Lautenschlager

Britney Mason  
Sarah Mozden

#### Boys Golf State Qualifiers

Nathan Dalton  
Teegan Ebel  
Nicholas Geen  
Cole Haberek

Sean Hassels  
Tyler Isenhardt  
Jack McDonald

Jacob Mills  
Joseph Novak  
Brett Romanelli

#### Girls Golf State Qualifiers

Darby Lillibridge

#### 3.2 Red Ribbon Week Activities:

GHS Students Taking an Active Role (STAR Club), Divya Patel & Grace Hahn  
GHS Sponsors Lisa Meister & Becky Furnish

Divya Patel and Grace Hahn shared that every year the nation celebrates Red Ribbon Week to send a message to the community about taking responsibility for your health and making mature decisions regarding substance abuse. The Red Ribbon Committee helps children and teens to stay on the right track away from substances. There is a lot of pressure on teens in the school setting to fit in with different groups. A lot of the pressure is placed on them with their own perceptions of what normal behavior looks like. The Red Ribbon Committee and the STAR Club try to send a different message to teens to let them know what the real norm is and that most teens are not out there using drugs in their free time. The most important thing is to encourage adolescents to focus on a path they wish for their future, and support what it takes to achieve these goals. We are hopeful, as a group, that we not only change the minds of the younger generations and be active role models, but that we are also able to alter the negative stereotypes that the community holds for high school students.

#### 3.3 Presentation of Proposed 2017 Tax Levy

Interim CFO Marty McConahay presented to the Board information on the proposed 2017 tax levy. The components of the tax levy are the equalized assessed valuation (EAV), new property (construction), property tax extension limitation law (PTELL), consumer price index (CPI) and tax rates. The EAV is important, because any growth must be captured to ensure the financial health of the district. There are currently 102 districts in Illinois, and 39 are tax capped resulting in a taxing district receiving limited inflationary increases in tax extensions on property. Data, assumptions, and calculations include CPI-U equaling 2.1%, an estimated EAV of 3.64%, estimated new property of \$12,793,197, estimated needs of each fund and a balloon levy to protect from estimate differences. Our levy request this year will be a CPI-U of 2.1%, an operating rate of 4.9370, and a debt service rate of 1.0599 for a total tax rate of 5.9969. This would be an approximate decrease on a \$350,000 family home of \$114. Our anticipated increase of capped levy is 2.26%, with our requested increase at 4.99%. It is recommended that the Board approve the levy resolution tonight.

#### 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)

The Superintendent thanked the Board members for attending the Board Retreat last Friday evening to discuss district innovations, and what the vision of the future is for our district. We are in the heavy cycle of evaluations for principals and teachers. The Genovation Forum is coming up on November 14<sup>th</sup> at Geneva High School, so please watch for more information coming out about it. We hope that if you are interested, then you will attend this event. Remember, innovation is not always technology. This should be a great night for students, teachers, parents, and the public.

#### 6. BOARD DIALOGUE TOPICS & PENDING ACTION CONSIDERATION

6.1 Resolution for Levy Adoption

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

#### 6.2 Resolution to Transfer Funds from the Educational Fund to the Debt Service Fund

Motion by Nowak, second by Egan, to approve the above-listed resolution, item 6.2. On roll call, Ayes, six (6), Egan, Juby, Lamb, McCormick, Nowak, Grosso. Nays, none (0). Absent, one (1), Stith. Abstained, none (0).

#### 6.3 PTAB Appeals

6.3.1 Geneva Nursing and Rehab PTAB Appeal Resolution

6.3.2 Miner Enterprises PTAB Appeal Resolution

6.3.3 Kaneville Road Joint Venture PTAB Appeal Resolution

6.3.4 PPG Industries PTAB Appeal Resolution

Board comments, questions, concerns: In the memo, it talks about the IGA. Aren't we bound? (It shares the cost and gives more weight to the appeal.) Do we split the attorney fees or pay ourselves? (All the members of the IGA share the fees.) One is outside the IGA, is that because it is in Batavia? (Yes.)

Motion by McCormick, second by Nowak, to approve the above-listed PTAB appeals, items 6.3.1-6.3.4. On roll call, Ayes, six (6), Egan, Juby, Lamb, McCormick, Nowak, Grosso. Nays, none (0). Absent, one (1), Stith. Abstained, none (0).

#### 6.4 IASB Legislative Resolution

The Board Vice-President shared that IASB is broken into 21 districts in Illinois, and each elects a resolution chairperson who attends a meeting in August to listen to districts that have proposed position statements for proposed legislation. There are five new position statements, an amended existing position statement, and reaffirmation of existing positions and belief statements being voted on. The committee met, considered all of these submissions, and they have provided recommendations. These are voted on all together, unless someone wants to pull one out for discussion. We cannot appeal because we did not submit statements. Does anyone have any issues with the recommendations? (No. If not, then our vote will be based on the committee's recommendations.) Do we vote on current positions? (No. If there is an issue with a current position, you have to take that up with the Kishwaukee Division.)

### 7. WORK-STUDY TOPICS & FUTURE ACTION CONSIDERATION

#### 7.1 Board Meeting/Presentation Schedule

The Superintendent shared that the Board continues to make changes as necessary and hopes that the community will continue to watch for future agenda items that might be of interest to them. Please note that we try to balance the presentations at each meeting. One issue of note is the upcoming bus bid. We are one of a few districts that are part of the bus buyback program. Coming up is the annual CAFR and high school course catalog changes as well.

### 8. INFORMATION

8.1 FOIA Requests

8.2 Suspension Report

8.3 Out-of-State Trip Request

### 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)

#### Long-Term Substitutes Certified Staff

Sweet, Deb (Meredith Highmark), HES, Grade 1, 1.0 FTE, effective 4/2/18-5/31/18

#### Family and Medical Leave Certified Staff

Highmark, Meredith, HES, Grade 1, 1.0 FTE, effective 4/2/18-5/31/18

Rhoades, Katie, HSS, Social Worker, 1.0 FTE, effective 4/11/18-5/29/18

#### Family and Medical Leave Support Staff

Loera, Jose, GHS, Custodian, 12 month, effective 10/2/17-10/31/17  
Smidt, Sarah, MCS, Registered Nurse, 9 month, effective 4/2/18-5/31/18  
Motion by Juby, second by Nowak, to approve the above-listed items 9.1-9.2. On roll call, Ayes, six (6), Egan, Juby, Lamb, McCormick, Nowak, Grosso. Nays, none (0). Absent, one (1), Stith.  
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*

The GAF had a meeting recently and are planning their annual karaoke event for January 26<sup>th</sup>. The Policy Committee took their first look at PRESS policies at their meeting tonight. Board members attended the Williamsburg PTO meeting, where they went over the 2017-2018 Goals Booklet and answered questions. The Facilities Task Force met today to discuss possible projects and the process for project approval. The Communications Committee met and will start to form the Key Communicators group by identifying ambassadors. Thank you to the administrators for joining the Board at their Retreat on Friday evening.

**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)**

At 7:45 p.m., motion by Juby second by Egan, to go into executive session to consider matters pertaining to collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives. On roll call, Ayes, six (6), Egan, Juby, Lamb, McCormick, Nowak, Grosso. Nays, none (0). Absent, one (1), Stith. Abstained, none (0).

At 8:17 p.m., the Board returned to open session.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:18 p.m., motion by Egan, second by McCormick, and with unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED November 13, 2017  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_ PRESIDENT

SECRETARY \_\_\_\_\_

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