

**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 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 8, 2014, at Williamsburg Elementary School, 1812 Williamsburg Avenue, Geneva, Illinois.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Bill Wilson.

Committee members present: Dave Lamb, Kelly Nowak, Bill Wilson

Administrators present: Scott Ney, Director Facility Operation; Amy Campbell, District Safety/Security Supervisor; Elizabeth Janowiak, Director of Technology; Donna Oberg, Assistant Superintendent Business Services; Dr. Kent Mutchler, Superintendent

Others present: Mary Stith, Leslie Juby, Mark Grosso, Arnie Silvestri

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 November 10, 2014

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

4. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION

4.1 Preliminary Technology Plan Update

Elizabeth Janowiak, Director of Technology, presented a preliminary Technology Plan update to the Board. As part of our ongoing comprehensive tech plan we have provided portable devices to 480 5th graders, continued support of CTP groups, changed out our middle school team centers, and purchased devices and accessories for testing. Other improvements that have been upgraded are the GHS music lab, the GHS sound system, additional security cameras, additional wireless coverage, core and PoE switches were replaced where needed, and battery backups at the middle schools. We would not be successful with all of the technology devices in the hands of students if we did not have the additional staffing that you approved. Overall we are still under budget for the year. There have been needs identified for 2015-2016:

- 6th grade portable devices
- 4th grade portable devices
- Expanded support of CTP groups
- Maintain/increase digital resources
- Mack Olson gym sound system
- Library e-reader support
- Equipment replacements
- Security camera expansion
- Increased wireless coverage
- PoE Switches
- Firewall enhancements/redundancy
- Web Filter fail over
- Virtual servers/storage upgrades

The budget for these items is broken into three different areas with a grand total of \$1,498,800 for 2015-2016. Other future considerations are e-mail services, financial/HR software, fiber connectivity to athletic fields video distribution upgrades, and phone system

Discussion, comments, questions: The Superintendent Mrs. Janowiak and her staff for their work on this preliminary tech plan. Will the laptops that we purchased for Study Sync also be used for PARCC testing? (Any device that we purchase, or will purchase will meet PARCC compliance, so they could be used for PARCC testing.) PARCC testing is for K-8 and will juniors get PARCC testing twice? (We have made a change and freshman will be tested instead of juniors with PARCC.) Do we know how many hours this exam will be? (We do not know the exact hours and won't know unit we actually go through the exam.) (It's actually grades 3-8 for PARCC and testing time is around 9.5 hours.) We still have not heard from the state on modifications and such yet. They are not giving us any guidelines on what we can do with students who have special needs or need special testing accommodations. We are looking at more than 3,000 students to take the PARCC test and the State has not offered or invested any funding? (That is correct.) Our existing technology won't work? (It can but when you have to test so many students then you need more technology.)

4.2 Policy 6144, Investment Policy, **Revised**

5. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

5.1 January

- 2nd Quarter Review
- Audit Presentation/Discussion
- PushCoin Update
- Bond Abatement Update
- MB Financial Bank Update

6. **ITEMS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO FULL BOARD**

7. **INFORMATION**

7.1 Legislative Update

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:45 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 RECORDING
SECRETARY

Meeting Dates:

January 12, 2015, February 9, 2015, March 9, 2015, April 13, 2015, May 11, 2015, June 8, 2015