

**Committee of the Whole Meeting – 6:30 pm**  
**Tuesday, August 8, 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 Dr. Shortridge
3. Tentative FY-18 Budget Discussion
4. Policy for Bidding District Projects/Goods
5. PRESS Policies for Review
6. DES Discussion
7. Administrative Review of Closed Session Meeting Minutes
8. Administrative Review of Closed Session Audio Minutes
9. Superintendent/Board Communication
10. Future Agenda Items
11. 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).
12. Reconvene to Open Session
13. 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, Kristin Brynteson, Jake Wesner, Kristen Andrews, and Paul Kruse.

Absent: Barb Gustafson and David Cleveland

**Correspondence/Presentation**

Dr. Shortridge shared a presentation concerning school finance, the budgeting process, and a precursor to the district's budget in detail for the current school year.

Shipley asked about the amount the District would levy for this year.

Dr. Shortridge stated the district typically levy's for more than the previous year due to being in a tax capped District and also depends on what the District receives in tax revenue. He also stated students in this community deserve every dollar that can be accessed and voters approved particularly when the State is not paying.

Dr. Shortridge stated as of July 2017 GK has a AAA rating and the Districts bonding capacity is healthy.

Dr. Shortridge stated the difficult decisions and endeavors taken by the Board of Education have helped to maintain a stable budget.

**Tentative FY-18 Budget Discussion**

Dr. Shortridge commented on the Tentative FY-18 Budget.

Dr. Shortridge stated revenue is still very much a question mark. Local sources are solid but the State of Illinois revenues are very shadowy. We will budget what we are entitled to. We anticipate a budgeted deficit but a smaller one than we have had in a number of years. Less than \$250,000. We have not budgeted the potential increase in state funding from SB1 nor Governor Rauner's plan. If either of those plans are enacted by the legislature, that should result in a balanced budget.

Dr. Shortridge stated asking for Board approval of the Tentative FY 2018 budget at the August 22<sup>nd</sup> Board of Education meeting.

**Policy for Bidding District Projects/Goods**

Mr. O'Daniell provided the Board with the policy regarding the district's bidding for projects and/or goods per the request of Board member, David Cleveland, at a previous meeting.

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Shipleigh asked about the bidding process, the policy and the Board's involvement in the process.

Mr. O'Daniell stated the Districts current policy and bidding process work well. He also commented on the process for the Board to approve going out to bid as well as the final approval of all winning bids. He further stated the staff in charge of the District's budget do their job effectively. Mr. O'Daniell stated the policy and process are equally effective.

Kruse stated the current bidding policy and process work well and there is no reason to change the current bidding process.

Dr. Shortridge stated there is an approval process on the front end and back end of the bidding process.

Brynteson stated Board members may always ask questions prior to final approval of a winning bid.

Wesner stated to get involved in a budgeted item unless there is a problem is not board work.

Kruse stated to further discuss the bidding policy and process at the future IASB Board Member Training tentatively scheduled for September 20, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

**PRESS Policies for Review**

Mr. O'Daniell stated prior to final approval he will review all PRESS Policies recommended for adjustment/approval and will provide a short description of the changes and/or rationale for the update of the policy.

**July PRESS Policies for Review**

2:260, Uniform Grievance Procedure

6:80, Teaching About Controversial Issues

6:210, Instructional Materials

7:275, Orders to Forgo Life Sustaining Treatment

8:70, Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities

**JULY PRESS POLICIES - FIVE YEAR REVIEW**

2:210, Organizational School Board Meeting

4:70, Resource Conservation

6:290, Homework

6:330, Achievement and Awards

7:80, Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance

7:160, Student Appearance

**DES Discussion**

Mr. O'Daniell commented on a recent conversation with the school's attorney Anthony Ficarelli. He also stated prior to listing DES the District must attempt to dispose or sell the property on its own first before soliciting services of a realtor. He further stated this could be done through an auction, bid or buyer who meets the minimum requirement. Mr. O'Daniell stated recently showing the property to a City of Genoa Alderwoman who had interest in the building becoming a community center. Mr.

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O'Daniell stated at this time he has had no contact or any interest from the Park Board or other community members. Mr. O'Daniell asked the Board for direction in the sale of DES and stated it is in the community's best interest the building does remain vacant.

ShIPLEY asked about the remaining contents of the building and if playground equipment would be relocated to the other two elementary schools. He also asked if there was any interest in leasing the building to KEC or any other special needs schools.

Mr. Ratliff, Director of Operations, stated after the transition of buildings is complete remaining items may be auctioned. He also stated not being able to move the existing playground equipment.

Kruse reminded the Board that the Community Committee's recommendation was to close and sell DES.

Andrews asked about the next step to sell DES.

Mr. O'Daniell asked if the Board would like to move forward and have the school's attorney prepare a document to move forward in the sale of DES.

ShIPLEY commented on options of sealed bids versus auctioning the building. He also asked about the cost to maintain DES if the Board chose to moth ball DES instead of selling it.

Mr. Ratliff shared concerns over the cost to maintain and moth ball DES.

Kruse was in favor of a sealed bid process to sell DES and reminded the Board again of the Community Committees recommendation to close and sell DES.

Mr. O'Daniell will have a document prepared for Board approval to advertise DES at the Tuesday, August 22, 2017 Board of Education Meeting.

**Administrative Review of Closed Session Meeting Minutes**

Mr. O'Daniell commented on reviewing the closed session minutes for September 8, 2015 through December 15, 2015 and recommend that they stay closed to the public.

Tuesday, August 22, 2017 the Board of Education meeting the board will approve the closed session meeting minutes for September 8, 2015 through December 15, 2015 to remain closed to the public.

**Administrative Review of Closed Session Audio Minutes**

Mr. O'Daniell commented on reviewing the audio closed session minutes for September 8, 2015 through December 15, 2015 and recommended only audio of these dates: October 13, 2015, November 10, 2015, November 17, 2015 and December 15, 2015 be destroyed at this time. All others will remain closed.

At the Tuesday, August 22, 2017 board of education meeting the board will approve to destroy only the following dates of audio of closed session minutes regarding the series dated September 8, 2015 to December 15, 2015: October 13, 2015, November 10, 2015, November 17, 2015 and December 15, 2015 while all others remain closed to the public.

### **Superintendent/Board Communication**

#### **KEC visit - board invite**

Mr. O'Daniell commented on a recent meeting with the KEC Executive Director. He also stated the KEC Executive Director invited the Board to hold any of their future meetings at KEC to include a tour of the facilities.

#### **Visit with Chamber of Commerce Director**

Mr. O'Daniell commented on a recent meeting with the Genoa Area Chamber Director, Cortney Strohacker, where they discussed the District's new social media campaign on Twitter #gkcogs and positive community outreach.

#### **Visit with Lea Pennington on Problem Solving Team**

Mr. O'Daniell commented on meeting with Mrs. Pennington to learn more about FPS.

#### **SB 1 update**

Mr. O'Daniell gave an update to Senate Bill 1, which is the funding Bill for schools. He also stated Governor Rauner vetoed SB1 and the Senate will need to take action soon or the process for the Bill will need to start all over again.

Dr. Shortridge stated if SB1 passes our District would receive \$500K in funds and if Governor Rauner's plan passes our District would receive \$800K. Dr. Shortridge also stated if nothing is passed the current school budget means nothing.

#### **Visit with Marcy Billington about GK United Way**

Mr. O'Daniell commented on meeting recently with Marcy Billington of the GK United Way.

#### **Cogs Golf Outing**

Mr. O'Daniell stated the GK Cogs Athletic Golf Outing was successful.

#### **Visit by Daily Chronicle**

Mr. O'Daniell stated meeting recently with the Daily Chronicle.

### **GK Chain of Command**

Mr. O'Daniell shared a new Chain of Command flow chart to be placed on the website. He stated the Chain of Command flow chart does not require board approval but will be a useful tool we will be able to point people to when a concern arises.

Kruse asked the Board if there was any interest in holding a future meeting at KEC. Kruse stated he is typically not in favor of holding meetings outside the District due to the inconvenience for community members; however, he was in favor of holding the IASB Board Training tentatively scheduled for September 20, 2017 at 6:30 pm at KEC.

Mr. O'Daniell will contact KEC about holding a future Genoa-Kingston IASB Board Training in September along with a tour of their facilities.

### **Future Agenda Items**

Acceptance of Resignation  
FY-18 Tentative Budget  
DES Advertisement  
Approval of Closed Session Minutes  
Approval of Closed Session Audio  
Approval of 30 Day Public Display of July PRESS Policies  
Annual Review of Hazardous Transportation Route(s)  
Application of Recognition of Schools

**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 Andrews, seconded by Brynteson, to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 8:48 pm.

Voice vote: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 2

Motion Carried

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Paul Kruse, Board President

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Kristen Andrews, Board Secretary