

Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm
Tuesday, August 22, 2017
Genoa-Kingston Community Unit School District #424
Genoa-Kingston High School Community Room
980 Park Avenue Genoa, IL 60135

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13. Reconvene to Open Session
14. Personnel Action
15. School District Real Estate Resolution
16. 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, Kristin Brynteson, Jake Wesner, Kristen Andrews, Barb Gustafson, and Paul Kruse.

Absent: None.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mission Statement

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

Correspondence/Presentation

Mr. O'Daniell shared a presentation regarding the new district social media campaign on Twitter. He stated establishing a hashtag #gkcogs to share information to the public as well as gather information from the public.

Andrews asked how the GK Twitter account would be monitored.

Mr. O'Daniell commented on Tweet deck as a way to monitor Twitter as well as internally through the Districts Tech Department.

The District Technology Director, Bruce Burkhalter stated the District's service through School Messenger monitors technology including Twitter and email and looks for key words and anything dangerous weekdays and throughout the weekends.

Public hearings petitions questions and comments from guests and visitors

Mr. Phillip Vermillion community member and public school educator expressed his concerns over the current district transportation plan as well as transparency in communicating that plan.

President, Paul Kruse thanked Mr. Vermillion for addressing the Board.

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Consent Agenda

Payroll, Accounts Payable, Minutes, Employment, Leave of Absence, Resignations

A motion was made by Cleveland, and seconded by Brynteson, to approve the August 10, 2017 payroll in the amount of \$434,230.45, the August 15, 2017 KEC payroll in the amount of \$129,045.08, the August 2017 Payable Board Report in the amount of \$273,882.43, the July 25, 2017 Board of Education Meeting Minutes, the August 8, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, and the July 25, 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 following employment considerations:

Jackie Marks - Teacher - Effective for the 2017-18 school year
Kelly Groh - Bus Driver - Effective for the 2017-18 school year
Molly Ball-Harrison - ESP - Effective for the 2017-18 school year
Jeanly Crowe - ESP - Effective for the 2017-18 school year
Pamela Morgan - ESP - Effective for the 2017-18 school year
Stefani Stone - ESP - Effective for the 2017-18 school year
Christine VanMastrigt - ESP - Effective 2017-18 school year
Brittany Wright - ESP - Effective for the 2017-18 school year

To approve the following leave of absence:

Maggie Wilmarth - Teacher - Effective October 30, 2017 thru February 5, 2018

To approve the following resignations:

Vicki Beckmann - Teacher - Effective immediately
Brooke Wade - Custodian - Effective August 18, 2017
Kim Deskins - Cook - Effective immediately
Jaime Wolfe - Cook - Effective immediately
Vicki Littlefair - ESP - Effective immediately
Ma Lopez - ESP - Effective immediately
Melissa Whiting - ESP - Effective immediately

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

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Mrs. Krabbe, Dr. Shortridge presented the monthly Treasurers Report to the Board of Education in detail.

Dr. Shortridge stated the need to hold off re-investing current CD's due to a lack of state aide. He also stated the state owes the District approximately \$300K to date; however, the state has paid a few categorical payments.

Dr. Shortridge also reviewed revenues which included registration fees as well as the expenditures for the month. He also thanked individual(s) and organizations for local donations and grants awarded to the District including the recent GKEF (Genoa-Kingston Education Foundation) check.

Dr. Shortridge commented on the State of Illinois, House of Representative, meeting where a vote may or may not happen to resolve the school funding concerns.

A motion was made by Gustafson, and seconded by Andrews, to approve the July Treasurer's Report as presented.

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

Old Business

Tentative FY18 Budget for Display, Authorizing Publishing of Notice and Schedule Public Hearing

Dr. Shortridge shared the Tentative FY-18 Budget for the new school year.

Dr. Shortridge stated it was impossible to be accurate not knowing how much state aid the District will receive. He also stated once we know how much state aid will be received he will report what end balances will look like.

Dr. Shortridge asked the Board to approve the FY-18 budget for public display, and publish the notice and schedule the public hearing.

Andrews shared concerns over how long the District may remain open if the state does not establish a funding formula.

Kruse stated the GK District has made a commitment to finish the school year.

Kruse asked how much was budgeted to maintain Davenport Elementary School.

Dr. Shortridge stated \$50K was budgeted to maintain Davenport Elementary School and keep it running at a minimum and empty. He also stated it would cost well over \$100K if the building were not empty.

A motion was made by Brynteson, and seconded by Andrews, to place the FY-18 Tentative Budget on public display for not less than thirty (30) days, authorize publishing of appropriate notice and schedule the public hearing for September 26, 2017.

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

PRESS Policies for 30 Day Public Display

Mr. O'Daniell commented on the July PRESS Policies for review. He also stated after reviewing the five year policies for review they were still valid and appropriate.

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

A motion was made by Gustafson, and seconded by Brynteson, to approve the 30 day public display of the July PRESS Policies as presented:

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

Review of Closed Session Meeting Minutes

Mr. O'Daniell reviewed the closed session minutes for September 8, 2015 through December 15, 2015 and recommended they stay closed to the public.

Cleveland asked about the process in which the closed session meeting minutes were reviewed.

Mr. O'Daniell commented the law states the Superintendent reviews the minutes and makes a recommendation to the Board.

Kruse stated the Superintendent is extensively trained regarding law and regulations and the Open Meetings Act is one of them. He also stated the board is welcome to review minutes.

A motion was made by Cleveland, and seconded by Gustafson, to continue to keep the closed session minutes from September 8, 2015 to December 15, 2015 closed to the public.

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

Destruction of Audio of Closed Session Minutes

Mr. O'Daniell stated after 18 months the verbatim of minutes can be destroyed but written will remain closed. Mr. O'Daniell recommended destruction of 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.

A motion was made by Cleveland, and seconded by Brynteson, to destroy only the following dates of audio of closed session minutes regarding the series dated September 8, 2015, 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.

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

New Business

Annual Review of Hazardous Transportation Route(s)

Mr. O'Daniell stated the Illinois State Board of Education requests an annual review of the districts hazardous transportation routes. He also stated GK has one hazardous route that annually the Board must review. No action is required.

GK District Transportation Director, Mrs. Fradkin reviewed the current hazardous route with the Board. Mrs. Fradkin stated the current hazardous route runs through the Willow Glen Subdivision near the trailer park. She also stated students having to cross two railroad crossings and Route 72 to reach an attendance center and for this reason it qualifies as a hazardous route and allows the District to claim these students.

Application for Recognition of Schools

Mr. O'Daniell stated this is an annual item the board approves recognizing the different schools in the District. He also stated the application is not currently open in the online system. Mr. O'Daniell stated Recognition of Schools will be placed on a future meeting agenda.

No action was taken at this time. Application for Recognition of Schools will be placed on a future Board of Education Meeting agenda.

FOIA Report

There were no FOIA to report this month.

Donations

Mr. O'Daniell stated there were three donations to report this month from the GKEF, Custom Aluminum, and The Kingston Methodist Church.

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A motion was made by Gustafson, and seconded by Brynteson, to accept with gratitude these generous donations: \$13,280.05 from the Genoa-Kingston Education Foundation in the form of mini grants, \$500 from Custom Aluminum to PLTW, and \$1000 in school supplies to KES, GES, GKMS and GKHS from the Kingston Methodist Church.

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

Superintendent/Board Communication

Great start to the school year!

Mr. O'Daniell publicly thanked the administrative team and directors for their hard work restructuring the District. He also publicly thanked Dr. Shortridge for his work on the budget and getting the school year off to a great start.

Current 17-18 Enrollment

Mr. O'Daniell shared the current 2017-2018 school year enrollment with the Board. Mr. O'Daniell stated that the current enrollment is well under 1700 unlike well over 1800 in recent years. He also stated the current Kindergarten class is under 100 and projections do not indicate an increase anytime soon.

Football:

Mr. O'Daniell recognized the following families for their generous time and money that they have donated to the football team in the way of food.

Jen & Larry Creadon
Mike & Cheryl Marth
Patience & Paul Hanson
Jeff & Laurie Nesler

IASB Pre-Conference Workshops

Mr. O'Daniell shared information regarding IASB Pre-Conference Workshops with the Board. He also asked board members to email Mrs. Mulso with any session(s) they would like to attend as soon as possible.

Future Agenda Items

Mr. O'Daniell commented on a recent conversation with Board Member, John Shipley where he asked to revisit the district bidding process at a future board meeting. Mr. O'Daniell also recommended the board cancel the upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting due to a lack of agenda items and the scheduled Board Self-Evaluation scheduled for Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 6 pm.

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Shipleigh asked about touring Davenport Elementary School.

The Tuesday, September 12, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting has been canceled.

There will be a Special Board Meeting held on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 6 pm.

Board of Education Meeting - Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 7 pm
(beginning with a tour of Davenport Elementary School (DES) at 6 pm.)

Summer School Presentation - John Francis
Student Services Presentation – Karen Simmons
Tentative FY-18 Budget Hearing
FY-18 Budget Approval
Policies for Approval
District Policy on Bidding Projects/Goods
Recognition of School Buildings Approval
Salary Benefits/Compensation Report

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 The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired in compliance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) 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 Brynteson, 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) and the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired in compliance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) 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 8:11 pm.

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

Reconvene to Open Session

The board reconvened to open session at 9:28 pm.

Personnel Action

No personnel action was taken at this meeting.

School District Real Estate Resolution

No action was taken regarding School District Real Estate Resolution.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Barb Gustafson and seconded by David Cleveland, to adjourn the Board of Education meeting at 9:29 pm.

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

Paul Kruse, Board President

Kristen Andrews, Board Secretary