

Committee of the Whole Meeting – 6:30 pm
Tuesday, April 10, 2018
Genoa-Kingston Community Unit School District #424
Genoa-Kingston High School Community Room
980 Park Avenue Genoa, IL 60135

1. Call to Order
2. Correspondence/Presentation
 - 2.01 STEM-PLTW - Angelo Lekkas and Don McCune
3. District Health Insurance Renewal
4. Amended Budget
5. Buildings, Grounds and Maintenance Summer 2018
6. 9th Grade English Proposal
7. Superintendent/Board Communication
8. Future Agenda Items
9. Sponsorship-Scoreboards
10. Closed session for discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District in compliance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and 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 in compliance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) and The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District in compliance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6).
11. Reconvene to Open Session
12. Adjournment

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Call to Order

President Paul Kruse called the Genoa-Kingston CUSD #424 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: John Shipley, David Cleveland, Kristin Brynteson, Jake Wesner, Kristen Andrews, Barb Gustafson, and Paul Kruse.

Absent: None

Correspondence/Presentation

Spelling Bee Recognition

Mr. Lekkas publicly recognized and congratulated 8th grade student, Bryanna Sonntag for winning the annual spelling bee and moving forward to the state competition at the end of May.

STEM-PLTW - Angelo Lekkas and Don McCune

Mr. Lekkas and Mr. McCune shared a presentation with the Board regarding STEM/PLTW.

Mr. Lekkas stated that PLTW (Project Lead the Way) was been funded by generous donations and currently funded by the middle school building budget. He also stated the program provides an important educational value to students from conception to design and finally construction.

Mr. McCune introduced several middle school students involved in the PLTW program. He also stated PLTW is a Non-profit program that provides training for students using a simulated experience for finding solutions to real problems that students can apply at home and in the workplace.

Brynteson asked students about the knowledge gained from PLTW.

Students commented on the importance of math, as well as accomplishing success through failure, rethinking designs from concept to creation and finally the strategies for problem solving.

District Health Insurance Renewal

Dr. Shortridge shared information regarding the new health insurance quote for next fiscal year.

Dr. Shortridge shared an insurance worksheet with the EBC Marketplace Exchange health and dental insurance premium rates with the Board. He also commented on a recent meeting with the insurance committee and the insurance cooperative. Dr. Shortridge stated the health insurance increase for

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next year is 2.9%. with a recommendation for the Board to approve PPO 2 as the plan to fund at the April 24, 2018 Board of Education Meeting. He further stated during open enrollment, employees will have the option to choose any of the listed Exchange plans for their health insurance coverage.

Cleveland asked for the difference between the PPO 2 and PPO 3 regarding deductibles, maximum out of pocket and coverage options.

Kruse asked if all insurance options comply with Obama Care guidelines.

Dr. Shortridge stated he will share the differences between PPO 2 and PPO 3 with the board and all insurance options comply with the Obama Care guidelines.

The Board will take action to approve PPO 2 as the district's health plan to fund according to the percentages described in the current GKEA Agreement on Tuesday, April 24, 2018.

Amended Budget

Dr. Shortridge shared recommendations and stated the need to amend the 2017-18 budget. He also stated the public hearing to amend the budget will need to be posted for 30 days.

Dr. Shortridge informed the board about the additional revenue Genoa-Kingston CUSD #424 will receive THIS fiscal year as a result of the Evidence Based School Funding Model.

Approval to schedule and post the Amended Budget and Public Hearing will take place at the Tuesday, April 24, 2018 Board of Education Meeting.

Buildings, Grounds and Maintenance Summer 2018

Dr. Shortridge shared a timeline, recommendations for summer work and staffing that will begin weeks after the last day of student attendance. Dr. Shortridge stated Mr. Ratliff is requesting 13 summer employees who are paid minimum wage and typically district students. He also stated summer employees are always included in the annual budget.

Kruse stated he was in favor of G-K students working in the district over the summer to gain work experience.

9th Grade English Proposal

Mr. O'Daniell stated District curriculum directors have developed a proposal for 9th Grade English and are recommending Board approval and implementation for the next school year. Mr. O'Daniell commented that traditionally, curriculum requests have been put on display for 30 days and then approved by the Board at the following board meeting. He also stated this is not necessarily required, much like the situation for voting to put board policy changes on 30-day review. In addition, there is no requirement for them to be put up for review for 30 days at all. Mr. O'Daniell recommended presenting the curriculum changes similar to PRESS Policy updates to discuss at a Committee of the Whole Meeting, and then place on the regular Board of Education meeting, discuss again if necessary, and then for final Board approval.

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Mrs. Hill commented on the new English curriculum and necessary upgrades to keep curriculum updated and fresh. She also stated text books as well as online versions will be available to stay Chrome book friendly.

Mr. O'Daniell publicly thanked Mrs. Hill and the Curriculum Committee for their hard work on the new English Curriculum Proposal.

Brynteson asked about the benefits of a 30-day public display as well as prior public input over a change in curriculum. She also asked about additional resources and digital copies for the new English curriculum.

Mrs. Hill commented on only concerns regarding math curriculum changes several years ago, however; there have been no public concerns regarding recent curriculum changes.

Kruse asked for the Board's recommendation regarding 30-day public display of curriculum. He also shared concerns over timelines and deadlines for implementation of future curriculum changes.

Gustafson was in favor of approving the new English curriculum at the next board meeting. She also stated two weeks was sufficient for public display of new curriculum.

Shiple and Andrews were in favor of the 30-day public display of curriculum unless there was an urgency for implementation

Cleveland asked about the English Curriculum Proposal, number of books and licensing.

Shiple asked about the contract as well as evaluating the progress of the curriculum. He also asked about future upgrades to digital and hard copies.

Mrs. Hill commented on the curriculum evaluation process as well as a 5-year review, and necessary updates in the future.

Superintendent/Board Communication

Anti-Bullying Presentations

Mr. O'Daniell commented on the Anti-Bullying campaign and shared the winning t-shirt designs with the Board. He stated Mrs. Wilkins also works closely with Officer Gates to share information with students about Cyber-Bullying. Mr. O'Daniell commented on the Anti-Bullying t-shirt contest and winners receiving a pizza party. He publicly thanked Mrs. Wilkins for her efforts with this ongoing campaign in the District.

G-K United Way Youth Board Bracelets

Mr. O'Daniell commented on the efforts by Mrs. Volkening and the G-K United Way Youth Board with a bracelet campaign in an effort to share peace stating, "Live United, Play United". Bracelets were shared with board members.

Apptegy

Mr. O'Daniell announced that the District will be entering into a contract with Apptegy to develop a district-wide App. He also stated the new District App is designed to use all current communication and website information to talk to our student management system and parents to stay connected with just one click. Mr. O'Daniell stated the App will roll out in approximately 60-90 days.

Lunch Audit/Lunch Prices

Mr. O'Daniell stated the 3-year lunch audit was completed successfully in two days. He also stated the PLE Equity Tool was not available at the time of the audit. He further stated after looking at the District's current lunch rates they are expected to stay the same for the 2018-2019 school year.

Good luck to Future Problem Solving Teams in Bloomington at State Competition.

Mr. O'Daniell wished the Future Problem Solvers Team good luck at the State Competition in Bloomington this weekend.

Future Agenda Items

April 24, 2018 BOE Meeting

PRESS Policies for Approval
District Health Insurance Renewal (Approval of PPO-2)
Amended Budget Approval - (Schedule Hearing/Public Notice)
9th Grade English Proposal 30-Day Public Display
Approval of 30-Day Public Display of Sponsorships/Scoreboard Policy
Update on FPS Future Problem Solvers Competition

May 8, 2018 COW Meeting

Treasurers Bond
2018-19 Board Meeting Dates
2017-18 Amended School Calendar
Triple I Conference November 16-18, 2018

Sponsorship-Scoreboards

Mr. Jerbi shared a proposal for sponsorships associated with his scoreboard upgrade project to the Board. He commented on options for sponsorships and signage as well as creating a sponsorship policy. He also commented on a recent donation of \$10K from the G-K Booster Club to be used to offset the cost of the scoreboard upgrades. Mr. Jerbi would like to honor the Boosters with a permanent sponsorship panel on the main scoreboard to show appreciation for their generous donation. Mr. Jerbi stated additional sponsors would help to offset the cost of the project totally \$50K.

Andrews asked about the high school digital sign and other areas in the District to place ads.

Mr. Jerbi commented on other neighboring schools that include sponsorship banners and signs.

ShIPLEY commented on previous discussions regarding sponsorships and scoreboards. He also asked where the additional money for the project would come from.

Mr. Jerbi stated the cost of the updates would be paid for by the Boosters donation, Building and Grounds, Athletic funds and potential sponsors. He also commented on a five year guarantee of the retrofit update.

Andrews asked how many of the scoreboards were in need of updates.

Mr. Jerbi stated all scoreboards were in need of updates.

Cleveland was in favor of sponsorships and a sponsorship policy.

Dr. Shortridge asked Mr. Jerbi for clarification and definition of a permanent sign.

Mr. Jerbi stated not a banner but an interchangeable sign.

Brynteson was in favor of sponsorships with levels and time frames.

Mr. Jerbi asked about including sponsors that may sell alcohol but was not their entire business. He also commented on the generous donation from the Hill Family.

Kruse asked about sponsorships being displayed on fences and around baseball fields.

Mr. Jerbi stated sponsorship signs could be included in other locations within the District, however; his immediate concern is with updates to the scoreboards. He also stated the updates need to begin in June.

Mr. Jerbi was asked to bring a sponsorship policy to the next board meeting for approval.

Mr. O'Daniell commented on a sponsorship policy approved for public display on April 24, 2018 and for final approval on May 22, 2018.

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A motion was made by Brynteson, and seconded Gustafson, to convene to Closed session for discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District in compliance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and 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 in compliance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) and The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District in compliance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6) at 7:47 pm.

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Ayes: Andrews, Brynteson, Cleveland, Gustafson, Shipley, Wesner, Kruse
Motion Carried.

Reconvene to Open Session

The board reconvened to open session at 10:24 pm.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Wesner, seconded by Kruse, to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 10:25 pm.

Voice vote: Ayes 7
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Paul Kruse, Board President

Kristen Andrews, Board Secretary