

**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 Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at Coultrap, 1113 Peyton, Geneva, Illinois.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Roll Call
- 1.2 Welcome
- 1.3 Pledge
- 1.4 Reminder to sign attendance sheet

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Moran.

Board members present: President Tim Moran, Vice President Mark Grosso, Matt Henry, Michael McCormick, Kelly Nowak, Mary Stith, Bill Wilson. Late: None. Absent: None.

The President led everyone in the Pledge and reminded them to sign the attendance record.

District administrators present: Craig Collins, Assistant Superintendent Personnel Services; Donna Oberg, Assistant Superintendent Business Services; Patty O'Neil, Assistant Superintendent Curriculum & Instruction; and Dr. Kent Mutchler, Superintendent.

Others present: Becky Selcke (Sodexo General Manager); Ken Heidrich (Sodexo District Manager); Julie Pouilly, Lisa Gillette, Erin Taylor, Kelley Dunlop, Donn Dears.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 2.1 Regular Session September 26, 2011
- 2.2 Executive Session September 26, 2011
- 2.3 Special Session October 3, 2011

Motion by Nowak, second by Henry, to approve the above-listed minutes, as presented. On roll call, Ayes, six (6), Henry, McCormick, Nowak, Stith, Wilson, Moran. Nays, none (0). Abstained, one (1), Grosso. Motion carried unanimously.

3. RECOGNITION, AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, PUBLIC HEARINGS

3.1 Red Ribbon Week Activities

Geneva Coalition for Youth - Julie Pouilly
GHS Students Against Destructive Decisions - Erin Taylor & Kelley Dunlop
(Lisa Gillette, GHS Health Educator/Advisor & Becky Furnish)

Representatives from the Geneva Coalition for Youth and S.A.D.D. summarized the events and activities planned for this year's Red Ribbon Week which is October 22 - 30. This year's theme is "It's Up to Me to BE DRUG FREE." The students emphasized that most teens are not using drugs, rather they are spending time with their family and friends. This year, emphasis is on reducing/managing stress and synthetic drug use awareness. Community members were encouraged to participate in the annual Candlelight Vigil on Sunday, October 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Other activities planned include a collection program for expired and unused prescription and over the counter drugs; Make-a-Difference Day, a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors; a community food drive; and a Community Celebration and Expo on Saturday, October 29th at Geneva Middle School South. Ms. Pouilly thanked the Board of Education and the District's administration for their support.

The Board thanked Ms Pouilly, the Coalition, and the students for their efforts on behalf of Geneva's children.

3.2 Sodexo Food Service Presentation

Becky Selcke, Sodexo Food Service General Manager, presented an overview of the programs,

activities and initiatives in Geneva's schools. Sodexo's programs include age-appropriate health and wellness educational information for students at each level, expanded efforts to use fresh, locally grown produce, My Mondays meatless menu choices, Health and Wellness Fairs; A to Z Garden Bar; cookouts; recycling programs; participation in community programs; and improving staff and customer safety. They have cut back on offerings that parents felt were not healthy choices for students and student health and well-being continues to be a top priority.

Board discussion, comments, questions: there is a growing number of children with allergies and national data indicates that eight percent of all U.S. households have a child with allergies - what has Sodexo done relative to finalizing the development of a national database that all their school districts could access for information regarding their products (we continue to work on the software and hope to have this resource available for parents this year); want to see food allergies addressed in next year's Sodexo presentation to the Board; many of the menu entrees contain cheese, chicken, hot dogs and other unhealthy items - how do we get more healthy choices for our students and why do the healthy choices that are available cost more (we have transitioned to low fat versions and offer fresh fruit and salads daily which cost the same as an entree); would also like to see less carbohydrates on the menu and more healthy options that cost less (will look at options with less carbs); many carbs can be offset by fiber content, perhaps Sodexo could add a product's fiber count to their online nutritional information; allergies are a huge issue that needs to be addressed by our food provider; this has been a good discussion and want to thank our food service General Manager for the many changes and improvements that have been made and for all the extra programs, projects and services that she provides; have spent time with our Sodexo General Manager and would encourage other board members to do the same to see her program; have three kids who love the food, especially the corn dogs (they are chicken corn dogs).

3.3 Student Services Update

This item was moved to the October 24, 2011, Board meeting agenda.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent reported on the following: last week's Joint PTO meeting where lots of information and ideas was shared; the high-level of student involvement in the high school's homecoming activities; his appreciation for the staff and administrators who created the professional development activities for last Friday's institute day; all-day testing which will occur at the high school on Wednesday, October 12th; notification that the District had received the SchoolSearch Bright A+ Award for the fifth year in a row; and notification of the District's Standard and Poor's AA+ rating. The Superintendent thanked the Board for its leadership.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments included: thanks to the Assistant Superintendent for providing information on a question raised at the recent public forum - am interested in keeping property taxes low and my motto is "cut overhead, keep teachers" - want to know why the Board is incurring additional debt to reduce total debt by only about \$400,000 when the debt could be called and could save \$3.3 million or eliminated the debt - hope the Board will cut long-term debt overhead and answer that question before incurring more debt.

6. BOARD DIALOGUE TOPICS & PENDING ACTION CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 Resolution in Support of Red Ribbon Week

Motion by Wilson, second by Nowak, to approve the resolution, as presented. On roll call, Ayes, seven (7), Henry, McCormick, Nowak, Stith, Wilson, Grosso, Moran. Nays, none (0). Motion carried unanimously.

6.2 Interim Student Athlete Concussion Policy, Second Reading

Motion by Nowak, second by Henry, to approve the interim student athlete concussion policy, as presented. On roll call, Ayes, seven (7), McCormick, Nowak, Stith, Wilson, Grosso, Henry, Moran. Nays, none (0). Motion carried unanimously.

7. WORK-STUDY TOPICS & FUTURE ACTION CONSIDERATIONS

None

8. INFORMATION

8.1 FOIA Requests / Responses

8.2 SchoolSearch 2011 Bright A+ Award for Academic Excellence in Education

Would like to see the itemized attorney bill for the time spent on the FOIA (even though we've taken the FOIA training, we still do need attorney counsel at time).

9. CONSENT AGENDA

9.1 Personnel Report: Resignations, Retirements, Leave Requests, Changes in Assignment/FTE, New Hires

Resignations Certified

Terry, Sarah, GHS, Spanish, 1.0 FTE, Effective 10/4/2011

New Hires Support

Neswold, Sharon, MCS, Classroom Assistant, 5.75 hrs/day, 9 Month, Start Date 9/28/2011

Ainsworth, Sara, GMSN, Special Ed Assistant, 7 hrs/day, 9 Month, Start Date 9/30/2011

Downing, Susan, CO, Benefits Specialist, 12 Month, Start Date 10/12/2011

Paniagua, Iris, HSS, Bi-lingual Classroom Assistant, 9 Month, Start Date 10/17/2011

Reappointments/Reclassifications Support

Ney, Scott, CO, from Technology/Security/HVAC Supervisor to Interim Director of Facilities, Effective 10/12/2011

Motion by Henry, second by Nowak, to approve Consent Agenda Item 9.1, as presented. On roll call, Ayes, seven (7), Nowak, Stith, Wilson, Grosso, Henry, McCormick, Moran. Nays, none (0). Motion carried unanimously.

10. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTION

Comments included: don't believe there should have been a need for attorney time on an enrollment number FOIA request when that is public information.

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Comments included: attended the Joint PTO meeting, met the new building PTO leaders and shared information about the public forum on school finance; participated as a parent volunteer at the high school's homecoming pep rally and dance and was impressed by the politeness and conduct of the students; hosted the first P.R.I.D.E. volunteer event of the year and the Geneva History Center was thanked for providing meeting space and conducting a tour of historic Geneva; encourage everyone to attend the All Sports Boosters auction on October 29th at the Kane County Fair Grounds; thanks and kudos to the high school's new Class and Activity Advisors for their work with our students on Homecoming activities.

12. NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:54 p.m., motion by Wilson, second by Grosso, and with unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED _____ PRESIDENT

SECRETARY _____ RECORDING SECRETARY