

Geneva Area City Board of Education
July 17, 2019

The Board of Education of the Geneva Area City School District met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., July 17, 2019, in the High School Auditorium. 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: Assistant Principal Markijohn; Food Service Director Laura Jones; OAPSE representatives; newspaper reporters; and other citizens

Certification by Treasurer of Compliance with Meeting Requirements Rules

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Arndt led the Pledge of Allegiance

Correspondence

Mr. Kujala shared a letter supporting the full funding of swimming as a JV/Varsity sport. Their two oldest children participate on the Lake Erie Silver Dolphins swim team and look forward to representing Geneva High School on the swim team. Swimming provides a great experience to build confidence, build strength, set and achieve individual goals while contributing to the success of the team. They are proud of the work Susan Thomas has done to create, fund, and lead the current team. The program she has built is an asset to our school community. Swimming has grown into a hugely successful program but now needs the long-term, formal support of the district to institutionalize its success. They hope that the Board will provide that support with the proper funding and earmarks from the pay to play program. It will benefit children for generations to come and provide those extra-curricular programs that are essential to produce successful, well-rounded citizens. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff or Tina Griffiths.

Mr. Dana noted that the state performance audit suggested that Geneva spends too much on extra-curricular activities compared to its peers. This is an issue we always look back to with respect to the funding of freshmen sports and the swim team, and there is also concern with the special facility we use.

Agenda Modification

Several agenda modifications were made.

Hearing of Public

Jeff Griffiths, 130 Pepperidge Dr., Geneva, said he wanted to make a quick note because he saw on the agenda that Laura Jones would be giving a food service update. His son who is going into High School has severe food allergies, and the food service staff has been remarkable, and the nursing staff, specifically Mrs. Drought, and Principal Anderson at this point, and he's sure Mr. Wetherholt will be as well. Since Mrs. Jones was here, he just wanted to give a shout out to her and their team and the cafeteria staff who are very on point to make sure that he not only has choice in the things that he buys so he feels included, and they're really phenomenal to make sure it's a safe environment while also not being exclusionary for him.

Approval of Minutes

107-19

Mr. Brashear moved, seconded by Mr. Dana, to approve the minutes of the regular session on June 26, 2019, as presented by the Treasurer. Roll Call: YES: Arndt, Brashear, Dana, Fisher, and Ortiz. Motion carried.

Financial Report

108-19

Mrs. Ortiz moved, seconded by Ms. Fisher, to approve the June, 2019 financial report as presented by the Treasurer. Roll Call: YES: Brashear, Dana, Fisher, Ortiz, and Arndt. Motion carried.

Approval of Invoices

109-19

Mr. Brashear moved, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to approve the June, 2019 invoices as paid and listed by the Treasurer. Roll Call YES: Dana, Fisher, Ortiz, Arndt and Brashear. Motion carried.

Informational Items – Current Investments (see addendum file)

Donation: \$3,000 from the City Church of Geneva to Geneva High School to be used for PBIS.

Legislative Report

Ms. Fisher said this has been a slow month to report on even though there have been some long meetings held in Columbus. There was only one new bill introduced, HB 310, which deals with school bullying and requires the enactment of the Ohio Anti-Bullying and Hazing Act. Most of the energy in Columbus has been spent trying to get the State Biennial Budget passed. Ms. Fisher felt that it seemed strange that a Republican governor with a vast majority of Republicans filling the seats of the legislature couldn't get the budget passed. Part of the problem was the addition of several bills that were originally presented as standalone bills and were added to the budget after it passed the House and went to the Senate. One of these was SB 110, which deals with the set up and duties of the distress commissions, which take over from local school boards when schools are considered in distress. Ms. Fisher believed that maybe they were worried about

HB 127, which sought to do away with the distress commissions altogether. The end result was that the budget was stuck. However, last night the General Assembly conference committee approved its report on the differences between the House and the Senate versions of the budget. It is now known as the Amended Substitute House Bill 166. The House and Senate were to vote on it today and then present it to Governor DeWine for signature. The Ohio Association of School Business Officials has requested that the governor veto a few items in the bill as presented. Their letter to the governor lists the following issues as needing a veto:

Voucher Expansion – This expands the Ohio private school voucher program. OASBO contends that Ohio already provides millions of dollars to private schools while Ohio struggles to adequately fund local school districts.

Two tax-related bills that were added from standalone bills HB 76 and HB 149. HB 76 has not been approved by either chamber and did not appear in any version of HB 166 until the conference committee added its provisions. HB 149 had only two hearings in a House committee and involves a tax break that would be statewide rather than on a case by case basis. This involves developers' taxes due while land is vacant or under construction.

The conference committee added a provision that provides a carve-out for taxpayers in a specific village with proportionally higher property values than other taxpayers in the school district. This results in treating taxpayers differently and could set a dangerous precedent.

A busing reduction prohibition that prohibits school districts from reducing pupil transportation after the beginning of the school year. Currently districts are not required to transport high school students, but many do as a service to students and families. If a district finds itself in financial difficulty, it can take steps to reduce the amount of busing provided. This could also force districts to preemptively reduce busing if a levy effort is in danger of failing.

Graduation requirements – The new graduation requirements do not greatly reduce the reliance on testing and some of the provisions included are redundant. The recently created student success plans and career advising policies already serve the same purpose.

The main reason for requesting these vetoes is that these issues are complex and require full discussion and debate. Putting these issues in the Biennial Budget does not provide the opportunity to fully vet the issues

Ms. Fisher added that a news report this afternoon reported the distress commission issue had been deferred until October 2020 so legislators have the opportunity to study the issue further. She saw another report that said it was deferred for a year. Also this afternoon, both the House and the Senate approved the Amended Substitute House Bill 166.

A-Tech Report

Mr. Brashear reported that the Youth Opportunities awards ceremony would be held on 7/22/19 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Ashtabula Towne Square Mall. A-Tech information day for incoming Juniors and Seniors and their families will be on 8/4/19 at 10:00 a.m. at the A-Tech Campus. The LPN graduation will take place on 8/6/19 at 6:00 p.m. at the A-Tech Facility. Mr. Brashear passed around a summer school enrollment update and a handout showing projected enrollment for next year. Mr. Brashear noted that the A-Tech BOE extended the contract for their Treasurer, Lindsey Elly, for another 5 years. He added that Lindsey is an outstanding asset.

Report of the Superintendent

Food Service Update

Laura Jones, Director of Food Service, gave a summary of our 2018-2019 food service operation along with a look at plans for the 2019-2020 school year. She wished she had really great news, as she was really excited last July when she told the Board about all their great ideas. They tried, but when you increase meal prices, you tend to have a decrease in meals served, and you can see that we did see a decrease in our breakfast and lunch counts. That resulted in a decrease in overall receipts, and when you serve less meals, you get less government reimbursement. It was good that we had less snow days, because those days cost money for food service because you have to pay staff while you have no revenue coming in on those days. Mrs. Jones explained that the first page of her report compares spending and shows that expenses were down since they weren't buying as much food. Labor costs were down reflecting staff reductions, as they eliminated one position at the Middle School and one position at the High School at the beginning of the school year.

Mrs. Jones reported that food service had on Ohio Department of Education Administrative Review Completed this year, something that is done every three years. This is a very thorough review that looks at all policies, civil rights, every free and reduced lunch application, and checks menus to see that nutritional requirements are being met. The next review won't be until five years from now, because the USDA granted ODE's waiver request stating that they don't have the resources and it is a burden to do reviews every three years. The last two reviews for Geneva have been done by consultants rather than ODE employees. ODE also conducted a Procurement Review this year,

and there was one corrective action to include affirmative steps for small minority businesses and women business enterprises, so that policy was corrected. Another thing brought up but not cited was the use of Pizza Hut to supply pizza once a month in the elementary schools and ready-to-bake pizzas for the High School and Middle School. An invitation needs to be extended to all local pizza vendors.

Breakfast changes last year ran into a few roadblocks. When the breakfast cart was taken to the 1st period study hall at the High School, there were only six students there and four of them had their head down taking a nap, so only one student bought breakfast. After the first three days of school, that was discontinued. Then they got excited because the 2nd period study hall was huge and was out in the commons area, so she thought she would talk to Mr. Wetherholt about opening the doors and bringing all the 2nd period kids in for breakfast, but the very next day they moved the study hall down to the study hall room. At the Middle School, the idea was to take carts down the 6th grade hallway and the 7th and 8th grade hallways with the laptop and fingerprint scanners, but after two weeks the kids decided they didn't like eating breakfast in the classroom, they would prefer eating in the cafeteria with all their friends. GPS was divided with some teachers liking the idea of breakfast in the classroom and other teachers not in favor of it. When students started grabbing and taking the bag breakfast to all classrooms, teachers thought the cafeteria was pushing this, so the principal decided there would be no more breakfast in the classroom. Food service will continue to look at other ideas, and they are excited that busing is coming back, because that will bring the students to school with the opportunity and time to serve a nutritious breakfast.

Food service is working with their social media, taking pictures, posting them, and receiving a lot of positive comments from parents. The Christmas Bike Give-a-Way continued, which is always a lot of fun. More people took advantage of the online application for free and reduced meals. ODE changed the way they do government commodities, so instead of supplying processed foods, they just supply things like large cans of green beans, corn or peas. Food service has to send the commodity money to manufacturers or processors like Tyson or Land of Lakes, and they supply the food at a discounted rate. The cafeterias are using Nutrislice Digital Menus, which was a new program to learn. There was a 3% increase in the MySchoolBucks online prepayments. Finally, a program was implemented at the High School to reduce single-use plastic utensils, spearheaded by Mr. Barbo. Plastic straws were eliminated without any problems. Food service calculated the amount they would spend on plastic utensils, and used that amount to purchase metal forks and spoons. Unfortunately, after two weeks they were down to a handful of

metal utensils, as students threw them away in spite of all the information and advertising. They aren't giving up, as this will also be implemented at the Middle School.

Mrs. Jones pointed to two pages of graphs showing a comparison by school of breakfast and lunch by month. The next page showed a history of lunch prices, with prices being raised by \$.05 last year. Elementary breakfast was raised \$.25. The next chart showed a comparison of prices by district, and because Geneva is a little on the high side, no increase will be proposed for this year. The next chart showed that school lunch is quite a bargain when compared to McDonald's and Wendy's. Future plans include new branding and a new logo for the Nutrition Services Department to hopefully increase meal participation. They will promote the digital menus and app to announce new menus. All parents will be emailed information about MySchoolBucks, and new online application for free and reduced meals will be implemented that is compatible with the current software and is cheaper. There will be a new coffee bar at High School breakfast to increase participation. Mrs. Jones will be working with each kitchen to optimize production and reduce food costs through extended commodity diversion. They will continue the Christmas Bike Give-a-Way, continue the digital fingerprint scanning at the Middle School and High School, and implement a new local pizza program if possible.

Resolution to Proceed
PI Renewal

110-19

Upon Mr. Kujala's recommendation, Mr. Dana moved, seconded by Mr. Brashear, that the Board approve the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT THE QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL OF AN EXISTING 0.85-MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERAL ON-GOING PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.21 OF THE REVISED CODE.

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2019, this Board adopted Resolution No. 92-19 pursuant to Section 5705.03 of the Revised Code declaring it necessary to renew an existing 0.85-mill tax levy for the purpose of general on-going permanent improvements, for five years, and requesting the Ashtabula County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the School District and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that 0.85-mill renewal levy; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2019, the Ashtabula County Auditor certified that the total current tax valuation of the School District is \$354,831,830 and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that 0.85-mill renewal levy would be \$192,324 annually during the life of the levy, assuming that the total current tax valuation remains the same throughout the life of the levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Geneva Area City School District, County of Ashtabula, Ohio, at least two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of all members elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1. Declaration of Necessity of Tax Levy. This Board hereby finds, determines and declares that the amount of taxes which may be raised by this Board within the ten-mill limitation by levies on the current tax list and duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the School District, and that it is necessary to renew, for five years, an existing 0.85-mill ad valorem property tax outside of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of general on-going permanent improvements.

Section 2. Submission of Question of Tax Levy to the Electors. The question of the renewal of an existing 0.85-mill ad valorem property tax outside of the ten-mill limitation, for five years, for the purpose of general on-going permanent improvements, beginning with the tax list and duplicate for the year 2019, the proceeds of which renewal levy first would be available to the School District in calendar year 2020, shall be submitted under the provisions of Section 5705.21 of the Revised Code to the electors of the School District at an election to be held therein on November 5, 2019, as authorized by law. That election shall be held at the regular places of voting in the School District as established by the Ashtabula County Board of Elections, or otherwise, within the times provided by law and shall be conducted, canvassed and certified in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. Notice of Election. The Treasurer of this Board be and is hereby authorized and directed to give or cause to be given notice of that election as provided by law.

Section 4. Delivery of Materials to Board of Elections. The Treasurer be and is hereby directed to deliver or cause to be delivered (i) a certified copy of Resolution No. 92-19 referred to in the first preamble to this Resolution, (ii) the certificate of the Ashtabula County Auditor referred to in the second preamble to this Resolution and (iii) a certified copy of this Resolution, to the Ashtabula County Board of Elections before the close of business on Wednesday, August 7, 2019.

Section 5. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 6. Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Resolution are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any Sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Mr. Lillie explained that this is the second resolution needed to place our .85-mill permanent improvement levy renewal on the ballot. Mr. Dana asked how much does this cost the average taxpayer. Mrs. Ortiz said it is less than \$30 a year on a \$100,000 home. Mr. Arndt mentioned that it is a renewal, so people have always done the \$30. Mr. Lillie reminded everyone that if this were to fail, any future attempts to put a PI levy on the ballot would cost taxpayers more, because currently they receive the benefit of a 12.5 % rollback reimbursement from the state, but that wouldn't be available on a new levy because the state did away with it. Also, the current levy is only effective at about .58 mills, so a new .85-mill levy would cost more when collected at full value. The County Auditor has certified that based on the current valuation of \$354,831,830, the renewal levy would generate \$192,324 annually. Mr. Brashear asked if it was correct that the primary purpose of this permanent improvement levy was buying buses. Mr. Lillie said the stated purpose was ongoing general improvements, and while we have used it for a number of other things in the past, we currently have been using it to replace buses, usually two buses a year. Mr. Brashear noted that it is going to be difficult to continue transportation for any length of time without reliable buses. Roll Call: YES: Fisher, Ortiz, Arndt, Brashear, and Dana. Motion carried.

Debt Service Refunding
Resolution

111-19

Upon Mr. Kujala's recommendation, Mr. Brashear moved, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, that the Board approve a resolution providing for the issuance and sale of Bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$11,880,000 for the purpose of refunding for debt charges savings certain of the School District's outstanding School Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2012, dated June 20, 2012 (see addendum file). Mr. Lillie presented a Supplemental Fiscal Officer's Certificate that certifies two things regarding these bonds. The Board will be asked to approve this resolution, and bids were taken from five banks with the lowest being a bid of 2.50% on average from BB&T. We've been provided a full

refunding analysis which shows on page 5 a savings of \$351,955.23 and the present value savings of \$292,580.85. On page 2, it shows the percentage savings of the refunding bonds at just over 3.273%, with the rule of thumb in the industry being that if you can save 3% or more, it makes sense. The part amount of the bonds that will be refunded shows on page 6 as \$8,945,000. The new aggregate debt service shows on page 12 as \$14,988,619.92 with the refunding, while the current aggregate debt service without refunding is \$15,340,575.15. Passage of this resolution will allow our investment banker and bond counsel to proceed and close on the deal with the lowest bidding bank. Mr. Dana said if we can save our taxpayers money, this is a no brainer. Roll Call: YES: Ortiz, Arndt, Brashear, Dana, and Fisher. Motion carried.

Strategic Plan Discussion

Mr. Kujala said he was excited to share the Strategic Plan in a more formal document. He plans on making a formal recommendation at our next Board meeting on August 21st. He wanted to give the document to the Board tonight, so they have a chance to look over it and see if they have any questions or need additional information. There might be changes we need to make. He took all the information from the groups, and he did want to recognize and thank all the individuals that were involved with the strategic planning. He does plan to have a listing of all of those names as part of the final document to make sure they are all recognized for being part of this process. As he was putting this together and looking for a way to present it to the Board, he did have each section begin with a new picture from this past year of our students. He wants to make sure he adds the header on top of each page, so you don't have to look back to the beginning of each section.

Mr. Kujala wanted to highlight a few items. For Communications, there was really a focus on if we're going to use the website and we're going to use certain kinds of media, what do we need to do to improve that so we can get information out to our whole community. One of the communication strategies was how do we promote the strategic plan both with staff and the community. The Culture and Climate group focused a lot on P.B.I.S., what we can do to enhance the program and what we can do to get that information out to students, parents, our community, and our teachers. They also looked at safety and consistency of out messaging. For finance, they had one goal but looked at three different areas including making sure the District has a minimum cash balance policy, using the 5-year forecast to prioritize programs and services, and having clear financial information available to the public. In the Curriculum and Instruction area, they really focused on the training of teachers and looking at our curriculum and aligning that horizontally and vertically. Facilities had three main focuses looking at what we're going to do with our

Board of Education office, what our needs are in the way of an athletic complex, and improving safety and security of all GACS buildings. Technology focused on training of our teachers, purchasing, and development of a plan for resources that will best suit the curriculum, courses, and classes that we have. There is some information at the very end showing needs over the next 3 years if we want to have maximum classroom impact and also “end of life” timing of technology that must be replaced.

Mr. Kujala repeated that he wanted to give the Board a chance to look this over. Most of the barriers presented by the groups were time, money, and personnel. He can send a digital copy without pictures to the Board if they would like one. He asked the Board to let him know in the next month any changes they desired.

School Resource Officer

Mr. Kujala brought up information that was shared by Chief Wiley and City Manager Starkey regarding the budgeted amount for a School Resource Officer. As he mentioned at our last meeting, the city, with the passage of their police levy, had looked at splitting the cost of a School Resource Officer (SRO). They are looking at a 12-month position with the first priority of being an SRO but also being involved in other community activities where students attend throughout the summer. There’s also a lot of planning that takes place during the summer with safety plans and grant-writing. This is different than what we’ve done in the past, but out of the 177 student days we had last year, we had officers in our buildings at either GPS, the Middle School or the High School 172 of those days. That doesn’t mean it was always for a crisis situation, but an officer was there for whatever reason. Mr. Kujala said he would answer any questions the Board might have, but he is looking for a resolution so at least we can begin the process. The city did inform him that they would first have to see if there was anyone within the department that would like to apply for the position. They want to have the school involved with the position and with the interviews. They did share a rough draft of a job description and also shared it with our former SRO, Joe Carroll, and he had some comments on that. They want the school to be very involved, and they know it has to be the right person.

Mr. Dana noted that two of the things we were concerned about at our last meeting were the involvement that we would have in the hiring process and the prior arrangement where we weren’t paying the highest rate for the officer and not for the full year. He wondered what the discussion was with the city regarding our concerns. Mr. Kujala explained that the information he has shared from the city represents the worst case scenario if they end up with someone at the top rate. It only takes three years for an officer to go from the beginning rate to the top rate. We would be responsible for half the cost of the officer. Mr. Dana asked what

kind of grants would they be seeking, because he's concerned with the summer time extra cost. Mr. Kujala said they talked about another round of COPS Grants and the NRA Shield Grant that we applied for. There also might be other grants out there.

Mr. Brashear thought that it was good to start with the worst case scenario and assume that we would absorb 50% of the entire cost. His biggest concern is the role the Board will play in the selection of an SRO, which may have been satisfied. Personally for him, the bar is pretty high knowing we had Joe. Having him involved in the early stages is outstanding, but having him involved perhaps through the entire selection process if possible is another avenue to take. As far as the concern of sharing the cost throughout the year, bottom line is that neither one of us has the money. Mr. Lillie interjected that the city just passed a levy for this purpose that they'll begin collecting in February. Mr. Brashear commented that he doesn't think the city would say that they are rolling in money. He believes that they are suffering just like we are from state cuts. He is not necessarily opposed to the entire year. As far as he is concerned, he would say please move ahead. Mr. Kujala added that not only has Joe Carroll been involved in some of the conversations and working on the job description, but he has offered to be involved in the interview process and to mentor on his own time whoever comes into the position.

Mr. Arndt thought that paragraph two of the SRO information from the city was disturbing to him where it said "Chief Wiley would make him available". His first question was who does the individual actually work for and report to? His second question was if they reported 172 days out of 177 days, and they were still able to function as our local police department, why can't they do that in the future? His third comment was we have two principals at the High School and two at the Middle School, then we have an entire building full of adults, who are educated adults, as leadership. His last comment is how many officers does the city of Geneva have right now, and what is preventing them from providing the services that they get paid to provide as we stand right now. Other than building a sense of familiarity with what a police officer does in our children, but we're certainly not going to have one at every school, just predominantly the High School and Middle School, correct? Mr. Kujala responded that is correct, but they would be available to go to any of the buildings, even Austinburg and Cork. Mr. Arndt asked who controls the individual's schedule, does the Superintendent or does Chief Wiley? Mr. Kujala answered that he or she reports to the city, but their priority would be as an SRO. The city even talked about relabeling one of their vehicles as an SRO vehicle. The 172 calls were for a variety of reasons that they had officers at our city buildings. Right now, the city has nine officers, and they're

potentially looking at adding a tenth. They'd like to have 12 officers, but they're having a hard time finding enough officers that are qualified and can pass the exam. Mr. Arndt said we have teachers we want to hire, we have classroom instruction that we want to create, we want to offer more courses, and we're going to go half and half on funding a brand new junior police officer at \$83,000 a year for the City of Geneva, which is more than some of our teachers cost. Mr. Brashear commented that we're only funding 50% of the worst case scenario, and he's been the benefactor of having an SRO in a building, and it is much more than just a police officer. Joe Carroll was more than a city police officer when he was here. He truly was a mentor for the students; he truly was another counselor that we desperately need. An SRO can deal with the immediate mental needs of a lot of students. Mr. Dana added that there is no question about the need for an SRO, but the concern is what assurances are we going to have that this officer is going to actually be here. If the schedule is set by the chief, if there are additional cuts that the city faces, he'd like some assurances of knowing that this officer is going to primarily be here at the schools and not doing other city business.

Mr. Lillie said he had a few things to throw out there. First of all, he believed that we are the only district in the county that does not have an SRO, and all the other districts are paying the full cost of that SRO. In the past, when we had an SRO, which was discontinued after 2010, we paid the full cost at the lower rate of the newest hire to replace Joe Carroll. We were always charged the lowest amount, and we were only charged for nine months. The last three years we had the SRO, we paid \$40,252, \$41,142, and \$42,141. At the time it was discontinued, he believed the cost was going to go up to 60,000 or more, and we were in the process of reducing staff before our big cuts in 12-13 and 13-14. One of the city's arguments as far as the 12 months is that at half, we won't be paying any more than when we were funding it fully for nine months. In an article by Brian Haytcher in the Star Beacon on April 23, 2019 about the city seeking additional funding for officers and cruisers, it stated that "currently the Geneva Police Department employs 10 full-time road officers, two part-time patrol officers, four full-time dispatchers, three part-time dispatchers, an executive captain and a police chief." And as they told us, they are currently down an officer, so they only have 9. They also said they are not always hiring an officer at the lower rate, because many of them are coming with experience. In this article, they were quoted as "one position the police department will hire for certain if the levy passes is a dedicated school resource officer. Currently, the schools call the police department whenever there is an incident, Wiley said. A full-time resource officer would free up patrol units and would make schools safer, according to a fact sheet distributed by the city. The cost of the resource officer would be shared with the Geneva Area City

School District, but the total cost and exact amount each party would pay has yet to be decided, Wiley said.” The last thing in this article talked about what would be added. “With the levy replacement, they would hope to fund a new school resource officer, a new police K-9 unit, a dedicated officer for drug investigations, and new police cruisers.” They are going to have dedicated funds for this purpose for a continuing period of time, so it’s not like they can all of a sudden pull the SRO and put him back on the street. You might see him on the street sometime if they have an emergency and they need to get every officer out there. Mr. Lillie believed that the importance of having a school resource officer is there and it’s needed.

Mr. Dana said he’d still like the concern addressed about the person being a dedicated SRO. Hopefully, they wouldn’t mind having that put into the agreement. Mr. Kujala said he didn’t think that would be a problem. Mr. Arndt asked if there was an action we needed to do tonight. Mr. Kujala said we would have to take action so the city knows for sure that we’re ready to move forward. Mr. Brashear moved, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, a resolution for the Board of Education and the Superintendent to move forward with this relationship regarding the shared cost of a School Resource Officer with the city of Geneva. Roll Call: YES: Arndt, Brashear, Dana, Fisher, and Ortiz. Motion carried.

NEOLA

The following existing Policies were enclosed for the Board’s review:

Policy 2111	Parent and Family Involvement
Policy 2261.01	Parent Participation in Title 1 Programs
Policy 2261.02	Title I – Parents Right to Know
Policy 5111.01	Homeless Students

Mr. Kujala informed the Board that these policies are already in place and there are no changes to the policies, but as part of Title I audit procedures, they have to be reviewed by the Board each year.

Cooperative
Purchasing
Program

113-19

Upon Mr. Kujala’s recommendation, Mr. Brashear moved, seconded by Mr. Dana, approval of the following resolution with the Cooperative Purchasing program for the 2019-2020 school year:

OHIO SCHOOLS COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Geneva Area City School District Board of Education is desirous of participating in certain of the cooperative purchasing programs of the Ohio Schools Council, a council of governments organization under the laws of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Geneva Area City School District Board of Education has reviewed the Agreement and Bylaws of the Ohio Schools Council and agrees to abide by them;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geneva Area City School District Board of Education authorizes its Superintendent to initial the Agreement and Bylaws of the OHIO Schools Council and for its Treasurer to pay the annual fee.

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

Delegate OSBA

114-19

A delegate and an alternate need to be selected to represent our School Board at the annual business meeting of the Ohio School Boards Association on November 11, 2019. Mr. Arndt asked if we have dates for the conference. Mr. Kujala replied that it's November 10, 11, and 12. Mr. Brashear moved, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to appoint Mr. Arndt as delegate and Ms. Fisher as alternate. Roll Call: YES: Dana, Fisher, Ortiz, Arndt and Brashear. Motion carried.

Class of 2026
Stu. Act. Acct.

115-19

Upon Mr. Kujala's recommendation, Mr. Dana moved, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, that a Student Activity Account be established for the Class of 2026 (200-9026). Roll Call: YES: Fisher, Ortiz, Arndt, Brashear, and Dana. Motion carried.

Approve Funds

116-19

Upon Mr. Kujala's recommendation, Mrs. Ortiz moved, seconded by Ms. Fisher that the following funds be appropriated according to the adopted budget:

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Fund Number</u>	<u>Approved Amount</u>
Part B-IDEA 19-20	516-9020	\$ 530,938.88
ECSE, IDEA 19-20	587-9020	\$ 9,848.88

Mr. Lillie informed the Board that the allocation for Part B-IDEA was down about \$2,000, and our Early Childhood Special Education grant up about \$428 compared to last year. Roll Call: YES: Ortiz, Arndt, Brashear, Dana, and Fisher. Motion carried.

2019-2020 Personnel

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Upon Mr. Kujala's recommendation, Mr. Brashear moved, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, the following personnel actions for the 2019-2020 contract year:

a. Supplemental Contract Resignation

Aimee L. White.....Detention Supervisor GPS

b. FMLA

Holly N. Hall, Teacher, leave of absence from 08/22/19 through 11/15/19. This leave will be designated under the Family Medical Leave Act.

Mary B. Klingler, Housekeeper, intermittent leave beginning 07/08/19, with the first twelve weeks to be designated under the Family Medical Leave Act.

c. Change of Contract

David C. Wright, 12 mos./year, from Housekeeper, Austinburg, 7.0 hrs./day, to Head Maintenance, 8.0 hrs./day, effective 07/01/19

- d. The hiring of the following personnel, on a one-year contract, to be paid according to the adopted wage guidelines, subject to meeting certification requirements of the State of Ohio, as well as a satisfactory physical examination, background check and/or other training, if applicable.

1) Teacher

Elizabeth Pasky, 6/8-time
Amiee L. White

2) Tutors - Hours-to-be-assigned (Contingent upon funding)

Rachel Beardsley-Holbert
Krista N. Blake
Nicole J. Bucci
Shelley A. Cochran
Kayla L. Coss
Joan R. Kuhn
Jennifer L. Limpert
Helene B. Moore
Emilee N. Trenn
Victoria L. Vliek

3) Housekeeper

Willis C. Plecha, Housekeeper, High School, 7 hrs./day, 10.5 mos./year, effective 08/01/19.

4) Substitute Teacher

Amy J Granat

5) Substitute Housekeeper

Ann M. Craig

6) Substitute Custodian II/III

Ann M. Craig

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

Adjournment

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Mr. Dana moved, seconded by Ms. Fisher, to adjourn the regular session at 8:28 p.m. Roll Call: YES: Brashear, Dana, Fisher, Ortiz, and Arndt. Motion carried.

The foregoing is a true and accurate record of the minutes and proceedings of the regular session held by the Board of Education of the Geneva Area City School District on July 17, 2019.