



**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 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 13, 2017, at the Coultrap Educational Services Center, 227 North Fourth Street, Geneva, Illinois.

**1. CALL TO ORDER (Bylaws 0163 & 0164)**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Dave Lamb.

Committee members present: Tom Anderson, Dave Lamb, Mike McCormick, Kelly Nowak.

Staff present: Todd Latham, Director of Business Services; Dr. Kent Mutchler, Superintendent.

Others present: Leslie Juby, Mary Stith, Taylor Egan.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT (Bylaw 0167.3)**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Bylaw 0168.1)**

3.1 October 10, 2017

Motion by McCormick, second by Nowak, to approve the minutes as presented.

Ayes, four (4) Anderson, Lamb, McCormick, Nowak. Nays, none (0). Absent, none (0). Abstained, none (0). Motion carried unanimously.

**4. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION (Bylaw 0155)**

4.1 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Review

Todd Latham, Director of Business Services, presented to the committee the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter review. Revenue received is at 32%. Currently, Local funds are 32%, State funds are 30%, and Federal funding is at 15%. The first quarter General State Aid payments have not been made, creating a shortfall in revenue of \$676,545.

Expenditures are at 13%, trending well under the 25% mark. Overall, we are comparable to last year's expenditures with the exception of capital and non-capital outlays. These were reduced due to project completions.

Comments, questions, concerns: What does "other" consist of? (This is kind of a 'catch all' category that might consist of fees and contractual expenses. An itemized list would have to be printed to know exactly what is under this category.)

4.2 2017 Budget vs. Actual

Todd Latham, Director of Business Services, presented to the committee an update on the 2017 budget versus actual. In the Education Fund, \$62,276,229 was budgeted and \$58,599,084 expended. In the Operation & Maintenance Fund, \$12,739,046 was budgeted and \$11,714,270 was expended. In the Transportation Fund, \$5,484,458 was budgeted and \$5,520,622 was expended. In the Operating Fund, \$82,912,335 was budgeted and \$78,322,716 was expended. Overall, the

district did a great job of keeping expenses down.

Comments, questions, concerns: If you look at the last five years, it looks as though the CPI has been relatively low.

#### 4.3 End of Year Report

Todd Latham, Director of Business Services, presented to the committee an end of year report. The district realized a rise in Local revenues due to a modest increase in CPI. The addition of TIF 3 had an impact on revenue by the City of Geneva. The local economy is stable, EAV is increasing, and new construction has continued with steady growth. The State was deficient in payments and as a result, a drop in anticipated State revenue occurred. Revenues for FY17 were budgeted at \$812,838,152, with \$80,141,253 being received.

For the most part, expenses remained stable from one year to the next with the exception of benefits. The district realized an increased cost of 3.2%. Salaries increased in line with agreements. Administration continues to monitor the cost of utilities while looking at alternatives. Operations & Maintenance, along with Technology completed large capital plan projects and will require less funding in FY18. Expenses for FY17 were budgeted at \$83,067,896, with actuals coming in at \$81,443,282.

Comments, questions, concerns: Are these our audited numbers? (No. You will get the audited numbers next month.)

#### 4.4 Abatement Resolution

The Superintendent shared with the committee that this resolution, along with another resolution, will be brought forward to the full Board for approval this evening. He thanked the Board members for keeping the district in check. We have done many projects and our staff has done a great job of getting them done as efficiently as possible. Keeping up on the maintenance of our buildings helps to keep things in check before it costs the district much more.

### 5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

#### 5.1 December

- Technology Presentation
- Auditor's Report

### 6. ITEMS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO FULL BOARD (Bylaw 0155)

Motion by Nowak, second by McCormick, to item 4.4 forward to the full Board as presented. Ayes, four (4) Anderson, Lamb, McCormick, Nowak. Nays, none (0). Absent, none (0). Abstained, none (0). Motion carried unanimously.

### 7. INFORMATION

#### 7.1 Legislative Update

The Superintendent shared that the CPPRT is taking funding away from the district even though they say they are not. We do not know yet how the new property tax based on evidence-based funding will turn out for us because the formulas have not been worked out clearly. It is good to have evidence-based funding, because there is greater fairness across the districts, but now in actuality and practice there are people trying to dismantle and make it work in a way it was not intended to.

Comments, questions, concerns: With the Federal Tax Reform is there any preliminary indication of how it will affect schools? (We have asked that same question and we really do not know how it will work out. Education is not at the

forefront of our national politicians.)

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:32 p.m., motion by McCormick, second by Nowak, and with unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ CHAIRPERSON  
(Date) David Lamb

SECRETARY \_\_\_\_\_ RECORDING  
Dr. Kent Mutchler Bonnie J. Johnson SECRETARY