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GENEVA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 304 227 NORTH FOURTH STREET, GENEVA, KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Board of Education Finance Committee met at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2025, at Coultrap Educational Services Center, 227 North Fourth Street, Geneva, Illinois.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Jackie Forbes.

Committee members present: Dan Choi, Jackie Forbes, Paul Radlinski.

Staff present: Matt Johnson, Director of Transportation; Todd Latham, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services; Dr. Andy Barrett, Superintendent.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT (Policy 2:230)**

None.

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

1. February 10, 2025

Motion by Radlinski, second by Choi, to approve item, 3.1 as presented. Ayes, three (3), Choi, Forbes, Radlinski. Nays, none (0). Absent, none (0). Abstained, none (0). Motion carried unanimously.

4. **DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION**

1. 2025-26 Preliminary Transportation Budget – Matt Johnson

Matt Johnson shared the 2025-26 preliminary transportation budget. Staff will consist of four office staff, two mechanics, one bus washer, sixty-seven bus drivers, and eight bus monitors. The fleet includes twenty 72-passenger propane buses, twenty-five 72-passenger diesel buses, fifteen 30-passenger buses, four 27-passenger buses, nine 21-passenger buses with lift, and four MFSAB. Revenue is estimated at \$4,567,675 and includes property taxes, interest income, rider fees, bus sales, and state transportation claim reimbursements. Expenses are estimated at \$5,053,400 and includes salaries, benefits, purchased services, supplies/materials, capital purchases, other objects, bus parts, and non-capital purchases. Todd Latham shared a five-year comparison of revenue and expenses.

Comments, questions, concerns: If you look out over the next couple of years, when will we have a balanced budget or do we ever get to a balanced budget? (We should get to this in the next year or so, when we finish replacing our fleet.) At this point, what are our oldest buses in the fleet? (Our oldest buses in the fleet include some 20-passenger buses that are 2017. As for the larger buses, the older ones are 2018.) Was the strategy we came up with to replace them every five years or was it longer? (We are trying to get them into a five-year rotation.) Is the problem that we cannot get deliveries? (At the moment, deliveries of the smaller buses has been tough.) What is the logic and rationale behind someone rebating us \$70,000? (These

rebates were from the Propane Association, which were to be sent to the dealer we purchased the buses through. The rationale was to entice us to purchase propane buses.) For the new buses coming in, how many are propane? (The state bid buses were all gasoline, but for new buses we have five propane coming in.) Am I correct to say that we have shifted that ratio from the larger buses to the smaller buses? (That is correct.) Do we use any of the smaller buses for the regular routes? (Four of the new buses we are waiting for will be used for regular routes.)

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Capital Projects Review

6. ITEMS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO FULL BOARD (Policy 2:150)

1. 2025-26 Preliminary Transportation Budget – Matt Johnson

Motion by Forbes, second by Choi, to move item, 6.1 as presented, to the full board.

Ayes, three (3), Choi, Forbes, Radlinski. Nays, none (0). Absent, none (0).

Abstained, none (0). Motion carried unanimously.

7. INFORMATION

1. Legislative Update

8. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:29 p.m., motion by Forbes, second by Radlinski, and with unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED April 14, 2025
Date

Jackie Forbes CHAIRPERSON

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