Calendar Committee Geneseo CUSD #228 Board of Education

Meeting Summary | October 29, 2024 District Office, 648 N. Chicago St., Geneseo, IL 61254

Present:

Superintendent Dr. Adam Brumbaugh, Joe Mowen, Lee Verner, Kathy Buysse, Tim Gronski, Karen Urick (BOE), Diane Olson (BOE), Melanie Henderson, Kyle Morey

Topics of discussion:

The meeting opened at 3:30 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to comply with section 2.8 of the CBA (School Calendar):

The Board shall have the sole authority to approve the school calendar (105 ILCS 5/10-19) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-19). A calendar committee will be formed and convened no later than December 1st of the year prior to the expiration of the currently approved calendar(s) to develop the calendar(s) for recommendation to the BOE. The committee shall consist of at least two (2) Board Members, two (2) GEA Members and two (2) Administrators. The decision of the Board shall be final.

For at least the last 9 school years, the board has approved school calendars in three-year bands to allow for better communication and planning with stakeholders. The committee discussed whether it will recommend another three-year band of calendars (2025-26, 2026-27, and 2027-28).

All school calendars must conform and comply with the rules set forth under school code. The calendar is then formally reviewed by the Regional Superintendent and then the State Superintendent. Examples of future calendars aligned to our current school calendar were provided with the team to review prior to this meeting as a visual aide and as a place to start the conversation.

Some of the topics discussed during the meeting include: the November election holiday, Casimir Pulaski Day, Columbus Day, Parent/Teacher conferences, spring break, Christmas break, start dates, balanced quarters, and balanced semesters.

Changes that the Calendar Committee will recommend to the Board include:

- Keeping most of the current calendar format the same for the next 3 calendars
- Moving the end of the first and third quarters up 1 week each to allow for more balanced quarters.
- Moving the P/T conferences to a Th, W, Institute format

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.