

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
GENESEO COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL
DISTRICT #228 BOARD OF EDUCATION
209 SOUTH COLLEGE AVENUE
GENESEO, ILLINOIS
HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2008, AT 7:00 P.M.
IN THE GENESEO DISTRICT OFFICE MEETING ROOM**

PRESENT:

C. Coleman
D. Ford
C. Frerichs, left at 9:25 p.m.
J. Mickley
J. Puentes
B. Snodgrass
A. VanDeWoestyne

ALSO PRESENT:

Scott Kuffel, Superintendent
Jack Schlindwein, Director of Operations
Joni Swanson, Curriculum Director
Jan ZumMallen, High School PE Dept. Chair
Travis Mackey, High School Athletic Director
Mike Haugse, High School Principal

Natalie Haugse, Recording Secretary
Lisa Depies, Reporter, *Geneseo Republic*

1. President Puentes called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll call was taken with seven members present (Ford, Snodgrass, Puentes, Coleman, VanDeWoestyne, Mickley, Frerichs).

2. Heard presentation given by Jan ZumMallen regarding High School Physical Education waiver proposal. Mr. Kuffel introduced the presentation noting this is a Policy versus Procedure issue. The District does not have a direct policy regarding Physical Education waivers. There are procedures in place. He would like to see a policy adopted that is compliant with the law and reflects what is best for students. Mrs. ZumMallen gave members of the Board of Education a handout showing why physical education benefits all students and conditions athletes. She reminded the Board that PE teaches lifetime activities. This is not an Athletics versus Physical Education issue. Athletics is about specializing. PE is about the world of activities—lifetime sports. PE provides for students an opportunity to be active, play, workout. Wellness class is a big department accomplishment. Summit continues to be an option for students, but there is a financial and time cost that doesn't exist within the school day.

Mr. Kuffel asked why the current procedure exemption requires same-sport participation. Mrs. ZumMallen indicated this was an old practice and not a high priority, other than it helps with scheduling. Mr. Kuffel then clarified that the rubric is fall sport to fall sport; the same-sport wording is more of a scheduling help.

Marching Band participants, grades 10 through 12, are eligible for a first quarter waiver from PE. Something more equitable between band and sports waivers would be desirable.

The academic ramifications also need to be addressed in whatever policy (proposed), or procedure (current) we use.

Mr. Ford asked what defines “ongoing sport” as referenced in school code, and submitted that procedures be inline with school code. Mrs. Coleman read the definition of “ongoing” according to her Thesaurus. She added that the primary purpose of Physical Education as defined in school code needs to be considered as we address our current procedures or proposed policy.

Mr. Puentes asked why we would not comply with school code. Mrs. ZumMallen indicated it is a scheduling issue, which could be fixed by issuing semester exemptions. However, she would definitely rather see quarterly exemptions, if any, as opposed to semester exemptions, due to the length of certain sports’ seasons. This would offer equity with Marching Band.

Mr. Snodgrass asked how old the current procedure is. Mrs. ZumMallen suggested it is 7-8 years old.

Mr. Kuffel offered his opinion that the current procedure is not defensible according to school code if it was formally challenged. He also does not believe there would be a large number of kids that would waive out of PE, as a testament to the PE Department. He also believes there are kids where a PE exemption would be helpful allowing more time for studies, work, etc.

Mrs. Mickley stated a board policy needs to be adopted since it is addressed in school code. She does not believe the current procedure is equitable.

Mrs. Coleman referenced current board policy 6:60, and whether Physical Education would continue to be one of our graduation requirements. Mrs. ZumMallen stated the original intent of the procedure currently used at the High School was to protect the academic schedule, and is following “ongoing” interpretation in school code as meaning literally “ongoing” participation in an interscholastic athletic program, as school code states.

Mr. Kuffel summarized by reminding the Board that it needs to develop a policy to implement the waiver procedures. He would like to see a policy recommendation for first reading at the October 9, 2008, regular meeting. He suggested the policy be adopted at or before the December 11 regular meeting.

Mr. Puentes reiterated Board Policy and procedure be in compliance with school code.

Mr. Snodgrass suggested the Board’s attorney be consulted.

Mr. Mackey presented each Board member with a plaque from the NCIC Reagan Division in recognition of the “All Sports Team Champions for 2007-08”. Each member was also given an NCIC pass, with Mr. Snodgrass receiving a NCIC gold, lifetime pass for his coaching contributions to the NCIC.

3. Board Correspondence

a. Alliance Legislative Reports—95-75, 95-76, 95-77

Mr. Kuffel mentioned the proposal to lease the lottery for capital development projects. He also spoke about HB 4252, now Public Act 95-0908, became effective August 26, 2008. This bill requires school district superintendents to disclose information about former employees who were reported to DCFS regarding cases of an alleged abused or neglected child.

b. Summer Maintenance/Paint Crew Update—Mr. Schlindwein discussed the projects that have been completed over the summer. The windstorm of July 21, the Atkinson school closing, and the extended illness of one maintenance man caused additional burden on the maintenance crew. He noted the diligence of the crew to work through the additional workload.

Permission for ground borings for the geothermal projects has been given, and will be completed in the near future.

c. Physical Education Exemption Request—A parent is requesting that a High School student be granted a PE exemption for first and second semester.

d. Letter of Commendation for High School Science Teacher, Jon Obrecht—*Institute for Chemistry Literacy through Computational Science (ICLCS)* sent a letter to Mike Haugse, High School Principal, congratulating ICLCS Fellow, Jon Obrecht, one of only 100 high school chemistry teachers representing 93 rural school districts, who completed two intensive weeks of professional development on the campus of the University of Illinois.

4. Motion by Ford, seconded by Mickley to accept the consent agenda as presented:

a. Approve the minutes of the August 14, 2008, Regular Meeting

b. Approve the Closed Session minutes of August 14, 2008, as Closed

c. Approve RRCAS bills in the amount of \$4,664.81, payroll in the amount of \$9,482.33, for total expenditures of \$14,147.14.

d. Approve Geneseo District #228 bills in the amount of \$927,140.11, payroll in the amount of \$715,785.55, for total expenditures of \$1,642,925.66.

e. Approve Second Reading of Board Policy 7:60

Motion carried by roll call vote of seven ayes, (VanDeWoestyne, Coleman, Frerichs, Puentes, Ford, Snodgrass, Mickley).

- Motion by Mickley seconded by Snodgrass to accept the personnel agenda as presented

Employment

Name	Position
Diane Downey	High School Classroom Aide
Dawn Stage	Middle School Personal Student Aide
Abby Everett	Southwest Ladders to Learning Teacher for medical leave (Denise Teague)
Linda Vanderleest	High School Boys Golf Assistant Coach
Maggie Barks	High School Girls Tennis Assistant Coach
Katie Brooks	Middle School 7 th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
Anita Westcott	Southwest S.A.F.E. Aide
Jennifer Kuffel	Millikin Reading Aide
Susan Johnson	Millikin Reading Aide

Retirement

Name	Position
Joe DePauw	High School Assistant Principal at end of 2011 school year

Resignations/Leaves

Name	Position
Kenna Augsburg	High School Teacher's Aide
Judy Hartman	High School Cafeteria
Michelle Gramling	Northside Cafeteria
Taunya McGee	Paid Maternity Leave (25—30 Days)

Motion carried by roll call vote of seven ayes, (Puentes, Mickley, Ford, VanDeWoestyne, Snodgrass, Frerichs, Coleman).

- The Regular meeting was suspended at 8:30 p.m. for a public hearing of the Geneseo CUSD #228 FY09 Budget and Rock River Cooperative Alternative School FY09 Budget.

Mr. Kuffel noted the proposed budgets have been posted for thirty days. He explained the District 228 budget with a budget summary handout (attachment). Fund 80 contains revenues and expenses for Tort, (Liability), which is a new fund implemented July 1, 2008, by ISBE. He allowed for a 10% increase for insurance expenses. The budget reflects a 3.5% increase in the Education Fund, with an overall 6.9% increase from FY08 to FY09 Budget. He does not anticipate the need to use working cash funds.

Mr. Schlindwein recapped the RRCAS budget notes included in the Board packet.

7. Returned to the regular meeting at 8:45 p.m.
8. Motion by Ford, seconded by Coleman to approve the Geneseo Community Unit School District #228 FY09 Budget as presented

Motion carried by roll call vote of seven ayes, (Frerichs, Snodgrass, Coleman, VanDeWoestyne, Ford, Puentes, Mickley).

9. Motion by Snodgrass, seconded by Mickley to approve the Rock River Cooperative Alternative School FY09 Budget as presented

Motion carried by roll call vote of seven ayes, (Puentes, Frerichs, Mickley, Ford, Coleman, VanDeWoestyne, Snodgrass).

10. Motion by Ford, seconded by Mickley to approve annual Application for Recognition of Schools for 2008-09 for each school building

Motion carried by roll call vote of seven ayes, (Snodgrass, Coleman, VanDeWoestyne, Ford, Puentes, Mickley, Frerichs).

11. Motion by Snodgrass, seconded by VanDeWoestyne to approve donations from Hanford Insurance (Teacher First Fund \$4,000), and Fensterbusch Chiropractic (3 boxes of school supplies and \$79.90 in monetary donations)

Motion carried by voice vote of seven ayes.

12. Motion by Coleman, seconded by Frerichs to approve auction of surplus equipment due to closing of Atkinson School, and to set the date as Sunday, September 28, 2008, at 12:00 noon

Motion carried by roll call vote of seven ayes, (Ford, Coleman, Puentes, VanDeWoestyne, Mickley, Frerichs, Snodgrass).

13. Motion by Mickley, seconded by VanDeWoestyne to approve the following resolutions:

- Resolution to Create the Class of 2012 Student Activity Account
- Resolution to Close the Class of 2008 Student Activity Account
- Resolution to Close the Peer Helpers Student Activity Account
- Resolution to Close the L.D. Resource Club Student Activity Account
- Resolution to Close the High School P.E. Student Activity Account
- Resolution to Close the Atkinson Convenience Fund Account

Motion carried by roll call vote of seven ayes, (Coleman, Puentes, VanDeWoestyne, Mickley, Frerichs, Snodgrass, Ford).

14. Motion by Coleman, seconded by Snodgrass to approve the Building Usage Agreement between Geneseo CUSD #228 and the Village of Atkinson for Atkinson school.

Mr. Kuffel recommends rejection of the Building Usage Agreement at this time, as he is not in favor of language in item #5: *“Said rent shall be applied first to utility and maintenance costs incurred by the SCHOOL DISTRICT under this Agreement, and any balance will be divided equally between the SCHOOL DISTRICT and ATKINSON. In the event that the rent is not sufficient to cover these expenses, the SCHOOL DISTRICT shall be responsible to pay any additional amounts therefore. The SCHOOL DISTRICT shall account to ATKINSON on a monthly basis for the deductions from rent as set forth herein.”*

Additionally, he is opposed to the language, also in item #5, that states: *“ATKINSON shall have the ability to either utilize these areas for its own use at no cost, or enter into rental agreements with third parties for their use and retain any rent therefrom, subject to arrangements with the SCHOOL DISTRICT’S scheduling staff”*.

Motion **did not carry** by roll call vote of zero ayes and seven nays, (Snodgrass, VanDeWoestyne, Mickley, Coleman, Frerichs, Puentes, Ford).

15. Motion by Ford, seconded by Mickley to approve the Agreement between District 228 and The Hartford (local representative is Edward Jones’ Doug Curran) for 403(b) administrative services effective January 1, 2009, with options to renew the agreement upon satisfactory evaluation

Motion carried by roll call vote of seven ayes, (Mickley, Frerichs, Ford, Coleman, Puentes, VanDeWoestyne, Snodgrass).

16. Mr. Kuffel reviewed the District Scorecards with the Board. He noted the District Improvement Plan and RtI plan will be submitted online. The “complete and implement 403(b) Plan” goal has been met with the passing of the motion to approve The Hartford as administrator for 403(b) services. He also updated the Board on the status of his 10/50/500 meetings. This applies toward the “Improve District-Wide Communications” goal.

17. Mr. Schlindwein discussed the wind damage insurance claim as a result of the July 21, 2008 storm. Since the storm, he has been working with Hinz Claim Management and their adjusters to get estimates for needed repairs. The total settlement to the District for repairs is \$81, 510.80, less the \$1000 deductible, we should be receiving \$80,510.80. Mr. Schlindwein gave special mention to

Randy Bormann and his maintenance crew for the outstanding job they did of cleaning up water in the gym at Atkinson, cutting down and removing trees, and other general repairs. Mr. Schlindwein completed the necessary FEMA paperwork to try to recover the remaining expenses for tree removal. However, the tri-county area did not qualify for FEMA funds as the total loss did not meet the minimum requirements.

18. Mr. Kuffel discussed the 2008 AYP Reports. The District as well as all schools and all subgroups made AYP. A concern for 2009 is the AYP target will go up to 70%. The High School will have to work hard to meet AYP as this year, 2008, the High School Reading score was 66.8% and Math score was 64.1%.
19. Mr. Kuffel thanked Mr. Puentes, Brad Toone, and the entire committee on the success of the events commemorating the naming of the football field “Bob Reade Field”.
20. Mrs. Coleman inquired as to how the beginning of the school year is going. Mr. Kuffel indicated all is going well, and there has only been one hot day. Sixth Day Enrollment showed 2,638 students.
21. The Board suspended the regular meeting open session for a 5-minute break at 9:30 p.m.
22. Motion by Ford, seconded by VanDeWoestyne to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussing:
 - The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5)
 - Security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(8), as amended by P.A. 93-79 and P.A. 93-422

Motion carried by roll call vote of six ayes, (Ford, Puentes, Mickley, Snodgrass, Coleman, VanDeWoestyne), one absent (Frerichs).

23. Motion by Ford, seconded by Snodgrass to adjourn the regular session meeting

Motion carried by roll call vote of six ayes, (Ford, Puentes, Mickley, Snodgrass, Coleman, VanDeWoestyne), one absent (Frerichs).

24. The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY