

Committee of the Whole Meeting – 6:30 pm
Tuesday, June 13, 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. Correspondence/Presentation
 - 2.01 Night School Report
3. Midwest Transit Bus Lease Check
4. June 30, 2017 Second Accounts Payable Run
5. Superintendent/Board Communication
6. Future Agenda Items
7. 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)
8. Reconvene to Open Session
9. 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 6:31 pm.

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

Absent: None.

Correspondence/Presentation
Night School Report

Mrs. Simmons shared a detailed overview of the Genoa-Kingston Night School program to the Board of Education.

Mrs. Simmons shared the reasons a student may attend night school as well as the statistics for at-risk students. She also commented on how students are placed in the night school program. She further stated night school is a way to keep students engaged to achieve their high school diploma. Mrs. Simmons stated limiting night school to twenty students. She also commented on the district offering a night school light program, APEX learning, as well as independent study. Mrs. Simmons stated it is the intent of the district that night school be primarily geared toward serving high school aged students.

Kruse asked Simmons to expand on the cost savings to the district by night school being held on-site versus attending an outside facility.

Mrs. Simmons stated Kishwaukee Education Consortium offers a similar program at a cost of approximately \$7K per student per year for an overall cost of approximately \$140K per year for our 20 students. She also stated offering a night school program on site has allowed the district a more affordable and academically beneficial opportunity for our students to attend for a cost of a \$22K teacher stipend.

Dr. Shortridge stated it is financially and academically advantageous for the district to offer a night school program on-site.

Mr. Burgess stated Genoa-Kingston's night school program is truly a model for schools in our conference.

Cleveland asked about the number of night school students in the past and how close have we been to the total of twenty.

Mrs. Simmons stated filling the Night School Light program if the traditional night school program reached capacity of twenty. She also stated Night School Light runs 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm which is shorter in length with APEX online learning and holds up to twelve students. She further stated some

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students may move to independent study which creates openings in the traditional night school program.

Kruse stated it is rewarding as a district to hear our students and future community members are walking to receive their diplomas and graduating that may not have otherwise. Paul Kruse thanked Mrs. Simmons for her report and her hard work with the night school program.

Midwest Transit Bus Lease Check

Dr. Shortridge stated the Bus leasing company requires payment upon delivery of the buses in July.

Dr. Shortridge asked the Board to approve a payment in the amount of \$218,443 to Santander Leasing for the 2017- 18 bus lease. This payment will need to be made prior to the Board approving the July payables, which is why this request is necessary.

The Midwest Transit Bus Lease Check Payment will be placed on the consent agenda for approval at the Tuesday, June 27, 2017 Board of Education meeting.

June 30, 2017 Second Accounts Payable Run

Dr. Shortridge stated a second accounts payable run is necessary to make sure all the bills are paid within this fiscal year.

Dr. Shortridge recommended the board's approval to run a second bills payable run at the June 27, 2017 board meeting. The specifics of those expenditures, if any, will be presented for board approval at the July board meeting.

The June 30, 2017 Second Accounts Payable Run will be placed on the consent agenda for approval at the Tuesday, June 27, 2017 Board of Education meeting.

Superintendent/Board Communication

Triple I Conference

Mr. Burgess asked all Board members to communicate their intentions to attend the Triple I Board Conference in Chicago to Mrs. Mulso as soon as possible. He also recommended Board members visit the IASB site for conference information and class schedules.

Illinois State Budget

Mr. Burgess commented that Roger Eddy, Executive Director for the IASB was on Illinois TV. Mr. Eddy discussed the impact on Illinois Schools and whether they would open this fall due to the lack of a state budget.

Board Communication

Mr. Burgess commented on proper Board communication through electronic devices.

Kruse stated proper Board communication is important.

Legal Counsel

Mr. Burgess commented on the school district's current attorney, Tony Ficarelli, changing firms from Hinshaw & Culberston LLP to Clausen Miller P.C. Mr. Burgess stated the district will continue service with Mr. Ficarelli at Clausen Miller P.C. He also stated new Superintendent, Brent O'Daniell may review legal counsel in the future.

Break in at GKMS

Mr. Burgess stated all suspects have been identified.

Mr. Burgess Retirement Gift

Paul Kruse and the Board of Education presented Mr. Burgess with a retirement gift and thanked him for his years of service to the district.

Board Communication

Shipleigh asked if the Santander check for the bus lease would be on the FY-17 or FY-18 budget.

Kruse stated the lease amount will be on FY-18.

Kristin Brynteson stated she will be out of town on business June 27th and July 25th. She also stated she will be attending the Board of education meetings via Skype.

Barb Gustafson stated she will be absent for the first board meeting in August.

Future Agenda Items

Amended Budget Presentation Hearing and Approval
March PRESS Policies for Approval
Midwest Bus Transit Payment Approval
Second Bills Payable Run Approval
Reminder of July 25, 2017 Board of Education Meeting

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 closed session was not needed at this time.

Reconvene to Open Session

No reconvene.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Gustafson, and seconded by Brynteson, to adjourn the Genoa-Kingston Board of Education Meeting at 7:04 pm.

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

Paul Kruse, Board President

Kristen Andrews, Board Secretary