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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, July 13, 2026, 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, Policy Committee Chair Stephanie Bellino, President Larry Cabeen, Dan Choi, Vice President/Finance Committee Chair Jackie Forbes, Willard Hooks, Paul Radlinski. Late: None. Absent: None.

The President welcomed everyone, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

District staff present: Todd Latham, Assistant Superintendent Business Services; Dr. George Petmezas, Assistant Superintendent Learning & Teaching; Dr. Adam Law, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel Services; Dr. Andy Barrett, Superintendent.

Others present: Cathy Fuller.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Policy 2:220)

1. Regular Session, June 15, 2026
2. Executive Session, June 15, 2026

Motion by Forbes second by Radlinski, to approve the above-listed minutes, items 2.1-2.2. On roll call, Ayes, five (5), Cabeen, Choi, Forbes, Hooks, Radlinski. Nays, none (0). Absent, none (0). Abstained, two (2), Ansari, Bellino.

3. RECOGNITION, AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. 2026-2027 Tentative Budget (Policy 4:10) – Todd Latham

Todd Latham presented the 2026-2027 tentative budget to the board. He reviewed the timeline, budget items, and changes to each fund. The budget includes funds from the education fund, O&M fund, debt service fund, transportation fund, retirement fund, capital projects fund, working cash fund, tort fund, and life safety fund. The draft budget had an estimated revenue of \$125,630,968 and estimated expenses of \$133,861,648. The tentative budget has an estimated revenue of \$125,510,388 and estimated expenses of \$134,215,448. This would leave an estimated fund balance of \$61,983,218. There is still the potential for changes as we continue to finalize the budget, which will be presented at the August meeting.

Board comments, questions, concerns: Do you anticipate buying more buses this year because money came in late last year? (Yes.) Are we moving toward propane? (Yes, this year we will max out the number of propane buses we can have.) Do you think we need to buy a new propane tank? (We will have to look into this.) If there is a

need for a new tank is that a capital expense? (Yes, from fund 20.) We talked about looking at our working cash fund and potentially moving those funds to other funds, so when would we do that? (When we feel comfortable or when there is a need.)

4. 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.

5. 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."

Jackie Forbes shared that she reviewed the end of session report received from the Illinois Association of School Boards. There are several bills that have passed and are now waiting for the governor's signature. There will be a veto session from November 17-19 and December 1-3. There is a chance for anything that did not pass the House or the Senate to come up during the veto session. Funding for the Evidence-Based Funding (EVF) this year was \$350,000,000, which is more than last year. The mandated categorical's were increased this year by \$68,000,000. She highlighted some bills that made it through the House and Senate and are now with the governor. They are Senate Bill 2427 and Senate Bill 3070. She also talked about House Bill 4862, having to do with employee mental health.

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

The Superintendent shared that the summer capital projects are ongoing and are running on time, on scope, and on budget. He also shared an update on the refinancing of Series 2016 and 2017 bonds. The present value savings from the 2017 bond refinancing is \$721,411 or 3.49% of the refunded bonds, together with the present value savings of \$1,472,660 from refinancing the 2016 bonds. He reviewed the timeline with the next step being to renew bond rating with S&P. We are on a mission for kids, with help from the community. He highlighted some things that have been donated such as new weights in the GHS weight room, a trailer for the RoboVikes, new playground equipment, and scholarships for our graduates.

7. BOARD DIALOGUE TOPICS & PENDING ACTION CONSIDERATION

1. Board Action on the 2026-2027 EL Curriculum Recommendation (Policy 6:40)
Motion by Bellino second by Choi, to approve the above-listed, item 7.1. On roll call, Ayes, seven (7), Ansari, Bellino, Cabeen, Choi, Forbes, Hooks, Radlinski. Nays, none (0). Absent, none (0). Abstained, none (0).

8. WORK-STUDY TOPICS & FUTURE ACTION CONSIDERATION

1. 2026-2027 Preliminary Resource/Textbook Adoption (Policy 6:40)
Dr. George Petmezas shared that the course for the proposed textbooks/resources were approved in the spring. They are dual credit courses that we have partnered with Waubensee Community College (WCC) on. WCC has sent us the required materials for the courses, which are what we are presenting tonight. These materials will be displayed at CESC and will come back at a future meeting for approval.

Board comments, questions, concerns: Are these hard copies? (They are hard copies in binder format.)

9. INFORMATION

1. Board Meeting/Presentation Schedule (Policy 2:220)
2. FOIA Requests & Board Correspondence (Policy 2:250)

10. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Personnel Report: Resignations, Retirements, Leave Requests, Changes in Assignment/FTE, New Hires (Policies 3:50, 5:200, 5:280)
2. Monthly Financials - June (Policy 4:40, 4:55)
3. Gifts, Grants, Bequests: \$9,500, Grace Power & Control LLC (\$4,000), Bob Jass Chevrolet, Inc. (\$1,500), Geneva Pool Service (\$4,000), for GHS athletic team supplies/uniforms/purchases/ other needs (Policy 8:80)
4. Gifts, Grants, Bequests: Trailer to be used for Robotics Club events valued at \$7,000, Ken Wilson (Policy 8:80)
5. Gifts, Grants, Bequests: \$17,900, FES PTO, for assemblies, birthday books, field trips, outdoor education, & classroom needs (Policy 8:80)
6. 2026-2027 Board Meeting Calendar – Updated
7. Suicide Prevention Services Agreement

Motion by Choi second by Radlinski, to approve the above-listed, items 10.1-10.7. On roll call, Ayes, seven (7), Ansari, Bellino, Cabeen, Choi, Forbes, Hooks, Radlinski. Nays, none (0). Absent, none (0). Abstained, none (0).

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Board members are looking forward to the upcoming board retreat where they will have a chance to visit some buildings to look at facility needs. Thank you to the donors for their generous donations. The Facilities Task Force met last Monday, and we are on time and on budget with capital projects. Brian Pedersen is already going out to bid on projects for next summer while we are still working on this year's projects. The Communications Task Force met today, and we talked about the new student information system (SIS), ParentVUE, facility needs, and changes to the Online Backpack. Thank you to Todd Latham for his budget presentation tonight. Thank you to Dr. Barrett for insight into some of the projects that are coming. It is important to keep the community informed and involved. A board member attended the Radiant Forms Art Show at the Geneva Public Library with work done by uniquely abled adults. Different mediums were used and there were ceramics that were done by partnering with Waubensee Community College.

12. NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 13. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONSIDER MATTERS PERTAINING TO APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, OR DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS WHO SERVE AS INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS IN A PARK, RECREATIONAL, OR EDUCATIONAL SETTING, OR SPECIFIC VOLUNTEERS OF THE PUBLIC BODY OR LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE PUBLIC BODY, INCLUDING HEARING TESTIMONY ON A COMPLAINT LODGED AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE, A SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL WHO SERVES AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR IN A PARK, RECREATIONAL, OR EDUCATIONAL SETTING, OR A VOLUNTEER OF THE PUBLIC BODY OR AGAINST LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE PUBLIC BODY TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY. HOWEVER, A MEETING TO CONSIDER AN INCREASE IN COMPENSATION TO A SPECIFIC EMPLOYEE THAT IS SUBJECT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WAGE INCREASE TRANSPARENCY ACT MAY NOT BE CLOSED AND MUST BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND POSTED AND HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACT [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)]. [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)] (Policy 2:220)**

At 8:00 p.m., motion by Bellino, second by Hooks, to go into executive session to consider matters pertaining to appointment, employment, compensation, or discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a

complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee that is subject to the local government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and must be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act.

At 8:15 p.m., the Board returned to open session.

14. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:15 p.m., motion by Forbes second by Bellino and with unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED _____ PRESIDENT
(Date)

SECRETARY _____