

Geneva Area City Board of Education
Special Session – October 3, 2019

The Board of Education of the Geneva Area City School District held a special meeting at 5:30 p.m., October 3, 2019, in the Middle School Media Center. The meeting was called to order by President Arndt.

Roll Call: Present: Mr. Arndt, Mr. Brashear, Mr. Dana, Ms. Fisher, Mrs. Ortiz, Superintendent Kujala, and Treasurer Lillie

Absent: None

Visitors
& Guests: newspaper reporters and other citizens

Certification by Treasurer of Compliance with Meeting Requirements Rules

SPIRE PILOT
Agreement
Assignment

141-19

Upon Mr. Kujala's recommendation, Mr. Brashear moved, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, that the Board of Education approve the the Resolution Consenting to the Assignment and Assumption of the Agreement pursuant to section 5709.57 of the Ohio Revised Code between the Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners and Roni Lee, LLC to Geneva Owner LLC and authorizes its Board President, Superintendent and Treasurer/CFO to execute the Consent to Assignment and Assumption of PILOT Agreement (see addendum file).

Mr. Kujala explained that this action clears the way for the sale of the SPIRE complex and property to Blue Ocean Reality, a real estate investment and management company headquartered in Baltimore, MD. Mr. Lillie added that the closing is expected to take place around the middle of October, and the potential new owner has indicated that he intends to continue operating as a sports facility, which is good for the School District. Roll Call: YES: Arndt, Brashear, Dana, Fisher, and Ortiz. Motion carried.

Other

Mr. Kujala informed the Board that they are continuing interviews for the School Resource Officer. The first round of interviews involved three internal candidates and a team of interviewers including Mr. Wetherholt, Mr. Markijohn, Mr. Anderson, Captain Wilt, Joe Carroll and Mr. Kujala. For the second round of interviews, Mr. Kujala wanted to see if there was a Board member or two that wanted to be involved in the process. Ms. Fisher indicated that she would be interested, and Mr. Dana said that he would be interested depending on the day and time of the interviews. Mr. Kujala said that he would let both of them know as final details for the second interviews were finalized.

Mr. Arndt asked about the levy campaign. Mr. Kujala shared that signs are still going out and he has been meeting with teachers. The social media campaign will kick off soon and postcards are being ordered to mail to positive voters. Mr. Griffiths was helping by providing a list of voters from the last successful campaign.

Executive Session

142-19

Upon Mr. Kujala's recommendation, Mr. Brashear moved, seconded by Mr. Dana, that the Board hold an executive session for the purpose of preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

Went into executive session at 5:35 p.m.

Returned from executive session at 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call: YES: Brashear, Dana, Fisher, Ortiz, and Arndt. Motion carried

Adjournment

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Mr. Dana moved, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to adjourn the session at 6:06 p.m. Roll Call: YES: Dana, Fisher, Ortiz, Arndt and Brashear. Motion carried.

The foregoing is a true and accurate record of the minutes and proceedings of the special meeting held by the Board of Education of the Geneva Area City School District on October 3, 2019.