

Early Childhood Education Expansion Committee Geneseo CUSD #228 Board of Education

Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2023
648 N. Chicago St., Geneseo, IL

Present:

Dr. Adam Brumbaugh, Diane Olson (BOE), Ashley Morey, Joe Mowen, Denise Ford, Sarah Boone, Sam Mathew, Sarah Mosier, Lori Tracey, Tricia Girten, Tim Gronski, Diana Saelens, Samantha Piske, Jackie Mickley (BOE)

The meeting opened at 10:02 a.m.

Topics of discussion:

The purpose for the meeting was discussed with the superintendent hearing from principals and staff regarding childcare, daycare and preschool opportunities. The current model—which features three classrooms and eight total staff with a budget of \$137,068—was also discussed and reviewed. The superintendent also shared regional data from the local Birth to Five chapter.

Challenges include the current space not being the best long-term solution, serving cooperative needs from surrounding communities, early intervention (EI) numbers continuing to increase, and an 80 student gap for childcare and staffing according to the local gap analysis. Needs include wrap-around services for preschool and childcare, recruitment of families, greater retention of staff, and home visiting services.

Potential next steps were discussed, including site visits to see what other districts have, a community survey, and determining what our district may want as we move forward to meet the current needs of the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

The next meeting will be held after the site visit(s) and community survey results have been collected, hopefully early September.