

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

PRESENT:

C. Coleman
D. Ford
B. Snodgrass
J. Mickley
J. Puentes
A. VanDeWoestyne
C. Frerichs (via iChat), left at 9:35 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT:

Scott Kuffel, Superintendent

Jack Schlindwein, Director of Operations
Matt DeBaene, 2008-09 Middle School Principal
Nancy Wiese, 2008-09 Southwest Elem. Principal
Tom Ryerson, 2008-09 Asst. MS Principal
Jenny Snodgrass, arrived at 7:43 p.m.
Karen Miller, arrived at 7:43 p.m.
Traci Schulz, arrived at 7:43 p.m.
Natalie Haugse, Recording Secretary
Lisa Depies, Reporter, *Geneseo Republic*

1. President Puentes called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

2. Mr. Kuffel introduced Mr. Tom Ryerson, 2008-09 Middle School Assistant Principal, to the Board of Education. He also officially welcomed Matt DeBaene, (Middle School Principal), and Nancy Wiese, (Southwest Principal), to their new positions for the 2008-09 School year.
3. Mr. Kuffel asked that the agenda be amended by adding a closed session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity.
5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057.

Motion by Snodgrass, seconded by Ford to amend the agenda by adding a closed session

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

4. Board Correspondence
 - a. Alliance Legislative Reports: 95-70, 95-71.
 - b. Utility Reports
 - c. IASB TAG Certificate of Achievement presented for completing Phase One and Phase Two of the Targeting Achievement through Governance (TAG) program offered by the Illinois Association of School Boards. Mr. Kuffel thanked the Board for its participation and cooperation in completing the TAG program.
 - d. Fine Arts Calendar 2008-09
 - e. The Middle School is celebrating its 10-year anniversary in the Ogden Avenue location. In commemoration, Middle School staff will be handing out lapel pins and magnets at the Music Festival Parade.

5. Motion by Ford, seconded by Mickley to accept the consent agenda as amended by removing the High School Extra-Curricular Handbook:
 - a. Approve the minutes of the May 14, 2008, Regular Meeting
 - b. Approve the First Closed Session minutes of May 14, 2008, as Closed
 - c. Approve the Second Closed Session minutes of May 14, 2008, as Closed
 - d. Approve RRCAS bills in the amount of \$27,452.87, payroll in the amount of \$9,664.58, for total expenditures of \$37,117.45.
 - e. Approve Geneseo District #228 bills in the amount of \$1,042,137.51, payroll in the amount of \$772,734.15, for total expenditures of \$1,814,871.66.
 - f. Approve Second Reading of Board Policy 8:20
 - g. Approve Middle School Student Handbook and the High School Student Handbook for 2008-09
 - h. Approve Prevailing Wage Resolution as presented
 - i. Approve Administrator Mileage Reimbursement for 2008-09 as presented
 - j. Approve Amendment to Superintendent's Contract stating employment for five years, commencing on July 1, 2008 and terminating on June 30, 2013, as presented
 - k. Approve Jack Schlindwein as Integrated Pest Management Coordinator for Geneseo School District for the 2008-09 school year as presented
 - l. Approve Randy Bormann as Designated Person for Asbestos for the Geneseo School District
 - m. Approve Inter-fund Loan Repayment of \$300,000 from the Transportation Fund to the Working Cash Fund, and \$1,000,000 from the Education Fund to the Working Cash Fund

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

6. Motion by Ford seconded by Snodgrass to accept the personnel agenda as presented

Employment

Name	Position
Diane Harvey	Part-Time Literacy Coach
John Kroener	High School Long-Term Substitute
Anne Sammons	Elementary Special Ed. Case Manager
Austin Yeater	S.A.F.E. Aide
JoEllyn Larrison	Kindergarten Grade Level Leader
Marcie Reakes	1 st Grade Level Leader
Ellen Nelson	2 nd Grade Level Leader
Lynn Myers	3 rd Grade Level Leader
Suzie Sandoval	4 th Grade Level Leader
Janis Smith	5 th Grade Level Leader
Judson Kuffel	Grounds Maintenance

Student Teacher Placement

Name	Position
Ari Johnson	Ladders to Learning—Denise Teague

Resignations

Name	Position
Matthew Parsons	Athletic Facility Supervisor/Custodian
Candy Miller	High School Secretary

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

7. Board Committee Reports

- a. Curriculum Committee— Mrs. Coleman notified the Board the next committee meeting is scheduled for June 17. Mrs. Mickley described the PSAE scores as “very encouraging”. The committee is working on its scorecard and hopes to have a draft in the near future. PE Waivers will be addressed at the July 09, 2008, Board meeting. A K-12 literacy audit is being planned by engaging the services of Gretchen Courtney & Associates, Ltd., Literacy Engineering Firm.
- b. Operations Committee—Mr. Schlindwein reviewed the committee’s last meeting of May 23. The next meeting is scheduled for June 16 at 11:30 a.m. He encouraged Board members to attend, as HVAC will be discussed. Mr. Snodgrass noted the Unit Office is on next summer’s list for windows, siding, and gutters. Mr. Schlindwein noted all the security cameras at the High School are operational.

c. Finance Committee—No Report Given.

Mr. Kuffel made the Board aware of the passing of Mr. Dean Mack of Hutchinson, Shockey, Erley & Co.

He also asked the Board to consider changing committee member makeup after four years of being on the same committee. This would increase the knowledge base for Board members. Mr. Snodgrass wondered about a learning curve. Mrs. Mickley thought increasing the knowledge base for Board members would be a good idea. Mr. VanDeWoestyne suggested waiting to change committees until after the Spring, 2009, Board election. Mr. Puentes is supportive of changing committee member makeup, maybe even quarterly every year.

8. Motion by Coleman, seconded by VanDeWoestyne to suspend the regular meeting for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing for Amended FY08 Budget

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

9. Mr. Kuffel explained the necessity to amend the FY08 Budget. The biggest reason is to prepare for the possibility of not receiving the 23rd and 24th payments from the State.

10. Motion by Ford, seconded by Coleman to reconvene the regular meeting

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

11. Motion by Ford, seconded by Mickley to approve amended FY08 Budget as presented

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

12. Motion by Mickley, seconded by Coleman to approve request to name High School football field, “Bob Reade Field”, beginning with the 2008-09 Fall season. This naming of the field is contingent upon final Board approval of the design and placement of any signage and any other modifications to existing field and/or structures on or around the field.

Discussion followed concerning the committee’s intent to honor Coach Reade’s achievements and dedication to Geneseo Football. Mr. Puentes indicated the dedication is slated to occur at the 2008 second home football game versus

Moline. Plans include plaques to be placed on or around the scoreboard, near each entrance, on or near the bell, and a write up to be inserted in each program. Mr. Kuffel expressed his interest in conveying the field naming procedure be clear and objective.

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

13. Motion by Coleman, seconded by Snodgrass to approve District Title 1 e-Plan as presented

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

14. Motion by Coleman, seconded by Mickley to approve District e-Technology Plan as presented

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

15. Motion by Coleman, seconded by VanDeWoestyne to approve Option 2 schedule and location for 2008-09 Board meetings, to begin at 7:00 p.m.

Motion was amended by Coleman, seconded by Mickley to change the April meeting to April 16 to accommodate Spring Break

Amended motion was amended by VanDeWoestyne, seconded by Frerichs to change the location to the District Office Meeting Room for all Board meetings

Amendment to the amended motion carried by roll call vote of seven yes, (Snodgrass, Ford, Puentes, Mickley, Coleman, VanDeWoestyne, Frerichs).

Amended motion carried by roll call vote of seven yes, (Ford, Frerichs, Mickley, Snodgrass, Puentes, Coleman, VanDeWoestyne).

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

16. Motion by Mickley, seconded by Ford to approve Elementary Student Handbook for 2008-09 as presented

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

17. Motion by Ford, seconded by Coleman to approve Property/Workers Compensation Renewal for Geneseo D228 and RRCAS for 2008-09 as presented

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

18. Motion by Snodgrass, seconded by VanDeWoestyne to approve tentative Rock River Cooperative Alternative School Budget for FY09 as presented

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

19. Motion by Ford, seconded by Snodgrass to approve Bread and Bakery bid from Interstate Brands, and Milk and Dairy Product bid from Enyeart Distributing for 2008-09 as presented

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

20. Motion by Snodgrass, seconded by Frerichs to approve roof bid for Maintenance Building from Gitter Done Construction Company at the cost of \$12,500.

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

21. Motion by Mickley, seconded by Snodgrass to approve Registration Fees for 2008-09 as presented

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

22. Motion by Ford, seconded by VanDeWoestyne to approve breakfast and lunch prices for 2008-09 as presented

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

23. Motion by Ford, seconded by Mickley to approve participation in IESA for Middle School Cross Country

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

24. Discussed the High School Extra Curricular Handbook. Mr. Snodgrass is concerned with “No Contact” weeks for Athletics and Fine Arts, particularly with the week of July 3—6. He would like to see this become a full week. Mr. Kuffel explained his efforts and frustration in coordinating “No Contact” weeks between Athletics and Fine Arts. Mr. Kuffel would like to bring representatives from both departments to a Board meeting to explain to the Board why coordinated weeks are not possible. Mr. Snodgrass would appreciate the opportunity to hear their claims. Mrs. Mickley noted that page #1, item #4 says to “Contact the Regional Office of Education” in Parental Concerns Protocol. Mr. Kuffel will relay to the Athletic Department that this should state, “Contact the Superintendent at the Unit Office”. Mrs. Mickley also wondered where the Summary Questionnaire on page #2 came from: student input, coaches, etc. Mr. Kuffel said this came from another district’s handbook. Mr. Snodgrass would like to see the wording in the Summary Questionnaire in item #3 changed to something other than “every day”. Mr. Kuffel will relay these concerns to the Athletic Department for revisions.

25. Reviewed 2008-09 Registration Procedures. All K-8 Registration will be held at Geneseo Middle School. High School Registration will be held at Geneseo High School. Dates for registration have been set for August 11, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., for new students; and August 12 and August 13, Noon to 7 p.m., for returning students.

26. Heard first reading of Board Policy 6:145. Mr. Snodgrass asked to see a definition of “Migrant”. Mr. Kuffel will provide the definition to Board members.

27. Heard request for permission to contract with Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging information from Jack Schlindwein. WIAAA is funded through a Federal Title V Grant. They would help us fill vacant positions with retired people.

28. Reviewed status of Atkinson Elementary School. As of June 11, 2008, there are 31 students enrolled for 2008-09, (1st Grade: 11 students, 2nd Grade: 7 students, 3rd Grade: 13 students). Mr. Kuffel laid out four options (attachment) that the Board has. He explained the pros and cons of each option. After hearing discussion, the Board was most interested in Option 1 or Option 3. Mr. Kuffel will schedule a meeting with Guy Pauley, Atkinson Mayor, to discuss the City of Atkinson’s future plans and the impact closing Atkinson Elementary School will have on the City of Atkinson. A letter will also be sent home to the 31 remaining Atkinson Elementary Students explaining that Second Grade will definitely go to Geneseo, since there are only seven Second Grade students. He will have a recommendation at the July Board meeting based on the results of the letter. At the present time, it is the intention of the Board to keep Atkinson Elementary open for the 2008-09 School Year, and make it clear that it will be closed at the end of the 2008-09 School Year.

29. The Board suspended the regular meeting open session for a 5-minute break at 10:27 p.m.

30. Motion by Ford, seconded by VanDeWoestyne to adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057.

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

31. Motion by Ford, seconded by Coleman to adjourn the regular session meeting

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

32. The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY