

Committee of the Whole Meeting – 6:30 pm
Tuesday, May 9, 2017
Genoa-Kingston Community Unit School District #424
Genoa-Kingston High School – Community Room
980 Park Avenue Genoa, IL 60135

1. Call to Order
2. Davenport Real Estate
3. Treasurers Bond
4. Building Handbooks and District Handbooks
5. Board Meeting Dates
6. Required Board Member Training
7. Triple I Conference - November 2017
8. Superintendent/Board Communication
9. Future Agenda Items
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 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 pm.

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

Absent: None.

Davenport Real Estate

Mr. Burgess shared communication from the attorney regarding the proper steps to sell or auction the Davenport Elementary School Building. He also commented on the price that would be set through auction or sealed bid and the 60 days the previously approved resolution is good for.

Wesner shared concerns over the previously approved resolution and the letter from the attorney.

Kruse stated after 60 days the resolution would need to be completed again.

Shipley shared his concerns over the sale of Davenport Elementary School.

Cleveland stated a minimum bid would be necessary to sell Davenport Elementary School.

Mr. Burgess commented on the need to publicizing the sale for three consecutive weeks

Wesner asked Shipley if his concerns were over closing the building or selling the building.

Shipley shared concerns over the actual savings by selling Davenport Elementary School versus the district maintaining the building for two to four years. He also commented on more than 250 vacant lots as an opportunity for future growth in Genoa over other surrounding communities. He further stated his immediate concern was over future growth and size of classrooms.

Wesner shared concerns over selling Davenport Elementary School and was in favor of maintaining the building for the next two years.

Kruse stated the decision to close Davenport was not made to address a two-year short term problem but rather a ten-year long term issue.

Gustafson commented on the Community Committee, their hard work and recommendation to close and sell Davenport Elementary School. She also stated the committee addressed numerous concerns prior to making their final recommendation. She further stated no one wants to close a school but when looking at future enrollment projections it did not make sense to keep Davenport open.

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ShIPLEY asked what about projected enrollment.

Cleveland stated it is important to deal with the Districts current concerns and not the what if's.

Brynteson stated future trends and the State of Illinois shrinking population is a huge concern. She also commented on the potential growth for Genoa and the district reaching capacity in the next two years unlikely.

Dr. Shortridge stated the District has lost over 200 students in the last few years. He also stated the need to add 20 students per class to see any growth.

Mr. Burgess stated when projecting savings, we need to look at all costs including enrollment, General State Aid (GSA) as well as closing a building.

Gustafson stated even if the State of Illinois accepts a budget we may not see growth for a long time. Gustafson's recommendation was not to maintain buildings that are half empty due to a decrease in enrollment.

ShIPLEY stated the actual savings did not seem worthy of selling the building.

Kruse state the Community Committee's recommendation was to close and sell Davenport Elementary School.

Gustafson commented on the additional savings in transportation costs due to closing Davenport Elementary School.

Dr. Shortridge stated there may be two less routes required next year and an additional savings to the district.

Treasurers Bond

Dr. Shortridge shared the Treasurer's Bond Information for the May, 9, 2017 Board Meeting According to Section 8-2 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/8-2).

Dr. Shortridge stated the treasurer of the school district must be properly bonded. The amount of the bond should be 25% of the amount of all bonds, notes, mortgages, moneys and effects of which the treasurer is to have custody at any given time. Dr. Shortridge stated the auditors suggest to take the highest cash balance in the previous year or anticipated in the upcoming year, add the activity/custodial funds to it and bond for 25% of that total. Thus, at the Tuesday, May 23, 2017 Board meeting, we request the Board approve a treasurer's bond amount of \$3,683,419 for FY '18.

The Treasurers Bond will be placed on the Tuesday, May 23, 2017 Board of Education Meeting for approval.

Building Handbooks and District Handbooks

Mr. Burgess publicly thanked Mr. Francis for his work updating and maintaining the district handbook. He also stated Mr. Francis continues to lead the district with the handbook committee's revisions each school year to include any impact from the IPA, and Senate Bill 100. Mr. Burgess asked the Board to review the District and building handbooks.

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Board Meeting Dates

Mr. Burgess shared the 2017-2018 Board meeting dates.

The Board reviewed the 2017-2018 meeting dates.

The 2017-2018 Board Meeting Dates will be approved at the Tuesday, May 23, 2017 Board of Education Meeting.

Kruse asked about the bus Lease payment

Dr. Shortridge commented on asking the Board for permission to make the bus lease payment prior to the July meeting.

Kruse asked the Board to review the meetings dates for conflicts.

Brynteson stated the need to attend the June meetings via phone conference call or Skype due to business meetings.

Required Board Member Training

The Board reviewed documents for required Board Member Training.

Kruse stated the board trainings are required by law.

Triple I Conference - November 2017

Mrs. Mulso shared information regarding the Triple I Conference in Chicago. She stated the dates of the conference are November 17-19, 2017. The 2017 conference theme is "Leading by Learning."

Mr. Burgess asked board member to indicate their intent to attend the IASB conference in November; the hotel listing and reservation form will be arriving soon to the district.

Triple I Conference Information will be posted as events, forms, and other Conference activities are finalized.

Kruse stated accommodations will be made through the IASB to stay at the Fairmont Hotel as in previous years.

Superintendent/Board Communication

Walcamp Football Retreat

Mr. Burgess commented on a Walcamp Varsity Football Retreat to be held August 7th and 8th for practice and team building.

Incubator GKHS “pitch” night – May 11

Mr. Burgess commented on the Incubator ‘Pitch’ night to be held on Thursday, May 11, 2017.

High School Graduation

Mr. Burgess commented on high school graduation.

Mr. Burgess stated high school graduation is Sunday, May 14, 2017 at 1 p.m. He also stated that all Board members should be in attendance and meet in the high school commons area 12:45 pm.

President, Paul Kruse also asked all Board Members to be in attendance for graduation and be in the commons area by 12:45 pm.

GKMS Promotion Night

Mr. Burgess commented on Middle School Promotion Night.

Mr. Burgess stated GKMS promotion is Monday, May 22, 2017 at 7 p.m., and is held at the GKHS gym. He also stated all Board members should be in attendance and meet in the high school commons at 6:45 pm.

President, Paul Kruse also asked all Board members to be in attendance and meet in the high school commons at 6:45 pm.

Future Agenda Items

Building and Grounds Presentation
DES Real Estate
Treasurers Bond for approval
District and Building Handbooks Approval
Board Meeting Dates Approval
Prevailing Wage

ShIPLEY asked about the Amended Budget and the exact dollar amount Fund 60 was over.

Dr. Shortridge stated he would provide details of Fund 60 expenditures if needed.

Andrews stated the treasurers reports Mrs. Krabbe prepares each month provides the Board with details of expenditures and revenues including expenses in Fund 60. She also commented on the Board’s process approving the annual budget.

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 setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District in compliance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)6

A motion was made by Cleveland, and seconded by Brynteson, 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 setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District in compliance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)6 at 7:00 pm.

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

Reconvene to Open Session

The board reconvened to open session at 7:43 pm.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Barb Gustafson, seconded by David Cleveland, to adjourn the Committee of the Whole session meeting at 7:43 pm.

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

Paul Kruse, Board President

Kristen Andrews, Board Secretary