



**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 Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at 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: Larry Cabeen, Dan Choi, Jackie Forbes, Tammie Meek, Vice President/Finance Committee Chair Mike McCormick, Policy Committee Chair Alicia Saxton, President Taylor Egan. Late: None. Absent: None.

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

District staff present: Todd Latham, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services; Dr. Andy Barrett, Assistant Superintendent Learning & Teaching; Dr. Adam Law, Assistant Superintendent Personnel Services; Dr. Kent Mutchler, Superintendent.

Others present: Ashlee White, Kristin Jones, Vince Petrucci, Amanda Lane, Linnea Mason, Matt Mason, David & Claudia Eichelberger, Karen Bismarck, Stephanie Fellingner, Jean Smith, Erin DiSilvestro, Kristin Lesniak, Thomas Lesniak, Emily Erickson, Lauren Solner, Chrissi Bretz, Brad Raschke, Hailey Raschke, Ryan Deniz.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Policy 2:220)

1. Special Session, September 21, 2021
2. Executive Session, September 21, 2021
3. Regular Session, September 27, 2021
4. Executive Session, September 27, 2021

Motion by McCormick, second by Cabeen, to approve the above-listed minutes, items 2.1-2.4. On roll call, Ayes, seven (7), Cabeen, Choi, Forbes, McCormick, Meek, Saxton, Egan. Nays, none (0). Absent, none (0). Abstained, none (0).

3. RECOGNITION, AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Elementary A&E Program Review – Dr. Andy Barrett
 Assistant Superintendent for Learning & Teaching Dr. Andy Barrett shared a review of the elementary Acceleration & Enrichment Program. He stated that the current program structure, for identified students, is 50 minutes of AE reading for 3rd graders, 50 minutes of AE reading and 60 minutes of AE math for both 4th and 5th graders. Recent modifications include the elimination of 3rd grade math block, an increase of instructional time for AE math in 4th and 5th grades from 45 to 60 minutes, and an increase in reading time at all grade levels from 45 to 60 minutes. As with any program, there are hurdles to jump. The current classroom reading block is 90 minutes, compared to 50 minutes for AE reading. Students must be identified for this program, which is done through MAP (Measures of

Academic Progress) and CogAT (Cognitive Ability Test) testing. Historical trends show that enrollment in the AE reading program have increased. As we move forward, we will continue to reflect on best practices and data, have ongoing collaboration with elementary AE faculty, administration, and classroom teachers, consider potential programmatic adjustments, make recommendations to the Board in the coming months, and implement potential programmatic adjustments in the future.

Board comments, questions, concerns: With the hit from COVID, do you see it rebounding in AE? (The numbers from the COVID year are not about identifying less kids. It was about the structure. Online classes did not officially have anyone registered in AE classes.) Do you have data for the math program? (Not with me.) Is there a cap on the number of students that can participate? (We have never had a cap.) When we talk about the identification of students, I am assuming you are looking at the process beginning in 2nd grade? (Yes, and the 3rd grade process also.) When CogAT went to computers, did you remove the teacher component a little bit and are you looking at ways to incorporate more of the teacher component? (Possibly, because the CogAT test is a unique test, and 2nd graders are little for this kind of assessment.) You noted a difference between the classroom and AE blocks, but is that also the case with math, or are those aligned? (Those were aligned.)

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."

Jackie Forbes shared that there is not much to report at the State and federal levels at this time. She did share that the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) will be having their delegate assembly on November 20th. She will begin reviewing the resolutions that will be proposed and come back to the Board with more information.

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

The Superintendent shared that there are many things happening in the district. Thank you to those who made homecoming possible for our high school students. The dance was held on Burgess Field, which was unique, and it worked out well. The weather cooperated. We are in the process of looking at building data meetings, which assist in programming for students. There is professional development (PD) taking place throughout the district. There were workshops last Friday and building level PD happening. The topic at the elementary level was reading and using the new Fountas & Pinnell materials. We have the Health Life Safety inspections that are going well, as our maintenance crew does a great job of keeping our buildings in good shape. Observations are also taking place for evaluations.

6. BOARD DIALOGUE TOPICS & PENDING ACTION CONSIDERATION

1. Board Action on Red Ribbon Week Resolution

This resolution is approved every year for Red Ribbon Week. We will have members of our SADD Club here at the next meeting to talk about what they have been doing.

Board comments, questions, concerns: Can the wording of the resolution be changed? (This is not something, as a Board, that we can do.)

Motion by McCormick, second by Forbes, to approve the above-listed resolution, item 6.1. On roll call, Ayes, seven (7), Cabeen, Choi, Forbes, McCormick, Meek, Saxton, Egan. Nays, none (0). Absent, none (0). Abstained, none (0).

2. Blanket Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Proceedings Before State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board

This resolution fits with the Intergovernmental Agreement that we have. We are recommending approval of this resolution.

Motion by Cabeen, second by Choi, to approve the above-listed resolution, item 6.2. On roll call, Ayes, seven (7), Cabeen, Choi, Forbes, McCormick, Meek, Saxton, Egan. Nays, none (0). Absent, none (0). Abstained, none (0).

7. WORK-STUDY TOPICS & FUTURE ACTION CONSIDERATION

8. INFORMATION

1. Board Meeting/Presentation Schedule
2. FOIA Requests (Policy 2:250)

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

Paul, Lisa, GMSS, Science, 1.0 FTE, effective 10/5/21-11/23/21
Martin, Sandy, WES, Grade 3, 1.0 FTE, effective 1/10/22-3/15/22
Miller, Janet, WES, Kindergarten, 1.0 FTE, effective 1/24/22-4/1/22
Miller, Janet, WES, Grade 2, 1.0 FTE, effective 4/1/22-5/27/22
Schaefer, Rebecca, WES, Grade 3, 1.0 FTE, effective 12/1/21-12/22/21

FMLA Certified Staff

Krahulec, Katie, GMSS, Science, effective 10/5/21-4/12/22
Stegenga, Alexandria, GHS, Librarian, effective 1/10/22-4/12/22

Leave of Absence Certified Staff

Stegenga, Alexandria, GHS, Librarian, effective 4/13/22-5/27/22

New Hires Support Staff

Rollins, Christena, All Buildings, Custodian, effective 10/11/21
Granzine, Ronae, WES, Library Assistant, effective 10/4/21

Resignations Support Staff

Lee, Kimberly, CO, Administrative Assistant, effective 10/12/21

Reclassification Support Staff

Mourek, Kathleen, GMSS, Library Assistant to Building Technician, effective 10/18/21

2. Gifts, Grants, Bequests: \$1,500, Geneva State Bank, for GHS Athletics
3. Pay Request: \$197,550, Preservation Services, Inc., 2021-2022 roof repairs at GHS, Boiler House & HSS

Motion by Cabeen, second by Meek, to approve the above-listed, items 9.1-9.3. On roll call, Ayes, seven (7), Cabeen, Choi, Forbes, McCormick, Meek, Saxton, Egan. Nays, none (0). Absent, none (0). Abstained, none (0).

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(PRESS Policy 2:230) Per Board Policy 2:230, attendees wishing to formally address the Board must register their intention to participate in the public portion(s) of the meeting upon their arrival at the meeting. Complete the form 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.

Several parents and community members came before the Board to share their thoughts and concerns regarding the mask mandate, rules for parent volunteers, and not being allowed to attend Board meetings unmasked.

The Board President shared that she and another Board member were able to sit down with a community member, who expressed that the Board does not respond during public comment, which is how this Board, and others, operate. They said the simple act of acknowledging public speakers would be appreciated, and the Board does appreciate those who take the time to come out and share their thoughts and concerns.

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 recent Technology Task Force meeting, where they discussed current work in the IT field and future work coming. The Technology Department is working hard to comply with the new SOPPA Act. They commended the department for the new 304Hub for staff and students that was rolled out. Board members were also involved in the recent homecoming activities

and the Fabyan Elementary Walk to School Day. A shout out to Mayor Burns and Northwestern for showing up at Western Avenue Elementary events. The Board meetings are public meetings, and we abide by the Open Meetings Act. These meetings are where we get our business done. The Board understands that many of you are frustrated with the mandates, but these are not Board decisions. The reason everyone is frustrated is because you want to get rid of masks, and unfortunately, we are not doing that. This is a matter of public health and student/staff safety. It was shared that our rules do not mean that we do not agree with you. As Board members, we do have debates. We can have different views, but we are all fighting for the same thing. There is work that needs to be done to bridge the gap so that the community understands the responsibilities of the Board. No policy has been changed regarding volunteers. Building leaders are making the decisions for their buildings. We are all making weighted decisions, and if something happened to even one child, we would feel responsible. We are asking that you step outside of your comfort area and consider, not just your child, but all children that could be affected. Geneva has done an amazing job through all of this, and yes, there have been heated debates. If we remain respectful and understand that we can have different views, we will see that we are all fighting for the same cause.

12. NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:17 p.m., motion by McCormick, second by Choi and with unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED October 25, 2021
(Date)

_____ PRESIDENT

SECRETARY _____

_____ RECORDING
SECRETARY