

**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 5:45 p.m. on Monday, June 9, 2014, at Williamsburg Elementary School, 1812 Williamsburg Avenue, Geneva, Illinois.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Chairman Wilson.

Committee members present: Dave Lamb, Kelly Nowak, Bill Wilson, Tom Anderson (arrived at 5:58).

Administrators present: Todd Latham, Coordinator Business Services; Donna Oberg, Assistant Superintendent Business Services; Dr. Kent Mutchler, Superintendent

Others present: Leslie Juby

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 May 12, 2014

Motion by Lamb, second by Nowak, to approve the minutes as presented. Ayes, three (3). Nays, none (0) Absent, none (0). Motion carried unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION

4.1 2014-2015 Finance Committee Calendar Draft

This calendar has been approved by the Finance Committee and will be posted on 304Connects.

4.2 2014-2015 Preliminary Education Budget

Todd Latham, Director of Business Services, presented the 2014-2015 Preliminary Budget. Revenue assumptions are based on the property tax increase of 1%, less than 1% new EAV growth, General State Aid at 89% proration, State income tax reduction from 5% to 3.75%, student fees, stable enrollment, donation for Project Lead the Way, and the transfer of \$1,900,000 from transportation to education. The total projected revenue is \$58,814,187. No grant funding has been included, as we are still receiving that information from the State. The total revenue will increase by 2.08% from last year. Expenditure assumptions are based on salary increases, insurance increases, increased staffing for all-day kindergarten, OT/PT services/Mid Valley tuition increases, Technology Plan, Project Lead the Way expenses, and supplies and equipment for all-day kindergarten. The total projected expenses are \$58,738,749. We will see a surplus of revenue/expenses for 2014-2015.

Discussion, comments, questions: What grants does the district receive? (Title I, Title II, ELL, LIPLP, CTI, and Perkins) Will the grants offset the expenditures? (Yes) Should we consider halting the Technology Plan until we have more information on revenue? (We have to be careful with this as the Technology Plan funds CTP, PARCC and other programs.) If we lose state funding, how would this impact the district and what programs could be cut? Will this be deferred? (We don't have answers at this time. Equity is an issue, and it's possible we would have to lean on our reserves. We would want input from the Board and the staff to help identify what programs would have to be cut.) The District cannot keep looking to the community for funding. We need to try to identify now where the 15% would come from. We

should not look to the reserves as an answer as that would be short-term only. There has been an effort to reduce unfunded mandates, however the state requires us to teach specific curriculum. If you cut portions of the curriculum there would be a ripple effect. We also need to consider the new testing and evaluation systems. We need to include staff and parents in conversations to allow us to be creative in trimming the budget. We want to preserve the integrity of the District and quality student education. We do have a Twitter account that can be utilized to communicate with the community, staff and parents. Shouldn't we be looking at more grants such as technology and transportation and possibly bringing someone in to work with us? (Most grants are based on a district's poverty level in which we would not qualify.) What will our 2nd step be? (The first step would be to delay projects and the 2nd step would be to consider cutting programs.) How would the district decide what programs to cut? (We would start with our mission statement and what we want our students to achieve.) Other districts are finding other ways to bring in revenue such as advertising on their buses. Salary expenses have increased, is this because we hired new teachers for all-day kindergarten? (In part yes, this is a part of this.) How is enrollment looking? There are new programs at the high school for 2014-2015, how are students responding to these? (We are still working on enrollment and should know more in the next couple of weeks.) What is included in supplies that are to be purchased? (Supplies and materials for all-day kindergarten, Project Lead the Way, and for CTP.) Are all student fees increasing for 2014-2015? (No, only kindergarten fees because they are going from a half day to a full day.) Have there been any significant changes to the O & M Transportation budget for 2014-2015 since presented? (Yes, Special Education transportation.)

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

5.1 Treasurer Report

The Assistant Superintendent of Business will come back to the Finance Committee with a report that will paint a clearer picture of this report.

Discussion, comments, questions: We should consider getting an update on 5 Share and how we are using it and could use it. (We do belong to a user group called "The Unit" that helps us to identify what data we want to collect and allows us to collaborate with large and small school districts. District administrators attended a group meeting last month at Kaneland. This group adds data that is not something you can access statewide. We will need to start small and move to a larger data collection where we can pull from multiple years. The user group allows us to see what other districts are doing or have done in our area.)

6. ITEMS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO FULL BOARD

6.1 Education Budget

7. INFORMATION

7.1 Legislative Update

Pension reform has been delayed until fall. Senate Bill 16 has passed through the Senate and the mandates are included, as the amendment striking them down was eliminated.

7.2 Status of State Funding

We are currently up to date on receiving state payments.

8. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:47 p.m., motion by Lamb, second by Nowak, and with unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED _____
(Date)

William R. Wilson

CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY _____
Dr. Kent Mutchler

Bonnie J. Johnson

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SECRETARY