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## **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 26, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the Coultrap Educational Services Center, 227 North Fourth Street, Geneva, Illinois.

### **1. CALL TO ORDER (Policy 2:220)**

1. Roll Call
2. Welcome
3. Pledge
4. Reminder to sign attendance sheet

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Egan.

Board members present: President Taylor Egan, Larry Cabeen, Policy Committee Chair Leslie Juby, Finance Committee Chair Dave Lamb, Alicia Saxton. Late: None. Absent: Dan Choi, Vice President Mike McCormick.

The President welcomed everyone and lead them in the Pledge of Allegiance.

District staff present: Laura Sprague, Communications Coordinator; Dr. Andy Barrett, Assistant Superintendent Learning & Teaching; Dr. Adam Law, Assistant Superintendent Personnel Services; Dr. Kent Mutchler, Superintendent.

Others present: Doug Drexler, Lisa Meister.

Motion by Cabeen, second by Juby, to approve Alicia Saxton joining the meeting by phone. On roll call, Ayes, four (4), Cabeen, Juby, Lamb, Egan. Nays, none (0). Absent, two (2), Choi, McCormick. Abstained, none (0).

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Policy 2:220)**

1. Regular Session, October 13, 2020

Motion by Juby, second by Lamb, to approve the above-listed minutes, item 2.1. On roll call, Ayes, five (5), Cabeen, Juby, Lamb, Saxton, Egan. Nays, none (0). Absent, two (2), Choi, McCormick. Abstained, none (0).

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

1. Red Ribbon Week Activities:  
GHS Students Taking an Active Role (SADD Club), Tori Cornelson  
GHS Sponsors Lisa Meister & Ashley Andreuccetti

Health teacher and SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Club sponsor Lisa Meister shared with the Board how students have been recognizing Red Ribbon Week. The entire nation celebrates this week each year to send a message to the community about taking responsibility for your health and making mature decisions regarding substance abuse. The Red Ribbon Committee aims to help children and teens build strong assets to stay on the right track and away from substances. There is a lot of pressure on teens to fit in with different crowds, and much of that pressure is placed on them by their own perceptions of what 'normal' behavior looks like. The Red Ribbon Committee and SADD Club try to send a different message to teens to let them know what the real norm is. Many teens are not out there using drugs on the weekends. Some teens spend their time with family and friends in a safe environment, and some act as positive role models for younger children in the community. The COVID pandemic has had a detrimental impact on individuals with regard to drug addiction. More instances of drug abuse have been reported as

people feel afraid, isolated, and financially stressed. Now, more than ever, we need to help support each other and promote strength in asking for help. We also need to promote asset building in teens to help prevent experimenting due to social drug use. Statistics show that teens who are more involved in their community, and have a sense of belonging and stability, are less likely to participate in risky behaviors. There are six principles to help live a drug free lifestyle. They are finding a natural high that is your passion, surrounding yourself with positive peer influences, finding a positive mentor to encourage you, having a firm belief in your own abilities, setting goals for your future and building resilience to get through challenges in life. SADD is participating in the annual food drive, the virtual 5K, and working with the GTV students to help promote making good decisions. Please take a moment to make healthy decisions within your own families, as well as the community.

#### **4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

*Board Member Code of Conduct #8 - "I will be sufficiently informed about and prepared to act on the specific issues before the Board, and remain reasonable knowledgeable about the local, State, national, and global education issues."*

There are no updates.

#### **5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (Policy 3:40)**

The Superintendent shared that the COVID-19 dashboard went up last week, which is helpful to tell the story of our school district relation to of what is happening in Kane county and the state of Illinois. The Illinois Association of School Boards is kicking off their regional meeting this Thursday. He thanked those Board members who will be attending. He also thanked those Board members who attended the Joint PTO, Mill Creek PTO, and Western Avenue PTO meetings. Parent/Teacher conference signups will be opening soon. These meetings will be taking place virtually with parents.

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

1. Policy Updates: Second Reading – **Updated and Reviewed** (Policy 2:240)

1. Policy 7:340, Student Records – **Updated**

Motion by Juby, second by Lamb, to approve the above-listed policy, items 1.1. On roll call, Ayes, five (5), Cabeen, Juby, Lamb, Saxton, Egan. Nays, none (0). Absent, two (2), Choi, McCormick. Abstained, none (0).

2. IASB Legislative Resolutions

Board members reviewed the resolutions and determined how, as a Board, they would vote on each one.

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

1. GHS Proposal for New & Modified Courses for 2021-2022

GHS Associate Principal, Doug Drexler, presented to the Board curriculum updates. These new and modified course proposals have been reviewed by the GHS Department Chairs, Building Leadership Team, Building Administration, Secondary Principals, and the Administrative Cabinet. Several courses are being renamed to better reflect their focus. The recommendation is that the 3D Design course now be called Sculpture, the Keyboarding & Technology course now be called Microsoft Office Suite, the Computer Science Applications course now be called AP Computer Science A, the Physical Education Department be called the Wellness Department, the Senior PE Leaders course be called Advanced Leadership, and the PE Leadership course be called Peer Leadership. It is also being recommended that three new courses be added. In the Special Education Department, it is being recommended to add Applied Technology and Applied Videography. In the Wellness Department, it is being recommended to add Social Issues in Sports. These recommendations will come back to the Board at their November meeting for possible approval.

Board comments, questions, concerns: With the 3D, the one thing that jumped out was that when you transfer over to college catalogs, they do often say 2D/3D. Is there any way that with our students, if they do pursue art at a college level, to do 3D Sculptural Art or something that keeps the 3D in there so that our students know when they get to college? (We can do that. There are other courses in the Course Catalog that have a short title but are expanded on the transcripts.)

#### **8. INFORMATION**

1. Board Meeting/Presentation Schedule

2. FOIA Requests (Policy 2:250)

3. Suspension Report (Policy 7:200)

#### **9. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Personnel Report: Resignations, Retirements, Leave Requests, Changes in Assignment/FTE,

New Hires (Policies 3:50, 5:200, 5:280)

Long-Term Substitutes Certified Staff

Bobeczko, Kristin, HES, Grade 3, 1.0 FTE, effective 4/26/21-6/4/21

Carter, Rebecca, GMSS, Language Art, 1.0 FTE, effective 10/19/20-12/18/20

New Hires Support Staff

Farrell, Will, All Buildings, Custodian Floater, effective 10/20/20

Lapage, Tim, All Buildings, Custodian Floater, effective 10/20/20

Tinnes, Heidi, GMSS, Special Education Assistant, effective 10/19/20

Resignations Support Staff

DeRosa, Robert, All Buildings, Maintenance, effective 10/19/20

Reclassifications Support Staff

Teti-Teal, Frankie, GMSS, Special Education Assistant to Lunchroom Supervisor (WAS)

Bubu, Daniel, TRANS, Bus Driver to On-Call Substitute Driver

New Hires Administrators

Heiss, Mark, GMSN, Dean/Athletic Director

2. Accounts Payable (Policy 4:50)

3. Monthly Financials - September (Policy 4:40, 4:55)

4. Pay Request #4 & #5: \$85,031, Malcor Roofing of Illinois, Inc., roof repairs at GHS, HSS, GMSS, HES, WAS, MCS (Policy 4:60)

5. Pay Request #3: \$31,690.46, Slaten Construction, Inc., GMSN & GMSS Health Life Safety repairs (Policy 4:60)

6. Pay Request: \$510,350, Johnson Controls, chiller replacement at GMSS (Policy 4:60)

7. Bid Summary: \$11,975, BLP Construction, Inc., 2020-2021 Snow Removal (Policy 4:60)

8. Gifts, Grants, Bequests: \$500, Eaglebrook Country Club, golf cart for GHS

Motion by Cabeen, second by Juby, to approve the above-listed, items 9.1-9.8. On roll call, Ayes, seven (7), five (5), Cabeen, Juby, Lamb, Saxton, Egan. Nays, none (0). Absent, two (2), Choi, McCormick. Abstained, none (0).

**10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Per Board Policy 2:230, attendees wishing to formally address the Board during Public Comments must register their intention to participate in person by completing a **Public Comments Form** [at this link](#). Copies will also be made available and collected at the entrance.*

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 attended the Joint PTO, Mill Creek PTO, and Western Avenue PTO meetings last week. Questions were asked about how we came across some of our decisions in planning for school and our calendar. Thank you to Dr. Barrett for presenting at the Joint PTO meeting. It was well received and appreciated. There were great questions and feedback about the survey. The Facility Task Force met today, and overall; the district is doing a great job in addressing issues. The Technology Task Force met to discuss capital planning, cyber security updates, student data privacy updates and new copiers.

**12. NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:50 p.m., motion by Juby, second by Cabeen and with unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED November 16, 2020  
(Date)

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