

Date: September 2, 2011
To: Board of Education
From: Kent Mutchler
Re: Illinois State Board of Education P.E. Waiver Renewal/ Public Hearing Overview

P.E. Waivers have been in place in Geneva C.U.S.D. 304 for the past 11 years:
2000/2001 through 2004/2005 (5 years); 2005/2006 through 2009/2010 (5 years)
January 2010/2011 through 2011/2012 academic year.

A hearing to waive or modify the daily physical education requirements **must be held on a day other than the day on which a regular board meeting is held.** The District is required to provide notice of the public hearing at least seven (7) days in advance of the hearing as follows:

- Publish a notice in a newspaper of general circulation
- Notify the Regional Superintendent
- Notify the State legislators affected by the request
- Notify the District's exclusive bargaining agent (GEA)

We need to schedule the public hearing on a day other than the day of a regular board meeting, and we need to send notice of the date, time and place according to statute. We are requesting that the Board consider holding the mandatory public hearing for the PE waiver renewal on Monday, October 3rd, Monday, October 17th, or Monday, November 7th.

Modification of State Board Rules and/or State Mandates, Illinois School Code IL CS 5/27-6

*A school board is authorized to excuse pupils enrolled in grades 11 and 12 from engaging in physical education courses if those pupils request to be excused for any of the following reasons: (1) for ongoing participation in an interscholastic athletic program, **cheerleading program, or pompon/dance program.*** (Bold, underlined text, modification to the language requested in Geneva's waiver application.)

New legislation enacted in August 2009 limits P.E. waivers to 2 years vs. 5 years and a total of 6 years. If the Board of Education approves the proposed waiver renewal, it would be considered the first of the two possible renewals under the new law. The next postmark deadline for submission of a waiver renewal application to the ISBE (for submission to the Illinois General Assembly) is Friday, January 13, 2012.

The State approved P.E. waiver renewal would be in conformity with Board Policy 2413.01, Physical Education Exemptions.

The number of Geneva High School P.E. exemptions requested by cheer/dance members equaled 31 in 2008/2009 (39 girls involved in cheer/dance); 13 in 2009-2010 (34 girls involved in cheer/dance); and 6 in 2010/2011 (64 girls involved in cheer/dance). Only 5 of the 6 girls requested a waiver for 2 quarters.