

**Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm**  
**Tuesday, October 24, 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. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Mission Statement
4. Correspondence/Presentation
  - 4.01 AFR Presentation – Klein Hall – Tim Gavin
  - 4.02 Building & Grounds Presentation - Joe Ratliff
  - 4.03 GKMS - Angelo Lekkas
5. Public hearings petitions questions and comments from guests and visitors
6. Consent Agenda
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  - b. Accounts Payable
  - d. Minutes
  - e. Employment, Resignation
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Old Business
  - 8.01 November Board Meeting Dates
9. New Business
  - 9.01 Levy Notice and Public Hearing
  - 9.02 Acceptance of FY-17 AFR
  - 9.03 Delegate Selection-2017 Resolutions Review for Triple I Conference
  - 9.04 FOIA Report
  - 9.05 Acceptance of Donations
10. Superintendent/Board Communication
11. Future Agenda Items
12. 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)
13. Reconvene to Open Session
14. Personnel Action
15. Adjournment

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**Call to Order**

Board 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, and Paul Kruse.

Board Member, Kristen Andrews attended the meeting via conference call in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/7.

Absent: None.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Lekkas and students from Genoa-Kingston Middle School led the guests and members of the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Mission Statement**

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

**Correspondence/Presentation**

**AFR Presentation - Klein Hall - Tim Gavin**

Tim Gavin from Klein Hall shared an overview of the District's current Annual Financial Report.

Mr. Gavin stated the Genoa-Kingston School District has received a clean opinion and an overall exceptional report.

Board President, Paul Kruse thanked Mr. Gavin for his presentation.

**Building & Grounds Presentation - Joe Ratliff**

Mr. Ratliff shared a presentation regarding the district buildings and operations past and present accomplishments, as well as long term goals with the Board.

Mr. Ratliff commented on future work necessary to maintain each building in the District. He also shared immediate concerns of the middle school that would need attention in the next two years.

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Mr. Ratliff shared the approximate costs of work needed to maintain each building in the District including asphalt. He also shared a wish list for the athletic fields.

Mr. O'Daniell stated due to the fiscal situation with the State of Illinois much of the needed work to the district buildings had to be put off to focus on preserving programs.

Mr. Ratliff stressed the immediate concerns at the middle school building due to the age of the building, including but not limited to; roof, parking lot, outside vents, air handlers and electrical work.

Shipleigh asked about Life, Safety concerns and money put aside for the repairs to the middle school.

Dr. Shortridge commented on the current approved budget and that work to be done could come out of Capital Projects or O&M funds.

President, Paul Kruse commented; Mr. O'Daniell stated it perfectly that the board has been focusing on preserving programs in the District rather than repairs due to the current fiscal situation with the State of Illinois.

Brynteson asked about the list of projects and the expected timeline of repairs.

Mr. Ratliff stated the middle school projects are the immediate concern. He also stated a 10 year timeline for building projects.

Mr. O'Daniell asked Mr. Ratliff to prepare a timeline plan for the next ten years. He also asked for the plan to be listed in priority with costs tied to each project for the Board to review.

### **GKMS - Angelo Lekkas**

Mr. Lekkas shared a presentation regarding Genoa Kingston Middle School with the Board.

Mr. Lekkas shared the Genoa-Kingston Middle School goals and achievements. He also shared PARCC and MAP data. Mr. Lekkas commented on no zeros and the reteach, retake philosophy. He also shared information regarding WIN I and II (What I Need). Mr. Lekkas stated Project Lead the Way and the integration of lessons in technology have been very positive for students. He also commented how vital community and parent involvement is to the success of the GKMS students.

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

There were no public hearings, petitions, questions and comments from guests and visitors.

### **Consent Agenda**

Payrolls, Accounts Payable, Minutes, Employment, Resignation

A motion was made by Cleveland, and seconded by Gustafson, to approve the October 10, 2017 payroll in the amount of \$526,248.28, the October 13, 2017 KEC payroll in the amount of \$137,264.05 the October 2017 Payable Board Report in the amount of \$279,449.77, the September 26, 2017 Board of Education Meeting Minutes, the September 26, 2017 Closed Session Meeting Minutes. The approval of the Closed Session Meeting Minutes does not constitute disclosure or

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dissemination until the Board has authorized the dissemination or disclosure of these minutes.

**To approve the following employment considerations:**

Crystal Gonzalez - ESP - Effective October 1, 2017  
Elizabeth Whittenhall - ESP - Effective October 1, 2017

**To approve the following resignations:**

Tosha Ratliff - Custodian - Effective October 20, 2017

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

**Treasurer's Report**

Mrs. Krabbe shared a detailed Treasurer's Report with the Board of Education.

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

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

**Old Business**

**November Board Meeting Dates**

Mr. O'Daniell commented on the two meeting dates back to back in November on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. He also asked if the meetings were needed that separating them more than a week a part be considered.

Board President, Paul Kruse and the Board of Education agreed to cancel the November 7, 2017 Committee of the Whole meeting and maintain the Board of Education Meeting on November 14, 2017 at 7pm.

Mrs. Mulso will send out appropriate notices and the November 7, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting will be canceled.

**New Business**

**Levy Notice and Public Hearing**

## **Levy Information for 10-24-17 Board Meeting**

Dr. Shortridge commented on the Levy process. He stated in order to insure that all available local funds are accessed through the levy process, it may be necessary to levy for more than a 5% increase over last year's request. As a result, Truth in Taxation laws require the District to publish the amount of the levy and the percentage of the increase over last year's levy allocation in the newspaper. Further, the Board must adopt a Tentative Levy and then hold a public hearing before Board approval of the final levy. The recommended levy process for the District in the next two months is as follows:

- **October Full Board Meeting:**
  - Approve the request for permission to issue appropriate public notice of the Levy Hearing to be held at the December 19, 2017 Board meeting.
  - Give permission to the administration to publish in the paper the required Truth in Taxation notice if the levy amount will be over 5% of last year's allocation.
- **November Committee Meeting:** Discuss the tentative levy and the percentage increase necessary over the previous year.
- **November Full Board Meeting:** Adopt the tentative levy.
  - If the levy request will be more than a 5% increase over last year's levy extension, the district will publish notice of Levy Hearing and the Truth in Taxation information, including the percentage increase of the levy request, in the newspaper between December 5-12.
- **December Full Board Meeting:** Conduct the Levy Hearing (will only be necessary if the levy amount is over 5% of last year's extension). Adopt the Final Levy.

For this month of October, we ask the Board to approve the request for permission to issue the appropriate public notice of the following:

1. Levy Hearing to be held at the December 19, 2017 Board of Education Meeting (if necessary).
2. Truth in Taxation notice (if necessary)

A motion was made by Gustafson, and seconded by Brynteson, to publish the public notice of the Tax Levy Hearing scheduled for December 19, 2017 and publish the Truth in Taxation notice (if necessary).

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

## **Acceptance of FY-17 AFR**

A motion was made by Cleveland, and seconded by Gustafson, to accept the FY-17 Annual Financial Report as presented.

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

### **Delegate Selection-2017 Resolutions Review for Triple I Conference**

Mr. O'Daniell asked the Board to review the 2017 Triple I Conference Resolutions. He also stated Genoa Kingston will have one vote with regard to the requested resolutions. He further stated any questions regarding the resolutions should be directed to Paul Kruse or Mr. O'Daniell for clarification.

Kruse commented on being a Board Delegate in the past and that it was a very good experience.

Brynteson was in favor of being the 2017 Board Delegate for the Triple I Conference.

Andrews was also in favor of being the 2017 Board Delegate for the Triple I Conference in Chicago.

The Board appointed Board Member, Kristen Andrews as the Board Delegate for the 2017 Triple I School Board Conference.

### **FOIA Report**

There were two FOIA to report from American Watchdog and Smart Procure.

### **Acceptance of Donations**

A motion was made by Wesner, and seconded by Cleveland, to accept these generous donations: \$5,195.97 in winter wish list items to G-K Athletics from the G-K Boosters, Gail Weaver donated \$250 to GKHS Cross Country and \$250 to GKHS Girls Basketball Programs from the Tim Weaver Memorial Golf Outing this past August.

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

### **Superintendent/Board Communication**

#### **Kingston Parking Lot**

Mr. O'Daniell commented on positive discussions with the Village of Kingston regarding the new Kingston Elementary School parking lot. He also thanked Village President, Jim Baenziger for working favorably with the District.

#### **Sale of Davenport**

Mr. O'Daniell stated the sale of Davenport Elementary School will be in the Daily Chronicle for the next 3 weekends as well as the Rockford Register Star for one weekend beginning October 28, 2017.

Mr. O'Daniell commented that he will email all Board members to reaffirm the date and location of the sealed bid openings.

### **Reminder! - Sat. 28th - Special Board Meeting**

Mr. O'Daniell reminded the Board of the Special Board Meeting to be held on Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 8:00 am – 11:00 am in open session for Goal Setting with Laura Martinez of IASB.

### **High School Playoff Games**

Mr. O'Daniell congratulated the high school football team for making the playoffs again this year. He also stated the first playoff game will be held this Saturday, October 28, 2017 @ 1:00 pm against Elmwood Park.

### **Triple I Conference Updates and Invitations**

The board discussed the Triple I Conference sessions they may want to attend.

### **Future Agenda Items**

Tentative Levy  
2017 Board Resolutions

### **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)**

Closed Session was not needed for this meeting.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Gustafson, seconded by Brynteson, to adjourn the Board of Education meeting at 8:13 pm.

Voice vote: 7  
Nays: 0  
Motion Carried.

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Paul Kruse, Board President

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Kristen Andrews, Board Secretary