

Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm
Tuesday, February 28, 2017
Genoa-Kingston Community Unit School District #424
Genoa-Kingston High School - Learning Center
980 Park Avenue Genoa, IL 60135

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Call to Order

President Paul Kruse called the Genoa-Kingston Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Taunya Fischer, David Cleveland, Kristen Andrews, Heather Edwards, Barb Gustafson, Kristin Brynteson, and Paul Kruse.

Absent: 0

Pledge of Allegiance

Cindy Wills and students from Davenport Elementary School led our guests and Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mission Statement

Board member, Kristen Andrews read the Mission Statement, "Preparing students to excel and contribute to their community."

Correspondence/Presentation

Cindy Wills, Davenport Elementary

Mrs. Wills introduced teachers, Pam Whittenhall and Chris Pacheco and shared a presentation highlighting student demographics including 230 students were currently enrolled at Davenport Elementary School. She also shared AIMSWEB and MAP Data for kindergarten and first grade students in letter sound fluency, reading, and math. Mrs. Will attributed reading and letter growth to the new Jolly Phonics program recently approved by the Board.

Mrs. Pacheco shared information regarding Davenports PBIS program. She stated students are using *Cool Tools* that teach all aspects of PBIS behavior. She also stated being positive and preventative as important.

Mrs. Whittenhall shared information regarding the *Kindness Project*.

Mrs. Wills thanked the board for their time.

Cleveland asked about AIMSWEB and MAP testing trends as well as how long the district has been using the tests. He also asked about the slight decrease in scores over winter.

Mrs. Wills stated AIMSWEB testing is primarily computation at this age. She also stated the trends give data and a screening process.

Mrs. Simmons stated the testing formats have been in place for at least the past 10 years.

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Public hearings petitions questions and comments from guests and visitors

There were no public hearings, petitions, questions and comments from guests and visitors.

Consent Agenda

Payrolls, Accounts Payable, Minutes, Employment, Coaches, Leave of Absence, Resignations

Edwards asked about the number of current Sam's Club Memberships in the district.

Ms. Hoffman stated the district has a Sam's Club business membership with five cardholders at a cost of \$35 a year.

Mr. Slater stated the district cut back on the number of Sam's Club memberships several years ago due to the budget.

A motion was made by Gustafson, and seconded by Brynteson, to approve the January 25, 2017 payroll in the amount of \$513,336.08, the February 10, 2017 payroll in the amount of \$533,518.26, the February 24, 2017 payroll in the amount of \$554,655.05, the February 15, 2017 KEC payroll in the amount of \$134,121.32, and the February 2017 Payable Board Report in the amount of \$237,229.13, the January 24, 2017 Board of Education Meeting Minutes, the February 14, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, and the January 24, 2017 Closed Session Meeting Minutes. The approval of the closed session minutes does not constitute disclosure or dissemination until the Board has authorized the dissemination or disclosure of these minutes.

To approve the sale of surplus property:

Kingston Elementary School Surplus outdated, unused school supplies and equipment totaling \$500.

To approve the following employment considerations:

Ma Lopez - ESP - Effective March 1, 2017

Melissa Whiting - ESP - Effective February 27, 2017

To approved the following assistant coaches:

Jillian Leutscher - Sophomore Softball - Effective March 1, 2017

To approve the following volunteer coaches:

Angela Brown - Track Coach - March 1, 2017

Bob Davidson - Varsity Softball - Effective March 1, 2017

Nathan Dutton - Middle School Wrestling - Effective March 1, 2017

Ron Pacini - Baseball - Effective March 1, 2017

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To approve the following leave of absence:

Cameron Davekos - 3rd Grade Teacher - Effective March 4, 2017 thru March 10, 2017
Michelle Muir - Middle School Secretary - Effective January 2, 2017 thru June 1, 2017

To approve the following resignations:

Jennifer Guenther - 7th Grade Teacher - Effective end of the 2016-2017 school year
Rebecca Johnson - ESP - Effective February 3, 2017

Ayes: Andrews, Brynteson, Cleveland, Edwards, Fischer, Gustafson, Kruse
Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Hoffman presented the January Treasurers Report in detail to the Board of Education.

Ms. Hoffman shared several reports reviewing the districts revenues and expenditures. She also stated the district is continuing to receive General State Aid (GSA) and KEC payroll reimbursements. Ms. Hoffman stated receiving the 2016 special education and transportation reimbursements. Ms. Hoffman stated the state still owes the district \$21K from the previous school year and \$580K for the current school year.

Edwards asked about the anticipated categorical payments and current budget.

Dr. Shortridge stated he anticipates receiving all of the categorical payments this year; however uncertain about future payments. He also stated the district is currently down \$2.2M but that is not unusual for this time of the year.

Mr. Burgess stated without a state budget all you can do is guess at future payments.

A motion was made by Andrews, and seconded by Fischer, to approve the January Treasurer's Report as presented.

Ayes: Brynteson, Cleveland, Edwards, Fischer, Gustafson, Andrews, Kruse
Motion Carried.

Old Business

Registration Fees

Mr. Burgess shared documents to reflect the changes to the middle school and high school registration fees that were discussed in a prior committee meeting. He also stated lunch prices will be reviewed and approved at the at the March board meeting.

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A motion was made by Gustafson, and seconded by Fischer, to raise middle school and high school registration fees by \$10 for the 2017-2018 school year.

Ayes: Cleveland, Edwards, Fischer, Gustafson, Andrews, Brynteson, Kruse
Motion Carried.

GKMS Cross Country

Mr. Burgess shared documents to reflect research done on the benefits of cross country to middle school students. Mr. Burgess recommended the addition and approval of cross country to the middle school.

Mr. Jerbi presented answers to questions and explained the financial commitment of the athletic department.

Edwards stated her opinion had not changed since the committee of the whole meeting and she was not in favor of adding cross country to the middle school extra-curricular activities. Edwards stated it would not be financially responsible due to the current deficit. She also stated it was the board's duty to do what was best for the students and the community. Edwards commented on the nominal amount to implement cross country and stated that any small amount would add up over time and increase the deficit. She also stated there were other organizations like the park district that offer programs that were feeder programs for the G-K School District.

Mr. Burgess and Mr. Kruse asked about the number of students that may participate in cross country.

Mr. Jerbi stated approximately 40 students. He also stated the cost to hire an assistant coach would be no more than \$3K and covered by the current budget. Mr. Jerbi stated the original proposal offers students an opportunity to participate in a sport when they may not normally be able to.

Kruse stated the following reasons cross country was brought to the board in the first place; existing cross country uniforms, zero cost to use Walcamp where the meets are held, middle school and high school events taking place at the same time, coaches working together at both levels and liability, all not being a financial burden on the district.

Mr. Jerbi stated creating a budget to include cross country and no increase the district deficit.

Mr. Burgess commented on the tremendous support of the booster club.

Mr. Jerbi stated the booster club and fundraisers help and are greatly appreciated.

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Edwards commented on the sports revenue and expenditure reports where it appeared Mr. Jerbi went over budget by \$10K. She also commented on the travel expenditures.

Dr. Shortridge stated he did not recall a time when athletics ever went over budget.

Mr. Lekkas commented on the how the booster club's generous donations help to preserve the budget.

Mr. Jerbi stated athletics may go over budget in transportation if and when teams go to state.

Kruse commented on the athletic revenue and expenditure report request by board member, Edwards. He also asked the board how the report would affect their decision to add cross country to middle school extra-curricular activities.

Edwards stated requesting a review of the athletic revenues and expenditures to have a better idea of what was being spent on current sports programs.

Kruse stated he was in favor of adding middle school cross country. He also stated cross country provides a sport for students to go at their own pace and still hit the target.

Brynteson stated she was in favor of adding middle school cross country as long as the program stays within budget. She also commented on the benefits to over 40 students being a good thing for the district and community.

Cleveland was in favor of adding middle school cross country as long as long as the program stays within budget.

A motion was made by Cleveland, and seconded by Fischer, to approve adding cross country to middle school extra-curricular activities.

Ayes: Fischer, Gustafson, Andrews, Brynteson, Cleveland, Kruse

Nays: Edwards

Motion Carried.

Review Minutes of Closed Sessions

Mr. Burgess reviewed the closed session minutes for February 10, 2015 through June 16, 2015 and recommends that they stay closed to the public.

A motion was made by Gustafson, and seconded by Brynteson, to continue to keep the closed session minutes from February 10, 2015 to June 16, 2015 closed to the public.

Ayes: Fischer, Gustafson, Andrews, Brynteson, Cleveland, Edwards, Kruse

Motion Carried.

Destruction of Audio of Closed Session Minutes

Mr. Burgess reviewed the audio closed session minutes for February 10, 2015 through June 16, 2015 and recommend that they be destroyed.

A motion was made by Cleveland, and seconded by Edwards, to destroy audio of closed session minutes from February 10, 2015 to June 16, 2015.

Ayes: Gustafson, Andrews, Brynteson, Cleveland, Edwards, Fischer, Kruse
Motion Carried.

New Business

City of Genoa Resolution

Mr. Burgess shared a City of Genoa resolution request for J6 Polymers. He also stated it was similar to the economic incentive granted to Service Concepts in a previous meeting. He further stated the board may want time to review the J6 Polymer resolution prior to approving it since it is a relatively new item for the board to discuss and consider.

Mr. Burgess commented on recent discussions regarding the enterprise zone with the City of Genoa and DeKalb County Economic Development Director, Paul Borek. He also stated the city is looking at economic growth to fit Genoa-Kingston's best interests.

A motion was made by Cleveland, and seconded by Gustafson, to approve the City of Genoa Resolution for J6 Polymers.

Ayes: Andrews, Brynteson, Cleveland, Edwards, Fischer, Gustafson, Kruse
Motion Carried.

FOIA Request

There are no FOIA to report at this time.

Acceptance of Donations

Mr. Burgess stated there four generous donations to accept from Mrs. Johnsen, Mathnasium and the Corbett family.

A motion was made by Andrews, and seconded by Edwards, to accept with gratitude these generous donations; 150 Happy Meal Toys for COGS store incentives to Kingston Elementary School from Mrs. Marty Johnsen, \$25.00 to Genoa-Kingston Middle School and \$25.00 to Kingston Elementary School from Mathnasium, \$25.00 from the Corbett Family to Kingston Elementary School for playground equipment.

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Ayes: Brynteson, Cleveland, Edwards, Fischer, Gustafson, Andrews, Kruse
Motion Carried.

Superintendent/Board Communication

Reminder Committee of the Whole Meeting on March 14, 2017 6:30 pm.
Reminder Board of Education Meeting on March 21, 2017 7:00 pm.

INCubator Class Pitch Night

Mr. Burgess commented on INCubator Pitch Night. He stated being very impressed with the investigation and research accomplished by the students.

B & G: Surplus cleaning equipment donated to Genoa Park District and Walcamp.

Mr. Burgess thanked buildings and grounds for their work with transitioning buildings and clean up. He also stated buildings and grounds donated surplus cleaning equipment recently approved by the board, to the Genoa Park District and to Walcamp.

Kingston Elementary School book sale

Mr. Burgess shared information regarding a book sale held at Kingston Elementary School during conferences. The book sale made \$305 at a quarter a book.

Kingston Elementary School makes a donation

Mr. Burgess commented on Kingston Elementary School donating the remainder of books from book sale to Genoa Public Library.

Kingston Elementary School Follet credit

Mr. Burgess commented on a credit given from Follet for text books that were no longer needed.

Kingston Elementary School celebration.

Mr. Burgess commented on Staci Hale and Kendra Brauer presenting this past fall at the Lapherd Conference in St. Charles. The presentation was P.E. based and titled "Creative Common Core Classroom Connections." Since last fall Staci and Kendra have been invited to present at NIU in February and later this spring NIU will bring their students to Kingston Elementary School to observe Staci's class.

Athletics: Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball Team Accomplishments

Mr. Burgess commented on the recent boys' and girls' varsity basketball team accomplishments.

The Boys Varsity Basketball team won at North Boone recently. The win was Coach Jenkins 230th victory as a varsity head coach at GKHS.

The Girls Varsity Basketball team led by Coach Henkel finished the season with 20 wins.

Cooked Up

Mr. Burgess updated the board that the Cooked UP grant has recently been submitted to the DeKalb County Community Foundation.

City of Genoa

Board President, Paul Kruse commented on a recent meeting with City Manager, Joe Misurelli. Kruse stated the city wants to partner with the district on any future school consolidations and projects to be a partner if we decided to move forward with a K-8 project. The city would be interested in the reuse of land and buildings. Kruse stated the board will keep the city informed of any and all future plans of the district.

Appraisal

Mr. Burgess stated he expects to receive the Davenport Elementary appraisal next week. He also stated there is interest in the building and we need the appraisal prior to marketing the building.

Future Agenda Items

March COW

Jim Slater-Safety Presentation
Anti-Bullying Presentation
Bus Lease
Lunch Fees

March BOE

Angelo Lekkas – Chrome Book Presentation
Buildings and Grounds Summer Staffing

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).

A motion was made by Brynteson, and second by Andrews, 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) at 8:18 pm.

Ayes: Cleveland, Edwards, Fischer, Gustafson, Andrews, Brynteson, Kruse
Motion Carried.

Reconvene to Open Session

The board reconvened to open session at 8:32 pm.

Personnel Action

Personnel Action was not needed at this time.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Barb Gustafson, seconded by Heather Edwards, to adjourn the Board of Education meeting at 8:32 pm.

Voice vote: Ayes: 7.
Nays: 0.
Motion carried.

Paul Kruse, Board President

Heather Edwards, Board Secretary