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

The Board of Education Policy Committee met at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2026, at Coultrap Educational Services Center, 227 North Fourth Street, Geneva, Illinois.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Committee Chair Bellino.

Committee members present: Molly Ansari, Stephanie Bellino. Absent: Willard C. Hooks Jr.

District staff present: Shonette Sims, Assistant Superintendent Learning and Teaching; Dr. Andy Barrett, Superintendent.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT (Policy 2:230)

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Policy 2:220)

1. December 15, 2025

Motion by Ansari, second by Bellino, to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes, two (2), Ansari, Bellino. Nays, none (0). Absent, one (1), Hooks. Abstained, none (0). Motion carried unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION / POSSIBLE FUTURE CONSIDERATION

1. Policy 4:80, Accounting and Audits – Updated

Administration recommends not adopting the additional language. Auditors are not sure they can get this done by October 15.

2. Policy 6:60, Curriculum Content – Updated

This policy was discussed at the last policy meeting and brought back for additional discussion. There was an optional sentence regarding the “Irish Famine.” We are recommending not adding this to the policy. A lot of what was included was information on health standards. Some of this is going to take some time to collaborate with our teachers and staff. More significant conversations will be with elementary staff. We need to look at what we have in terms of the second step program. Our understanding is that we will have enough leeway when we are audited by the State. The rest of the language will be adopted and there will be work on our part to see where this fits in. Do we know if there is a company that has created curriculum around this age group? (Not that we know of. We spoke with the people who do Faith’s Law to see if they have anything.)

3. Policy 6:130, Program for Acceleration and Enrichment – Updated

This policy was updated with additional language, and our program aligns with this.

4. Policy 6:160, English Learners – Updated

This policy was updated with language changes.

5. Policy 6:210, Instructional Materials – Updated

This policy has a question regarding approval of instructional materials. What we are doing right now is the board approves all textbooks and primary instructional materials. There has been conversation at the board table that it seems perfunctory, because by the time it comes to the board teachers have spent three years looking at materials. The question is what

would be considered primary resources. We consider it anything that is a common required experience for all kids at a certain level or course. There are many resources and curriculum that teachers use that do not come to the board. What we have been doing has been working so it would be my recommendation that we leave the language the way it is. The board has never not approved a book, but it has created some conversation. The vote on it does carry more weight. Not all votes have been unanimous. We are good leaving as is.

6. Policy 6:220, Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices – Updated

This policy has legal updates.

7. Policy 6:260, Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Program – Updated

This policy has legal updates that outline steps parents can take if they have a question or concern about the curriculum.

8. Policy 6:280, Grading and Promotion – Review & Monitoring

This policy is up for a five-year review. There are no updates needed at this time.

9. Policy 6:300, Graduation Requirements – Updated

This policy was updated with language changes that removed the requirement to learn how to vote, but it was added back in somewhere.

10. Policy 6:310, High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students – Updated

This policy was updated in response to a law change that was amended. It deletes a provision and changes what was allowed of the tech programs for high school students.

11. Policy 6:315, High School Credit for Students in Grade 7 or 8 – Updated

This policy was updated with new language regarding how students could get high school credit for a course taken at the middle school level. We do this in some capacity, and it gives us more flexibility. Some courses count as a prerequisite, but not as credit.

12. Policy 6:320, High School Credit for Proficiency – Updated

This policy was updated in response to a law change allowing students to choose one year of career and technical education to meet graduation requirements.

13. Policy 7:10, Equal Educational Opportunities – Updated

This policy was updated in response to a law change prohibiting districts from taking any action that would deny a child a free public education.

14. Policy 7:70, Attendance and Truancy – Updated

This policy was updated in response to a law change requiring an approval process for students to attend allowable activities by the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year.

15. Policy 7:150, Agency and Law Enforcement Requests – Rewritten

This policy was rewritten and falls in line with our current practices. We have a sound relationship with our law enforcement officials. Over the last several years the role that law enforcement plays within the school has changed and our schools are a safe place, and you cannot just walk in without checking in first. Where it says we must establish a policy by July 1, 2026, by adopting this policy are we establishing this policy? (This acknowledges that we have those procedures in place.)

16. Policy 7:180, Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment – Updated

This policy was updated with additional language on AI, cyber bullying, and digital replicas.

17. Policy 7:190, Student Behavior – Updated

This policy was updated with additional language regarding firearms on school grounds.

18. Policy 7:290, Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention – Updated

This policy was updated in response to a law change requiring districts to insert the same contact information for the suicide prevention hotline required on student IDs onto staff ID cards.

19. Policy 7:310, Restrictions on Publications; K-8 Schools – Updated

This policy has legal reference updates.

20. Policy 7:315, Restrictions on Publications; High Schools – Updated

This policy has legal reference updates.

21. Policy 7:340, Student Records – Updated

This policy was updated to match the School Student Records Act.

22. Policy 8:30, Visitors to and Conduct on School Property – Updated

This policy was updated for continuous improvement and some legal references.

23. 2026-2027 Policy Committee Meeting Calendar Draft

This calendar is in line with the Board meeting calendar. This also reflects the change we made earlier in the year where we now have the policy meeting before the first board meeting of the month.

Motion by Ansari, second by Bellino, to approve moving items 4.1-4.23 forward to the full board as presented. Ayes, two (2), Ansari, Bellino. Nays, none (0). Absent, one (1), Hooks. Abstained, none (0). Motion carried unanimously.

5. INFORMATION

None.

6. OUTSTANDING POLICY CLEANUP & REVIEW *

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:34 p.m., on a motion by Bellino, a second by Ansari, and with unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED _____
Date

_____ CHAIRPERSON
Stephanie Bellino

SECRETARY _____
Bonnie J. Johnson