

Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm
Tuesday, November 15, 2016
Genoa-Kingston Community Unit School District #424
Genoa-Kingston High School Community Room

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13. Reconvene to Open Session

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17. Adjournment

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Call to Order

President Paul Kruse called the Genoa-Kingston Board of Education meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Present: David Cleveland, Heather Edwards, Barb Gustafson, Kristin Brynteson, and Paul Kruse

Board Member, Kristen Andrews attended the board meeting via conference call.

Absent: Taunya Fischer

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. McPherson, Principal of Genoa-Kingston High School and several high school students led the guests and members of the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mission Statement

Cleveland read the Mission Statement "Preparing students to excel and contribute to their community."

Correspondence/Presentation

Brett McPherson - GKHS - Entrepreneurship

Mr. McPherson shared a Power Point presentation of the high school student's participation and accomplishments. He also shared areas of focus for the 2016-17 school year. Mr. McPherson gave an overview of the new INCubator program. He also publicly thanked the board for approving and supporting the new entrepreneurship classes.

Mr. McPherson introduced Mr. Henkel, and Mr. Owen.

Mr. Henkel and Mr. Owen shared a detailed review of the progress and goals of the new INCubator/Entrepreneurship class with the board.

Mr. McPherson stated Genoa-Kingston is one of the smallest schools and farthest west implementing an INCubator class. He also stated the significant impact the class is having on students. Mr. McPherson stated there will be an INCubator open house on Thursday, December 1, 2016 from 7:50 am – 9:15 am.

Mr. McPherson shared information regarding SAT Implementation and the Kishwaukee Math Project. He also stated the transition of 1:1 Chrome books is going well. He also commented on the strong communication Genoa Kingston High School provides through social media, district website, school messenger and emails. Mr. McPherson thanked the board for supporting the 1:1 programs and he

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also publicly thanked Dr. Steinbach and Mrs. Hill for all their hard work and dedication to the programs implementation.

Edwards asked about the students overall reaction regarding the INCubator Edu class.

Mr. Owen stated the INCubator class has generated a great deal of interest not only in the class but overall student body.

Mr. Henkel stated student dialogue has been extremely positive about the class. He also stated offering two sections of the class next year.

Edwards commented on guests that have visited the class being very impressed with the program.

Public hearings petitions questions and comments from guests and visitors

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

Consent Agenda

Payrolls, Accounts Payable, Minutes, Leave of Absence, Resignation

A motion was made by Gustafson, and seconded by Cleveland, to approve the October 25, 2016 payroll in the amount of \$533,680.71, the November 10, 2016 payroll in the amount of \$621,493.96, the November 2016 Payable Board Report in the amount of \$142,196.79, the October 25, 2016 Board of Education Meeting Minutes, the November 1, 2016 Special Board Meeting Minutes, the November 2, 2016 Special Board Meeting Minutes, the November 3, 2016 Special Board Meeting Minutes, the November 8, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes, the October 25, 2016 Closed Session Meeting Minutes, the November 1, 2016 Closed Session Meeting Minutes, the November 2, 2016 Closed Session Meeting Minutes, and the November 3, 2016 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 leave of absence:

Kate Holcomb - Teacher - Effective March 1, 2017 through the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

To approve the following resignation:

Mark Skelly - Custodian - Effective November 18, 2016

Ayes: Andrews, Brynteson, Cleveland, Edwards, Gustafson, Kruse
Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Hoffman presented the October Treasurers Report in detail to the board.

Edwards asked about timely manner in which last year's state payments were paid to the district.

Ms. Hoffman stated last year's state payments were paid in a timelier manner than this year.

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

Ayes: Brynteson, Cleveland, Edwards, Gustafson, Andrews, Kruse
Motion Carried.

Old Business

Tentative Levy

Dr. Shortridge shared the Tentative Levy worksheets with the board.

Dr. Shortridge stated CPI was 0.7% last year, which in a tax capped district, is the maximum amount of increase the district can receive this year, not including new construction.

Dr. Shortridge stated we believe that the District should request funds at an increase of about 5% over last year's levy to ensure that the district accesses all monies to which it is entitled as the worksheet indicates. The 5% increase should allow plenty of room to levy all accessible dollars under the tax cap while protecting the District in case the Assessor makes adjustments in the EAV and New Construction estimates in the spring.

A motion was made by Cleveland, and seconded by Edwards, to approve the Tentative Levy as presented.

Ayes: Cleveland, Edwards, Gustafson, Andrews, Brynteson, Kruse
Motion Carried.

Delegate Review for Joint Conference

Mr. Burgess commented on the resolutions in question from discussions at the November Committee of the Whole Meeting. Mr. Burgess stated after reviewing the resolutions in question (Educational Programs: 1 and 2) He agrees with the recommendation of the delegate committee.

DES Appraisal

Mr. Burgess shared an update regarding the appraisal process of Davenport Elementary School with the board. He also commented on meeting with administrators and reviewing the month by month transition plan. He further stated the month of November is complete and the month of December is being updated.

Kruse stated he was recently approached by an individual interested in purchasing Davenport Elementary School.

Superintendent Search

Mr. Kruse stated the board will be conducting second interviews for the superintendent position. He also stated the board is pleased with the process.

New Business

Policies for 30 Day Public Display

The board approved the October PRESS Policies to be placed on 30 day public display.

A motion was made by Gustafson, and seconded by Edwards, to approve placing the October PRESS Policies on 30 day public display as presented.

Ayes: Edwards, Gustafson, Andrews, Brynteson, Cleveland, Kruse
Motion Carried.

Travel Expense Control Act.

Mr. Burgess commented on the Travel Expense Control Act. He stated due to new legislation the board must adopt a travel expense policy and limit to have in place by March 1, 2017. Mr. Burgess shared an example of an itemized list of daily travel expenses with the board. He also commented on being mindful of a reasonable amount to avoid having to redo the policy.

FOIA Request

Mr. Burgess stated there were no FOIA to report this month.

Donations

Mr. Burgess stated there were four generous donations to report.

A motion was made by Gustafson, and seconded by Cleveland, to approve with gratitude these generous donations: Dictionaries to each of the 3rd grade students at Kingston Elementary School from the Flora Grange represented by Jack and Laurel Ratcliffe, Cog Pride t-shirts to the high school students from Hurley and Volk Orthodontists, 40 sideline chairs, 5 stools, and a storage rack to be used for all home high school basketball, volleyball and wrestling home games/meets in the amount of \$3,500 from the Jr. Cogs and \$870.03 from Inter-State Studios & Publishing Co. to Kingston Elementary School.

Ayes: Gustafson, Andrews, Brynteson, Cleveland, Edwards, Kruse
Motion Carried.

Superintendent/Board Communication

School Board conference

Mr. Burgess commented on the upcoming IASB School Board Conference in Chicago.

IHSA Playoffs

Mr. Burgess congratulated Coach McCarty and the G-K High School Football Team for a great season and making it to the IHSA playoffs this year. He also commented on the team showing tremendous sportsmanship.

Future Agenda Items

Mr. Burgess stated there will be only one board meeting in December due to the holiday season:
December 13, 2016 Board of Education Meeting

John Francis - GES Presentation
Tax Levy Presentation
Adopt the Tentative Tax Levy
Report from Triple I Conference
High School Athletic Travel
Superintendent Search

President, Paul Kruse asked to have Travel Expense Control Act added to the January 10, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Edwards asked about discussing the Triple I Conference in January rather than December.

The board agreed to discuss the Triple I Conference at the December board meeting.

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 Student Discipline in compliance with 120/2(c)(9)

A motion was made by Brynteson, and seconded by Gustafson, 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 Student Discipline in compliance with 120/2(c)(9) at 7:50 pm.

Ayes: Gustafson, Andrews, Brynteson, Cleveland, Edwards, Kruse
Motion Carried.

Reconvene to Open Session

The board reconvened to open session at 8:02 pm.

Student Discipline Action

Motion to Amend the Terms of Expulsion of Student

Upon further consideration and recommendations of the administration, I move to amend the terms of the expulsion of student #615012616 to stay a period of the expulsion for an interim period of time consistent with the terms of a written agreement of the parties, the stay to be effective upon receipt of a fully executed agreement.

A motion was made by Paul Kruse, seconded by Dave Cleveland.

Roll call:

Ayes: 6, Cleveland, Edwards, Gustafson, Andrews, Kruse, and Brynteson.

Nays: 0.

Motion carried.

Taunya Fischer arrived at 8:28pm.

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A motion was made by Edwards, and seconded by Fischer, 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 8:29 pm

Roll call:

Ayes: 7, Fischer, Cleveland, Edwards Gustafson, Kruse, Brynteson, and Andrews.

Nays: 0.

Motion carried.

Reconvene to Open Session

The board reconvened to open session at 10:11 pm.

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Adjournment

A motion was made by Dave Cleveland, seconded by Kristin Brynteson, to adjourn the Board of Education meeting at 10:11 pm.

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

Paul Kruse, Board President

Heather Edwards, Board Secretary