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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, October 28, 2024, 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, Vice President/Finance Committee Chair Jackie Forbes, Willard Hooks. Late: Dan Choi. Absent: Paul Radlinski.

The President welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

District staff present: Doug Drexler, Associate Principal Geneva High School; Tom Rogers, Principal Geneva High School; Todd Latham, Assistant Superintendent Business Services; Adam Law, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel Services; Dr. Andy Barrett, Superintendent.

Others present: Craig & Mandi Ward, Brenda Schory, Ame Kazmer, Jason Lasatz, Branden & Kristy Adkins, Brian & Kelly Torrence, Heather Bragg, Heather & Tim O'Rourke, Shawn, Karey & Audrey Makowski, Eric Hatzel, Marta Burggraf, Cathy Fuller, Phil Trimble, Cherie Clairmont, Timmy Adkins, Brandon Burggraf, Nolan Mayer, Christian Novay, Ryan O'Rourke, Ben Clairmont, Logan Novay, Matt Trimble, Nick Torrence, Dylan Ward, Blake Makowski.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Policy 2:220)

1. Regular Session, October 15, 2024
2. Executive Session, October 15, 2024

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

3. RECOGNITION, AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Tradition of Excellence: GHS Students (Policy 6:330)
Boys Golf

Timmy Adkins
Brandon Burggraf
Nolan Mayer
Christian Novay

Ryan O'Rourke
Ben Clairmont
Logan Novay
Matt Trimble

Nick Torrence
Dylan Ward
Blake Makowski

2. Proposed 2024 Draft Tax Year Levy (Policy 4:10) – Todd Latham

Todd Latham presented the 2024 draft levy, which is composed of the Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV), new property/construction, Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL), Consumer Price Index-Urban (CPI-U), tax rates/max rates, total extension, revenue recapture, and Truth in Taxation. The estimated 2025 tax receipts, minus the bonds and interest, are \$104,872,193 (3.53%). The tentative levy will be presented in November and the final levy and hearing in December. At the December meeting the board will vote on the Truth in Taxation Compliance Resolution, Certificate of Tax Levy, and Tax Levy Resolution.

Board comments, questions, concerns: For homes that are on the market, is there a calculation or rate that they use to determine a loss when a homeowner moves out of the district? (Taxes are set aside in the closing process, so there is no loss.) Is there a rate of people in our district that's show how many we lose or gain? (We do not lose out on any taxes when people move in or out.) So, it stays stable? (Yes.)

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 there is not much happening at the General Assembly until they have their two veto sessions in November. If the governor had vetoed anything prior to the November dates, then there could be a discussion and potential override of those bills. Any bills not moved to the governor's office could still be discussed in committees and moved forward. New bills are not proposed during veto sessions. After the election there will be another lame duck session.

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

The Superintendent shared that the district has started to plan for inclement weather, with the number one priority being in person learning.

- Weather is expected to improve – Late Start
- Bad weather all day & we have had time to prepare – E-learning Day
- Unexpected & severe storms – Emergency/No School Day

Community Engagement is part of our Strategic Plan and Sandy Riley, who is our Communication Coordinator, has been doing an excellent job with this. Our district signed on to be part of what is called the GPS Parent Series, which is a new resource for parents this year. The fall newsletter went out this week to all parents and community members. We also have two Community Connects events coming up. The first one will be January 22 at the Geneva Public Library.

The fall is a busy time with athletic transitions, fall performances, Principal's Day, Halloween, a half day Teacher Institute Day on November 1, and Federal Election Day, which is a day off for staff and students, on November 5.

At 7:34 p.m., Dan Choi joined the meeting.

7. BOARD DIALOGUE TOPICS & PENDING ACTION CONSIDERATION

1. IASB Legislative Resolutions

Jackie Forbes reviewed all resolutions with the board members and asked for feedback. All board members agreed that their vote should follow the recommendation by IASB.

8. WORK-STUDY TOPICS & FUTURE ACTION CONSIDERATION

1. Policy Updates: First Reading – **Updated, Reviewed & New** (Policy 2:240)
 1. Policy 2:260, Uniform Grievance Procedure – Updated
 2. Policy 2:265, Title IX Grievance Procedure - Rewritten
 3. Policy 5:100, Staff Development Program – Updated
 4. Policy 7:20, Harassment of Students Prohibited – Updated
 5. Policy 7:185, Teen Dating Violence Prohibited – Updated

Stephanie Bellino shared that these policies are all tied together due to changes at the Federal level to Title IX. These policies will go forward as a second reading at the next Board meeting.

2. GHS Proposed New and Modified Courses for 2025-2026

Doug Drexler shared that planning for the 2025-26 school year has already begun. The high school is proposing changes for next year in their culinary course pathway, with one new course replacing an existing course, and another existing course being shifted from a double-period course to a single-period course. International Foods would be replaced with Gourmet Foods with students being able to earn their Food Handler's License from the Illinois Department of Public Health. Restaurant Entrepreneurship would become a single-period course, which is possible because all students enrolling in this course would already have taken the same two pre-requisites. This course will also allow students to earn their Food Manager's License from the Illinois Department of Public Health. This proposal will be brought back at a future meeting for a vote.

9. INFORMATION

1. Board Meeting/Presentation Schedule (Policy 2:220)
2. FOIA Requests & Board Correspondence (Policy 2:250)
3. Suspension Report (Policy 7:200)
4. Out-of-State Trip Request (Policy 6:190)
5. Updated July & August Financials (Policy 4:10)

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 Financial Report – September (Policy 4:50)
3. Gifts, Grants, Bequests: \$2,000, Geneva Masonic Lodge 139, to support the supplies and needs for students in need throughout the district (Policy 8:80)

Motion by Forbes second by Hooks to approve the above-listed, items 10.1-10.3. On roll call, Ayes, five (5), Ansari, Bellino, Cabeen, Forbes, Hooks. Nays, none (0). Absent, one (1), Radlinski. Abstained, one (1), Choi.

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Policy Committee, Finance Committee, Boundary Task Force, Communications Task Force, Facilities Task Force, Technology Task Force, Joint PTO, Geneva Academic Foundation, Geneva All-Sports Boosters, Geneva Music Boosters, Geneva High School Theater Boosters, GEARS, K-12 Discipline Committee, PRIDE, Fox Valley Career Center, IASB/Legislative, IASB Kishwaukee Governing Board

Board members attended concerts going on throughout the district. Congratulations to the boys' and girls' cross-country teams, as they are on to sectionals this weekend! Board members attended Friday's football game and enjoyed watching our Vikings play. One board member will attend the upcoming DuPage County Division meeting where they will be talking about AI (artificial intelligence). One board member attended the Kishwaukee Division meeting at Hampshire High School where they participated in a tour given by students. They showed us some of the rooms that provide programs like the ones that are provided to us by the Fox Valley Career

Center. The Culinary Arts students made dessert for them. There were four state representatives present on a panel that talked about different topics like mental health issues and pension reform. The Technology Task Force met and were given an update on the programs that will be implemented in the near future, software programs, capital plan, and cyber security. For all the schools that will be having Halloween parades please be safe and have fun! The Finance Committee met earlier tonight, and Todd Latham shared some valuable information.

12. NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:05 p.m., motion by Forbes second by Ansari and with unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED _____ PRESIDENT
(Date)

SECRETARY _____ RECORDING
SECRETARY