

**Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm**  
**Tuesday, July 25, 2017**  
Genoa-Kingston Community Unit School District #424  
Genoa-Kingston High School Community Room  
980 Park Avenue Genoa, IL 60135

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5. Consent Agenda
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  - b. Accounts Payable
  - c. Minutes
  - d. Bid Approval
  - e. Employment, Coaches, Resignations
6. Treasurer's Report
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11. 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).
12. Personnel Action
12. Reconvene to Open Session
13. 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: John Shipley, David Cleveland, Kristen Andrews, Barb Gustafson, Jake Wesner, and Paul Kruse.

Kristin Brynteson attended the meeting electronically by phone.

Absent: None

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. O'Daniell led the guests and members of the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Mission Statement**

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

**Public hearings petitions questions and comments from guests and visitors**

Mrs. Lea Pennington presented a check from the Genoa-Kingston Education Foundation to the Genoa-Kingston Board of Education in the amount of \$13,280.05 to help provide support for several different programs throughout the District. Mrs. Pennington stated the donated funds are raised through various GKEF events.

The Board thanked Mrs. Pennington and the Genoa-Kingston Education Foundation for the generous donation.

This donation will be formally approved at the Tuesday, August 22, 2017 Board of Education Meeting.

**Consent Agenda**

**Payrolls, Accounts Payable, Bid Approval, Minutes, Employment, Coaches, Resignations**

Cleveland asked about the bidding process and purchased service practices.

Mr. Ratliff stated fuel is bid on an annual basis and the district receives quotes for regular purchased services prior to work being done throughout the year.

A motion was made by Gustafson, and seconded by Andrews, to approve the June 30, 2017 summer school payroll in the amount of \$6,007.64, the July 10, 2017 payroll in the amount of \$448,074.12, the July 14, 2017 KEC payroll in the amount of \$137,390.38, the July 25, 2017 payroll in the amount of \$431,320.43, the July 2017 Payable Board Report in the amount of \$1,087,163.65, and the June 27, 2017 Board of Education Meeting Minutes.

**To approve Blake Oil as the districts fuel provider for the 2017-2018 school year based on Blake Oil winning the bid process.**

**To approve the following employment considerations:**

Christina Cline - Science Teacher - Effective for the 2017-18 school year.  
Jennifer Johansson - Special Ed Teacher - Effective for the 2017-18 school year.  
Stephanie Porter - Science Teacher - Effective for the 2017-18 school year.

**To approve the following assistant coaches:**

Dan Awe - Middle School Assistant Football Coach - Effective for the 2017-18 school year.  
Greg Blasky - Freshman Volleyball - Effective for the 2017-18 school year.  
Stephanie Porter - GKHS Assistant Boys Soccer - Effective 2017-18 school year.

**To approve the following resignations:**

Alex Balaskas - Science Teacher - Effective - June 26, 2017.  
Ken Ferguson - Custodian - Effective July 31, 2017.

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

### **Treasurer's Report**

Mrs. Krabbe presented a detailed June Treasurers Report to the Board of Education.

Mrs. Krabbe shared several reports including an end of the fiscal year report representing the cash assets of the district. Mrs. Krabbe also reported the District ended FY-17 with \$110,812 more in revenue than expenditures instead of a deficit position as anticipated.

Gustafson commented on the District receiving grants to cover some of the costs of Chrome book purchases.

Mrs. Krabbe commented on seeing a trend in budgeting for supplies and/or site purchases. She stated site licensing and access keys are becoming more popular with use of technology.

Mr. O'Daniell stated it is important to give credit to those individuals who have helped the district maintain or come in below budget. He also stated many area districts have a much different story.

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

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

## **Old Business**

### **DES Discussion**

Mr. O'Daniell commented on the sale of Davenport Elementary School and recent conversations with a realtor.

Wesner asked about listing the property with a commercial realtor.

Kruse commented on the legal requirements of publication and listing the property versus a bid process.

Board members commented on the previous agreed minimum price to list the property and marketing goals.

Mr. O'Daniell stated he intends to meet with the school's attorney in the near future. He also stated discussing the sale of Davenport Elementary School.

DES Discussion will be added to the Tuesday, August 8, 2017 Committee of the Whole agenda.

## **New Business**

### **Park District After-School Child Care Program Intergovernmental Agreement**

Mr. O'Daniell stated the Park District After-School Care Program is an ongoing program that the school offers in conjunction with the Park District. He also stated Mr. Francis is the contact for this program.

Dr. Shortridge stated the Genoa Park District Board approved this agreement last week.

A motion was made by Gustafson, and seconded by Cleveland, to approve the 2017-2018 Intergovernmental Agreement between Genoa-Kingston CUSD #424 and the Genoa Township Park District for the After-School Child Care Program.

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

### **Facility Use**

Mr. O'Daniell commented on a recent conversation with Genoa Park District Executive Director, Paul Bafia. Mr. O'Daniell stated the Park District is interested in entering into another IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) with GK much the same as in the past. He also stated due to a lack of funding from the State of Illinois for parks the Park District would be interested in helping the district with capital projects rather than incur a fee. The Park District also stated interest in a shorter term

agreement which could be renewed for a longer term in the future. He further stated Mrs. Volkening will continue to book Park District programs to show good faith in moving forward with an agreement.

Mr. O'Daniell stated he feels positive about the working relationship with the Park District.

Dr. Shortridge stated the leadership of the Park District has attributed to the positive relationship with the GK School District.

Kruse commented on the Park Districts desire to continue as an employer of our students. He also stated it is important to choose capital projects that will include students hired back for summer help or internship as important for future college and career readiness.

Dr. Shortridge stated Mr. Ratliff and Mr. Burkhalter also deserve credit for hiring students for summer help to work throughout the District.

### **Acceptance & Preliminary Approval of Resignations and Hiring's**

Mr. O'Daniell stated this is an annual approval to give the Superintendent the authority to do preliminary hires as needed.

Kruse stated this has been approved annually for many years.

Cleveland asked about changing the policy.

Mr. O'Daniell stated there are certain items that require annual approval due to state code and rules.

A motion was made by Wesner, and seconded by Gustafson, to give authority to the Superintendent to accept preliminary hires and resignations prior to formal approval by the Board of Education.

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

### **IASB Training**

Mr. O'Daniell commented on a proposed date for IASB Board Member Training to be held at the high school in the community room on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 6 pm. Mr. O'Daniell also stated topics are yet to be determined.

Mrs. Mulso will post the meeting appropriately prior to the meeting date.

### **District Revenue Discussion**

Mr. O'Daniell commented on state legislature and the governor still negotiating ways on a plan to fund schools and the impact it could have on the district fiscally.

Dr. Shortridge commented on the state appropriations. He also commented on General State Aid as a steady stream of money for the District even though it has been pro-rated in the past. Governor Rauner's plan would not bail out CPS (Chicago Public Schools) but would mean more revenue for our District.

Dr. Shortridge stated until the state passes the new funding formula and appropriations there will be no funds for any schools. He also stated if our District was to receive zero funds from the state we would be fine until spring. He further stated other districts may not open or even shut down in September due to their lack of fund balance.

Mr. O'Daniell commented on potential difficult decisions for the District if funding does not move forward.

### **FOIA Report**

Mr. O'Daniell stated there were two FOIA to report. One from Smart Procure and the other from NBC 5.

### **Donations**

There were no donations to accept this month.

### **Superintendent/Board Communication**

#### **Superintendent First Three Weeks**

Mr. O'Daniell shared accomplishments of his first three weeks as Superintendent. Mr. O'Daniell stated Mr. Burgess left the district in fantastic shape. He also stated the entire District and community have been very welcoming and for that he is very thankful.

Mr. O'Daniell commented on meeting with local units of government as well as several community organizations to work on great things for the new year. He further stated collecting information from all meetings to establish a strategic plan for the District. Mr. O'Daniell finally stated how excited he and his family are to be here and make a difference.

### **Social Media Campaign**

Mr. O'Daniell commented on creating a new social media campaign that will be kicked off this year district wide using Twitter and the hashtag - #gkcogs. He also stated the campaign will help the District communicate all the wonderful things GK is doing as well as the community communicate with the District.

### **Board Member School Building Tours**

Mr. O'Daniell commented on inviting school board members to tour individual buildings prior to upcoming board meetings.

Mr. O'Daniell stated Board member building tours will begin at the high school on August 8, 2017 at 5:30 pm prior to the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

### **Future Agenda Items**

Tentative FY-18 Budget Discussion  
DES Discussions  
Policy for Bidding District Project/Goods  
Review of Closed Session Minutes  
Review of Closed Session Audio

Shipleigh commented on allowing public input and/or the public addressing agenda items during Board meetings.

Kruse commented that Board meetings are a meeting of the Board which happens to meet in public. He also stated engaging in an ongoing discussion when someone may not have otherwise been in attendance would be counterproductive to the board's work and a disservice to the community. He further stated it was important to educate the community on how to bring their concerns to the Board.

Brynteson shared input from the community's desire to learn the process and expectations of board meeting procedures. She also commented on a controlled public meeting or a town hall as a possibility for any future hot topics. She further stated educating our community members to the process is important and chain of command needs to be clear with information on our website.

Cleveland was in favor of educating and informing the community how to bring their concerns to the Board.

Mr. O'Daniell commented on the importance of starting with the chain of command.

### **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).**

A motion was made by Cleveland, and seconded by Andrews, to convene to 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) at 8:06 pm.

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

### **Personnel Action**

No personnel action required at this meeting.

### **Reconvene to Open Session**

The board reconvened to open session at 8:36 pm.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by David Cleveland, seconded by Barb Gustafson, to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 8:38 pm.

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

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Paul Kruse, Board President

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Kristen Andrews, Board Secretary