



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: Thursday, July 16, 2020

Meeting: Monday, July 20, 2020

Agenda Item:

2020-2021 Draft Budget

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:

Geneva CUSD 304 has established multiple defined stages for the annual district budget development. The process begins with the development of a preliminary budget for specific components including Technology, Operations & Maintenance, Transportation and the Education Fund as a whole. These preliminary budgets are created using estimated figures and expenditures are allocated based on district goals. While these preliminary budgets are often adjusted prior to a final budget adoption, they provide a vision and planning tool for administration to begin their efforts in preparing for the new school year.

The next step in the budget development process is to create an initial “Draft” budget which incorporates all estimated revenues and expenditures within each fund within the District’s overall budget. This process builds upon the preliminary budgets and utilizes assumptions developed by the business office staff and reviewed with the Board of Education Finance Committee and shared with the Board of Education.

Illinois statute requires that school districts formally approve a tentative budget which is then placed on display for public review prior to holding a hearing on the finalized budget before the end of September each year. The tentative budget builds on the draft budget incorporating new data and analysis.

During the time period between the approval of the tentative budget and the final proposed budget in September, numerous revenue and expenditure data points are made known and original assumptions are replaced with final estimates. The most notable updates are made within the salary and benefit areas of the

budget when assumptions are replaced with actual salary and benefit election data after the first major payroll issuance has been completed.

Dr. Romano will present an overview of the draft budget and highlight some of the estimation and validation work scheduled over the next few weeks to finalize the tentative budget planned for adoption during the August 24th Board of Education meeting.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A
