



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

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; Doug Drexler, Associate Principal Geneva High School; Laura Sprague, Communications Coordinator; Todd Latham, Director of Business Services; Dr. Andy Barrett, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning; Dr. Adam Law, Assistant Superintendent Personnel Services; Dr. Kent Mutchler, Superintendent.

Others: Michael Lencioni, Trish & Ryan Kredell, Rita Grendze, Andres & Valdis Slokenbergs, Matthew Hoskins, Andrine Larsen, Tim Archibald, Tormod & Gry Larsen, Jacob Caballero, Cole Montgomery, Kim Lee, Thomas & Aaron Dewey, Josh & Tom Rodgers, Reese Jedlicka, Robin & Hayden Fogel, Leah Kamm, Anne & Kellen Cesarone, Jessica Breugelmanns, Skip & Justin Bach, Grace Hahn, Ben Calusinski.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Bylaw 0168.1)

- 2.1 Regular Session, October 23, 2017
- 2.2 Executive Session, October 23, 2017
- 2.3 Board Retreat, October 20, 2017

Motion by Nowak, second by Juby, to approve the above-listed minutes, items 2.1-2.3. On roll call, Ayes, six (6), Egan, Juby, Lamb, McCormick, Nowak, Grosso. Nays, none (0). Absent, none (0). Abstained, one (1), Stith.

3. RECOGNITION, AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 3.1 Tradition of Excellence Award: Geneva Students (Policy 5451)
Girls Cross Country, Boys Cross Country, Girls Tennis

Girls Cross Country State Qualifier
Andrine Larsen

Boys Cross Country State Qualifiers

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| Timothy Archibald | Kellen Cesarone | Cole Montgomery |
| Justin Bach | Aaron Dewey | Joshua Rodgers |
| Jacob Caballero | Hayden Fogel | Thomas Rodgers |
| Benjamin Calusinski | Matthew Hoskins | Valdis Slokenbergs |
| Aidan Carr Clennon | Ryan Kredell | |

Girls Tennis State Qualifiers

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| Caroline Lahey (singles) | Jaden Ciesielski (doubles) | Grace Hahn (doubles) |
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3.2 GHS Course Catalog Initial Presentation (Policy 2220)

GHS Principal Tom Rogers and Associate Principal Doug Drexler presented a proposal to the Board of new and modified courses at GHS for 2018-2019. One new course, as well as varying degrees of modifications to twelve existing courses were presented for consideration. These changes to course offerings would better enable us to meet the continually evolving needs of our students. These new and modified courses have been reviewed and approved by the GHS Department Chairs, Building Leadership Team, Building Administration, and the District Department of Learning & Teaching. These courses will be brought back at a future meeting for recommended approval.

The proposed new course is English IV: Science Fiction & Fantasy Literature. The proposed modified courses are Advanced Photography Concepts, AP Studio Art, Digital Photography & Film Photography, Virtual Enterprises International (VEI), Composition for Print/Web Media, English IV, World Literature, TV Production Techniques, Integrated Algebra I & II, Contemporary American Issues & Contemporary World Issues, History of America in the Twentieth Century, and Modern World History/Modern World History Honors.

A request for study has been recommended for the following courses: AP Capstone Program and Summer Boot Camp for Incoming Freshman. It is also being recommended that the following courses be offered in both traditional and blended formats in 2018-2019: Personal Finance and AP Spanish.

Board comments, questions, concerns: The Freshman Boot Camp has been very successful in other district. If you are taking the good components of AP English that you think everyone should get, is there still a big enough distinction to make it AP English? Are there other components of AP English that should be looked at, tested, and taken into consideration for grading? (The English teachers have done a great job of “distilling the essence” of AP language. You cannot take a full year AP course and turn it into a half a year course for non-AP students.) Is it still a more comprehensive program? (Yes.) Will there be an update on the AP Capstone? (We could do one in six months.)

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 shared that this is American Education Week, and there are many things that we are celebrating this week. The big event taking place tomorrow is the PK-12 GenOvation Forum at the High School. Staff from every building and grade level, as well as students, will be present at the forum to present innovative learning. The Leadership Breakfast is on Wednesday at the high school, and IASB Triple I Conference for Board members is on Friday. We will have a group presenting on Saturday at the conference as well. Next week is the beginning of fall/Thanksgiving break. Parent/teacher conferences will be on Monday/Tuesday next week with no classes for students all week.

6. BOARD DIALOGUE TOPICS & PENDING ACTION CONSIDERATION

6.1 2018-2019 School Calendar Draft (Policy 8210)

The Superintendent shared that the calendars being presented are drafts. The Calendar Committee has been working hard on next year's calendar. We also have Mid Valley Special Ed Coop and FVCC that coordinate their calendars with ours'. We had hoped this would be further along at this point, but we are asking that the Board approve drafts A & B, which will allow us to post a start date, end date and long breaks, so that parents can start to plan. Based on feedback, it most likely will not be draft B. We will work to bring this back in December for final approval.

Motion by Nowak, second by Juby, to approve the above-listed school calendar drafts A & B, item 6.1. On roll call, Ayes, seven (7), Egan, Juby, Lamb, McCormick, Nowak, Stith, Grosso. Nays, none (0). Absent, none (0).

6.2 Abatement Summary & Resolution

The Superintendent shared that this is a recommended resolution in order to complete the abatement of the 2001-A series bonds. This will help to reduce taxes for our taxpayers.

Motion by McCormick, second by Lamb, to approve the above-listed resolution, item 6.2. On roll call, Ayes, seven (7), Egan, Juby, Lamb, McCormick, Nowak, Stith, Grosso. Nays, none (0). Absent, none (0).

6.3 Resolution to Transfer Funds from the Educational Fund to the Debt Service Fund

The Superintendent shared that this resolution moves the funding to pay for the resolution just approved in item 6.2. It will allow the district to transfer \$2.4 million from the Educational Fund to the Debt Service Fund.

Motion by Nowak, second by Lamb, to approve the above-listed resolution, item 6.3. On roll call, Ayes, seven (7), Egan, Juby, Lamb, McCormick, Nowak, Stith, Grosso. Nays, none (0). Absent, none (0).

6.4 Out-of-Country Trip Proposal-Spring Break 2019

Board comments, questions, concerns: One concern is the timeline of a 10-day trip versus a 13-day trip over spring break causing subs for teachers. It would be nice to take as minimal of a loss of school time for both students and staff as possible. There is a substantial difference in cost between this trip and the summer 2019 trip. Why is this? (We are using two different tour agencies, and the accommodations are different.)

Motion by Juby, second by Nowak, to approve the above-listed trip proposal, item 6.4. On roll call, Ayes, seven (7), Egan, Juby, Lamb, McCormick, Nowak, Stith, Grosso. Nays, none (0). Absent, none (0).

6.5 Out-of-Country Trip Proposal-Summer 2019

Motion by Nowak, second by Egan, to approve the above-listed trip proposal, item 6.5. On roll call, Ayes, seven (7), Egan, Juby, Lamb, McCormick, Nowak, Stith, Grosso. Nays, none (0). Absent, none (0).

6.6 National Board Members Day – November 15, 2017

The Superintendent shared that November 15th is National School Board Members Day. Board members were thanked for the time they devote to our students and district.

Motion by Egan, second by McCormick, to approve the above-listed resolution, item 6.6. On roll call, Ayes, seven (7), Egan, Juby, Lamb, McCormick, Nowak, Stith, Grosso. Nays, none (0). Absent, none (0).

7. WORK-STUDY TOPICS & FUTURE ACTION CONSIDERATION

7.1 Board Meeting/Presentation Schedule

The Superintendent shared that changes are made as necessary and hopes that the community will continue to watch for future agenda items that might be of interest to them.

8. INFORMATION

- 8.1 FOIA Requests
- 8.2 2016 Budget Vs. Actual
- 8.3 1st Quarter Financial Report

9. CONSENT AGENDA (Bylaw 0166.1)

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

Long-Term Substitutes Certified Staff

Resser, Samantha (Roxanne Curtis), GHS, Music, 1.0 FTE, effective 10/18/17-12/22/17
Brieten, Christine (Christina Lindahl), GMSS, Spanish, 1.0 FTE, effective 11/27/17-2/23/18
Lenhart, Kim (Kristin Krumtinger), GMSN, Learning Behavior Specialist, 1.0 FTE, effective 2/5/18-5/31/18

Family and Medical Leave Certified Staff

Curtis, Roxanne, GHS, Music, 1.0 FTE, effective 9/22/17-12/22/17
Lane, Garrett, GMSS, Learning Behavior Specialist, 1.0 FTE, effective 1/8/18-1/29/18
Wallace, Erin, WES, Grade 4, 1.0 FTE, effective 3/22/18-5/31/18
Natale, Natalie, GMSN, Language Arts, 1.0 FTE, effective 4/25/18-5/31/18

New Hires Support Staff

Wenig, Randall, Garage, Special Education Bus Monitor, 9 month, effective 11/8/17
Baker, Timothy, CO, Safety & Security Coordinator, 12 month, effective 11/14/17

Resignations Support Staff

Moellendorf, Jane, All Buildings, Vision/Hearing Coordinator, 9 month, effective 11/1/17

Family and Medical Leave Support Staff

Bastin, Brian, All Buildings, Grounds, 12 month, effective 10/16/17-11/1/17
Strauss, Lori, WAS, Special Education Assistant, 9 month, effective 10/23/17-11/13/17

- 9.2 Gifts, Grants, Bequests: MB Financial-\$300, Johnson Controls-\$200, Scariano, Himes & Petrarca-\$300, donations to fund the Leadership Breakfast on November 15th

- 9.3 PDS Data Center Storage Upgrades

Motion by Lamb, second by McCormick, to approve the above-listed items 9.1-9.3. On roll call, Ayes, seven (7), Egan, Juby, Lamb, McCormick, Nowak, Stith, Grosso. Nays, none (0). Absent, none (0). 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

Board members participated in the GEA Trivia Night this past weekend. Some did better than others, but it was a lot of fun. Dr. Barrett's team took home the Kangaroo Cup! Board members attended the recent GMSS PTO meeting, where they were able to talk about budget issues, communication, and community outreach. Mill Creek had their Veterans' Day event, and it was a pretty big production. They had one of the largest American flags ever seen. The middle schools also had their Veterans Day events, in which Governor Rauner attended and recognized the Student Council President at GMSN. Board members attended the recent marching band concert. Board members also attended the World Language Honor Society Induction and were very impressed with the students that spoke. A Board member attended the State cross-country track meet last week. The post-prom committee met last week, so you can expect to see requests for volunteers to help with this event. A Board member celebrated Veterans' Day with the bus drivers, where they were never more entertained. Several drivers who are veterans had fabulous stories. The Music Boosters are meeting this evening and talking about their membership drive, which has been very successful. They are always in need of volunteers. The recent Theater Boosters meeting was very well attended. Board members will be attending the IASB Triple I Conference this weekend, where they will also hold the quarterly Board of Directors meeting. The new IASB President and executive Board will be elected on Sunday. One

Board member was asked by IASB officers to attend the National School Board Association Conference in San Antonio. At the Chamber of Commerce dinner last week, it was nice to see our former School Board President, Dean Kilburg, win the Wood Award. It was well deserved. The Communications Task Force met today. They are moving along with key communicators and “Get to Know Your Board Members”. Tomorrow, members of the committee will run through their presentation for the IASB Triple I Conference on Saturday.

12. NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONSIDER MATTERS PERTAINING TO COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATING MATTERS BETWEEN THE PUBLIC BODY AND ITS EMPLOYEES OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES [five ILCS 120/(c) (2)]. (Bylaw 0167.2)

At 8:03 p.m., motion by McCormick second by Stith, 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, seven (7), Egan, Juby, Lamb, McCormick, Nowak, Stith, and Grosso. Nays, none (0). Absent, none (0). Abstained, none (0).

At 9:01 p.m., the Board returned to open session.

14. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:02 p.m., motion by Nowak, second by Egan, and with unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED November 27, 2018
(Date)

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY _____

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SECRETARY