

Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm
Tuesday, March 21, 2017
Genoa-Kingston Community Unit School District #424
Genoa-Kingston High School – Community Room
980 Park Avenue Genoa, IL 60135

1. Call to Order
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3. Mission Statement
4. Correspondence/Presentation
 - 4.01 GKMS Project Lead the Way - Angelo Lekkas
5. Public hearings petitions questions and comments from guests and visitors
6. Consent Agenda
 - 6.01 a. Payrolls
 - b. Accounts Payable
 - c. Minutes
 - d. IHSA Membership Renewal
 - e. Contracts
 - f. Coaches, Leave of Absence, Resignations
 - 6.02 Resolution Authorizing the Notice of Non-Renewal and Dismissal of a Second Year Probationary Teacher (Policy 5:200).
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Old Business
 - 8.01 Lunch Fees
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 - 9.02 FOIA Report
10. Superintendent/Board Communication
11. Future Agenda Items
12. 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 Student Discipline in compliance with 120/2(c)(9).
13. Reconvene to Open Session
14. Personnel Action
15. Adjournment

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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: David Cleveland, Kristen Andrews, Barb Gustafson, Kristin Brynteson, and Paul Kruse.

Absent: Taunya Fischer, Heather Edwards.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Lekkas and students from GKMS led guests and members of the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mission Statement

Board Member, Kristin Brynteson read the Mission Statement, "Preparing students to excel and contribute to their community."

Heather Edwards entered the room at 7:03 pm.

Correspondence/Presentation

GKMS Project Lead the Way - Angelo Lekkas

Mr. Lekkas shared a Power Point Presentation regarding the progress of Project Lead the Way at Genoa-Kingston Middle School.

Mr. Lekkas introduced Mr. McCune, the PLTW teacher, and several students from GKMS.

Mr. Lekkas stated PLTW is not a club. He also stated 7th graders will be included in PLTW classes next year.

Mr. McCune stated 7th grade students learn; design and modeling, while 8th grade students learn; automation and robotics.

Several GKMS students shared details of developing projects then demonstrated completed projects with the board and public.

Mr. Burgess asked the students if what they have learned from PLTW has crossed over into their math classes.

Several students commented on learning about volume, ratio and scale which has crossed over into math as well as practical life.

Brynteson asked the students about challenges during project development.

Students commented on programming, designing and collaborating as a team.

A student commented that it has been a privilege to be a part of such a wonderful program and thanked the board for supporting PLTW.

Mr. McCune stated the program is a 12-week program with a 6-week rotation.

Cleveland asked about classes offered in high school that follow the middle school program.

Mr. Burgess commented on several opportunities in high school to follow PLTW in middle school including the new INCubator Classes, technology and drafting classes.

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, IHSA Membership Renewal, Contracts, Coaches, Leave of Absence, Resignations

A motion was made by Gustafson, and seconded by Brynteson, to approve the March 10, 2017 payroll in the amount of \$579,873.11, the March 15, 2017 KEC payroll in the amount of \$134,589.97, the March 2017 Payable Board Report in the amount of \$220,054.54, the February 28, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes, the March 14, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, the February 28, 2017 Closed Session Meeting Minutes, and the March 14, 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 2017-18 IHSA Membership Renewal.

To approve the Assistant Superintendent contract for Dr. Brad Shortridge.

To approve Certified Administrators Contracts for the 2017-18 school year:

Brett McPherson, Bill McCarty, Angelo Lekkass, Craig Butcher, John Francis, Stefanie Hill, Karen Simmons, and Phil Jerbi.

To approve Non-Certified Director Contracts for the 2017-18 school year:

Joe Ratliff, Bruce Burkhalter, Regan Peterson, Cam Fradkin.

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To approved Non-Certified Staff Contracts for the 2017-18 school year:

Dan Spear, Renee Hoffman, Kristie Mulso, Ann Pickerill, Christi Volkening, Sue Peterson.

To approve the following coaches:

Chad Wilmarth - Head Football Coach - Effective Immediately

To approve the following leave of absence:

Mary Church - Teacher - Effective February 21, 2017 through May 1, 2017

Brad Kuhn - Custodian - Effective July 19, 2017 through August 16, 2017

Sarah Lampard - Teacher - Effective May 24, 2017 through August 31, 2017

To approve the following resignations:

Bradley Crim - 7th Grade Math Teacher - Effective end of the 2016-2017 school year.

Kristen Engel - 4th Grade Teacher - Effective Immediately.

Ayes: Andrews, Brynteson, Gustafson, Kruse

Nays: Edwards, Cleveland

Motion Carried.

Resolution Authorizing the Notice of Non-Renewal and Dismissal of a Second Year Probationary Teacher (Policy 5:200)

A motion was made by Gustafson, and seconded by Andrews, to approve the adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

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

Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Hoffman presented the February's Treasurers Report to the Board in detail.

Ms. Hoffman provided several additional reports at this meeting that provided the board with budget details as well as revenue and expenditures. She also stated the district has not yet received the anticipated categorical payments to transportation. She further stated the district received its first land cash payment in years.

Ms. Hoffman also stated the budget will need to be amended due to the cost of the new roof at Kingston Elementary School.

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Gustafson stated she was pleased with the additional reports Ms. Hoffman shared.

A motion was made by Cleveland, and seconded by Brynteson, to approve the February Treasurer's Report as presented.

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

Old Business

Lunch Fees

Mr. Burgess stated there would not be an increase in lunch fees for the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Burgess recommended the board approve the lunch fees as presented.

A motion was made by Andrews, and seconded by Cleveland, to approve no increase to the lunch and milk prices for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

New Business

Donations

Mr. Burgess stated there were two generous donations to accept; one from Mark Madey for Conference Banners for the middle school and one other from Heartland Bank for "Score with Heartland."

A motion was made by Gustafson, and seconded by Edwards, to accept with gratitude these generous donations: \$450 to purchase Conference Banners for the Main Gym at the middle school from Mark Madey owner of Madey Trucking in Genoa, \$224 to GKHS Athletics from Heartland Bank "Score with Heartland",

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

FOIA Report

Mr. Burgess stated there were no FOIA to report this month.

Superintendent/Board Communication

HFS Medicaid Review

Mr. Burgess shared a letter from HFS (Health and Family Services). He stated the district recently received a review of Health Care and Family Services which is part of Medicaid. Mr. Burgess stated the review was very positive.

Dr. Shortridge commented on the HFS letter and publicly thanked district office staff for their team effort during the review process.

Future Donation

Mr. Burgess commented that Wakohwear will be contributing a portion of shirt sales to the athletic department to help fund the new cross country team at Genoa-Kingston Middle School.

DES

Mr. Burgess stated the profile of Davenport Elementary School is listed on the DeKalb County Economic Development website. He also commented on other resources for marketing Davenport Elementary School. Mr. Burgess stated he will begin interviewing realtors to market the building and asked the board for feedback.

Cleveland asked about the timeline of transition and commented on a request to remove time capsules from Davenport Elementary School's property.

Mr. Burgess asked the board for recommendations for displaying past teacher photographs after Davenport is closed. He also commented on working with Davenport Elementary School on how to share memories of the building.

Brynteson commented on working with the Heritage Museum.

Future Agenda Items

Committee of the Whole Meeting April 11, 2017

Board Election Results
PRESS Policies for Review
Bus Lease
Amended Budget
District Health Insurance Renewal
Long Term Substitute Pay
Building and Grounds Summer Request
Summer School 2017
Building Transition Update

Closed Session for the purpose of discussion relating to the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District in compliance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and Student Discipline in compliance with 120/2(c)(9).

A motion was made by Brynteson, and seconded by 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 Student Discipline in compliance with 120/2(c)(9) at 7:49 pm.

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

Motion Carried.

Reconvene to Open Session

The board reconvened at 8:07 pm.

Personnel Action

Personnel action was not needed at this time

Adjournment

A motion was made by Dave Cleveland, seconded by Barb Gustafson, to adjourn the Board of Education meeting at 8:07 pm.

Voice vote: Ayes: 6.
Nays: 0.
Absent: 1.
Motion carried.

Paul Kruse, Board President

Heather Edwards, Board Secretary