



Geneva Community Unit School District 304
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Board of Education Report

To: Dr. Kent Mutchler, Superintendent
Board of Education – Finance Committee

From: Dean Romano, Assistant Superintendent – Business Services

Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Meeting: Monday, May 13, 2019

Agenda Item:

Financial Software Review

Item Type:	Consent	Action	Information	Discussion
Recommended Motion:	N/A			
Vision Connection:	Effective Communicators			
Policy Reference (if applicable):	4:10 – FISCAL AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT			

Background Information:

Earlier this spring, administration conducted a review of several of the top-rated financial software systems for schools to compare them with the current functionality found within the district's existing Skyward financial software. As a reminder, the district's financial software houses all the financial data and provides support for many of our human resources functions. Three companies were selected for review including PowerSchool and their eFinancePLUS software, TylerTech and their Infinite Visions software, and Skyward and their newest software called Qmlativ. The district review committee include Dr. Law, Mr. Wilkes and Dr. Romano representing Human Resources, Technology and the Business Office. Each organization was provided the opportunity to present to the committee and showcase their products and pricing.

At the conclusion of the review, it was determined that the best return on investment would be to not select a new platform or upgrade to Qmlativ. This determination was based on the estimated costs presented ranging from approximately \$15,000 to upgrade to the new Skyward software to over \$100,000 to move to a new financial software altogether. What was determined to be the best course of action at this time was to engage with Skyward to undergo a two-phase consulting partnership which would look at current district practices within both the finance and human resource areas of the existing software and build on these with consultant feedback. The first phase of this work looking at financial practices with a focus on purchasing was recently completed and feedback provided. This effort has provided guidance on process improvements for the district

purchasing workflow. The second phase of the consulting work looking at the human resource supports is tentatively schedule for after the start of the new school year.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A
