



**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 24, 2022, 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

Board members present: Molly Ansari, Stephanie Bellino, Dan Choi, Finance Committee Chair Jackie Forbes, President Mike McCormick, Paul Radlinski. Late: None. Absent: Vice-President Larry Cabeen.

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

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

Others present: Melissa Bradley, Mia Bradley, Lisa Meister, Sophia Tuisl, Annabelle Tomko, Julianna Drew, Siobhan Drew, Matt Drew, Ashley Andreuccetti.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Policy 2:220)

1. Regular Session, October 11, 2022
2. Executive Session, October 11, 2022

Motion by Choi second by Radlinski, to approve the above-listed minutes, items 2.1-2.2. On roll call, Ayes, six (6), Ansari, Bellino, Choi, Forbes, McCormick, Radlinski. Nays, none (0). Absent, one (1), Cabeen. Abstained, none (0).

3. RECOGNITION, AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Tradition of Excellence: GHS Students (Policy 6:330)
Girls Tennis

Girls Tennis State Qualifiers

Julianna Drew
Annabelle Tomko

2. GHS Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD Club) - Daniel Davis, Sophia Tuisl, Mia Bradley & GHS Sponsors Lisa Meister & Ashley Andreuccetti

Staff and students from the Geneva High School SADD Club shared information on Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week came about when an undercover DEA officer was killed by a drug cartel in Mexico. In 1988, his family started to wear red ribbons to keep his legacy alive, which became a national drug prevention week. The nation celebrates this message each year to take responsibility for health and making good choices about substance abuse. Statistics show that teens who are more

involved in their community have a sense of stability and are less likely to participate in bad behaviors. There are six principles we follow to facilitate a healthy, drug free lifestyle: (1) finding a natural high that is your passion; (2) surrounding yourself with positive pure influences; (3) finding a positive mentor to encourage you; (4) having a firm belief in your talents and abilities; (5) setting goals for your future; and (6) building resilience to help you get through challenges in life. This year's theme is "Celebrate Life, Live Drug Free." This means encouraging your friends, family, and community to continue making smart, healthy choices. It is important to acknowledge the pressure that society puts on us, but most important we must be brave together by resisting unhealthy decisions. At the high school, we are helping students build assets where they give back to their community with our annual food drive. We are also working with GTV students in broadcasts to promote healthy decision choices and standing up to peer pressure. Notices go out to parents with signs that might indicate their children are using, along with resources that help to intercede at various stages. Making mistakes is a key point of growing up, and kids make better decisions by having consequences. Most addiction starts in the teenage years. Teens are hypersensitive to the perception of their friends' behaviors, and they grossly overestimate how many of their peers are using drugs and alcohol. As a community, we can work together by providing fun, healthy things to do through Park District programs, our city planning, and our school district extracurricular plans, so that teens have a safe and fun environment to participate in with their friends and that offer adult supervision and guidance. As for parents, we encourage you to about talk healthy decision-making within your own families.

Board comments, questions, concerns: Do you see some of your colleagues struggling a little more post COVID? (Yes, especially post COVID. They are using it as a coping mechanism.) What you are doing is amazing!

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."

Nothing currently.

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

The Superintendent shared that we are coming up on the end of the first trimester at the elementary level. We are at that point where we can see how our students are doing and do things to keep them on track. We have also begun planning for next year, which you will see with the upcoming presentation on recommended courses at the high school. There is other planning going on that you will hear about at upcoming meetings. Also, you can tell by the Tradition of Excellence awards that we are getting close to being in between activity seasons. For the first time, there is no school on election day on November 8, as it is recognized as a state holiday.

6. BOARD DIALOGUE TOPICS & PENDING ACTION CONSIDERATION

1. IASB Legislative Resolutions

Jackie Forbes reviewed the legislative resolutions with the other board members to determine how our district should vote at the upcoming annual conference in November. These recommendations are not recommendations for policy or law. It was agreed that on resolutions 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8-16, the board would support the recommendations to adopt and on resolutions 2 and 6, it was agreed that the board would not support the recommendations.

Board comments, questions, concerns: For resolution #3, 1500 feet away would be better. We should take a stance on whatever we can with gun control. It will not make a huge difference for us, but it is a step in the right direction, and it might help other districts who do have this problem. (We should support other districts with this issue.)

7. WORK-STUDY TOPICS & FUTURE ACTION CONSIDERATION

1. GHS Proposal for New & Modified Courses for 2023-2024

Associate Principal Doug Drexler shared with the board new and modified course recommendations for the 2023-24 school year. These recommendations are unlikely to require significant changes in staffing, space, or materials and have been reviewed by the GHS department chairs, building

leadership team, building administration, secondary principals, and the administrative cabinet. The new courses proposed are: (1) Investment Management, which will introduce juniors and seniors to the world of personal investment management; (2) Modern Mass Media, which will be offered as a dual credit course with Waubensee Community College; and (3) AP Macroeconomics, which will provide juniors and seniors with an understanding of the principles of economics that apply to the economic system as a whole. The modified courses proposed are: (1) Yearbook Production, which will be opened up to sophomores and will allow juniors and seniors to take this course a second time as "Advanced Yearbook Production"; (2) Honors Precalculus, which is more of a course title change with the addition of an AP exam in May; and (3) Teaching Internship, which will allow students to repeat this internship experience in a different grade level and/or subject area.

Board comments, questions, concerns: Is Investment Management in place of Personal Finance? (It could be, but there will still be Personal Finance. They could do both, but we do not suspect that most will.) With the Honors Precalculus, will there be both Honors Precalculus and Honors Precalculus AP? (Yes.) Will there still be a regular Macroeconomics course? (Yes.)

8. INFORMATION

1. Board Meeting/Presentation Schedule (Policy 2:220)
2. 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)

FMLA Certified Staff

Kosecki, Lauren, GHS, LBS, effective 4/3/23-5/26/23

Gratz, Lisa, GMSN/GMSS/FES/GELP, Certified Nurse, effective 11/28/22-1/6/23

Retirement Certified Staff

Dowd, LoriAnn, GHS, English Teacher, effective 12/22/22

Retirement-Adjusted Certified Staff

Horrigan, Lynn, GHS, Special Education Teacher, effective 5/26/23

New Hires Support Staff

Sadnavitch, Matthew, MCS, 2nd Shift Custodian, effective 10/19/22

DeRosa, Ryan, GHS, Special Education Assistant, effective 10/24/22

Dixon, Sherry, TRANS, Bus Driver, effective 11/9/22

Resignation Support Staff

Lopez, Bret, HSS, Special Education Assistant, effective 10/28/22

FMLA Support Staff

Burkitt, Kelly, GMSS, Library Assistant, effective 10/11/22-11/22/22

Baker, Tim, CO, Safety & Security Coordinator, effective 10/19/22-Intermittent

Ortega, Eloi, HES, Custodian, effective 10/10/22-11/4/22

Schultz, Donald, GHS, Custodian, effective 10/11/22-10/21/22

Reclassification/Transfer Support Staff

Fanou, Marianthi, GHS, 2nd Shift Custodian at MCS to 2nd Shift Custodian at GHS, effective 10/19/22

Murad, Toni, GMSS, 2nd Shift Custodian at GMSS to On-Call Custodian, effective 10/31/22

2. Monthly Financial Report – September (Policy 4:50)

3. Pay Request #4 & #5: \$171,888.65, Johnson Controls, for DDC Upgrade at GMSN

4. Gifts, Grants, Bequests: \$500, Whitt Law LLC, for Leadership Breakfast

Motion by Forbes second by Ansari, to approve the above-listed, items 9.1-9.4. On roll call, Ayes, six (6), Ansari, Bellino, Choi, Forbes, McCormick, Radlinski. Nays, none (0). Absent, one (1), Cabeen. 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.*

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

The Music Boosters met last week, and they are doing great things for kids. Their wreath sale is taking place now through November 9. There is a Theater Booster meeting coming up, and you should know there are a couple of shows coming up. They are “The Diary of Anne Frank” at the high school and “Night of the Wax Museum” at Geneva Middle School South the weekend of November 4-6. The Williamsburg PTO met last week, and they are doing great things there. Board members attended the Technology Task Force meeting last week, where we were updated on a few things. There may be delays on projects, but the PowerSchool software will be launching in the spring. Heartland Elementary School had their Trunk or Treat event on Friday, which was great because the weather was great. GTV did an excellent job airing the last football game. The students who were calling that game were truly knowledgeable in football. There was a Facilities Task Force meeting today, and O&M is doing a fantastic job of maintaining our buildings. Costs are high right now, and there are some delays on orders, but Scott Ney has been working with vendors to get parts ordered in advance.

12. NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:45 p.m., motion by Forbes, second by Choi and with unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED _____
(Date)

_____ PRESIDENT

SECRETARY _____

_____ RECORDING
SECRETARY