

Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm
Tuesday, December 13, 2016
Genoa-Kingston Community Unit School District #424
Genoa-Kingston High School Community Room

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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: Taunya Fischer, David Cleveland, Kristen Andrews, Heather Edwards, Barb Gustafson, Kristin Brynteson, and Paul Kruse.

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Francis led our guests and Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mission Statement

Taunya Fischer read the Mission Statement, "Preparing students to excel and contribute to their community."

Correspondence/Presentation

John Francis, Genoa Elementary School

Mr. Francis shared a presentation about Genoa Elementary School with the board.

Mr. Francis shared information regarding success criteria in literacy as part of the instructional design. He also shared the three primers for math and online tools along with success criteria in math. Mr. Francis presented PARCC and Map data as well as steps for student growth. He also commented on PLC's and SLO's. Mr. Francis thanked the board for their time.

Public hearings petitions questions and comments from guests and visitors

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

Consent Agenda

Edwards asked about an expense payment for property damage.

Dr. Shortridge stated it was necessary to repair the damaged property.

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Ms. Hoffman stated the property damage expense for repairs came out of the high school instructional fund.

Payrolls, Accounts Payable, Minutes, Employment, Leave of Absence, Resignations.

A motion was made by Cleveland, and seconded by Brynteson, to approve the November 22, 2016 payroll in the amount of \$546,010.42, The December 9, 2016 payroll in the amount of \$521,218.80, the November 15, 2016 KEC Payroll in the amount of \$147,402.80, the December 2016 Payable Board Report in the amount of \$248,786.57, the November 15, 2016 Board of Education Meeting Minutes, the November 16, 2016 Special Board Meeting Minutes, the November 8, 2016 Closed Session Meeting Minutes, the November 15, 2016 Closed Session Meeting Minutes and the November 16, 2016 Closed Session Meeting Minutes. The approval of the closed session meeting minutes does not constitute disclosure or dissemination until the Board has authorized the dissemination or disclosure of these minutes.

Surplus Property:

To approve Davenport Elementary School selling old and no longer used surplus property: Library books, toys, games, classroom supplies, metal overhead carts, and computer software.

To approve the following employment considerations:

Joe Brooks - Part-Time Custodian - Effective November 26, 2016

To approve the following leave of absence:

Brooke Benesh - Social Worker - Effective April 27, 2017 through the end of the 2016-2017 SY
Lauren Benters - High School Counselor - Effective April 7, 2017 through the end of the 2016-2017 SY
Brittany Foster - Teacher - Effective May 25, 2017 through the end of the 2016-2017 SY

To approve the following resignations:

Jennifer Clark - Sophomore Softball Coach - Effective November 20, 2016
Matt Holley - Varsity Boys Track - Effective November 21, 2016
William McCarty - Head High School Football Coach - Effective November 28, 2016
Steve Theil - Sophomore Basketball Coach - Effective November 14, 2016

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

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Hoffman presented a detailed November Treasurers Report to the board.

Ms. Hoffman stated the district received the final tax payment from DeKalb County. She also stated to date the state of Illinois owes the district \$567,862.

Dr. Shortridge commented on FY-15 and FY-16 payments still owed to the district by the state. He also stated as part of the Illinois constitution payments owed by the state could disappear if not paid in full by the end of the year. Dr. Shortridge expressed a lack of confidence that the payments would be made prior to the end of the year. Dr. Shortridge commented during pervious committee and board meeting discussions he stated uncertainty in state aid payments as well as some categoricals due to the stop gap budget. He also stated the district has a \$4.2M liquid cash flow; however asked administrators to hold off on any large expenditure at this time.

Mr. Burgess strongly encouraged board members to write a legislator and share the district concerns.

Cleveland asked about previous any communication with legislators.

Mr. Burgess stated he has expressed his concerns to representatives and senators.

Dr. Shortridge stated both representatives and senators not willing to look at items opposing the speaker of the house.

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

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

Old Business

Tax Levy Presentation

A public hearing was not necessary.

Dr. Shortridge shared a Tax Levy Presentation to 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 the District should request (levy for) 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.

Dr. Shortridge requested the board approve the 2016 Levy.

Cleveland asked about the tax rate, EAV and impact on tax payers. He also asked about future trends.

Dr. Shortridge stated the education portion of the tax bill is 4.7%. He also stated new construction can fluctuate. He further stated new construction at approximately \$1.1M this year, however new construction is not all residential. Dr. Shortridge stated half new construction is residential and part is new farm and part is new industrial. Dr. Shortridge stated being hopeful the trend will continue upward. He also stated a CPI over 2% is good for the EAV and housing values.

Adopt the Tax Levy

A motion was made by Fischer, and seconded by Andrews, to adopt the 2016 Tax Levy as presented.

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

Report from Joint Conference

Mr. Burgess commented on seminars and workshops attended while at the IASB Conference in Chicago. Mr. Burgess shared an update on Project Lead the Way, Foreign Language through WebEx and Legal Issues to be aware of in the future.

Brynteson commented on attending the delegate assembly at the Triple I Conference where the Genoa-Kingston Board of Education's Resolution "*Clock Hours vs Minutes*" was approved. Brynteson also shared information regarding sessions she attended on legislation and other Springfield topics. She further stated *ESSA* was a large topic. Brynteson also commented on having a round table discussion about open resources to purchase curriculum.

Edwards stated she attended a session on superintendent evaluations and goal setting. She also commented on a district which pairs teachers with students throughout the student's high school career. Edwards also attended sessions titled "*Transfer Learning Hubs*", as well as a session about high school greenhouses.

Andrews stated she attended four different sessions: "*What Hat to Wear as a Parent, and Board Member*", "*Superintendent Search*", "*Superintendent Employment Contracts*", "*Leveraging Your Best Assets, Parent and Community*".

Kruse commented on attending "*Superintendent Board Relations*", and a board president Round table.

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Mr. Burgess commented on meeting the regional director of Project Lead the Way at the Triple I conference. He also stated making contacts for PLTW funding and foreign language teleconferencing classes. He also stated Mr. Lekkas and Mr. McCune are currently working on a Project Lead the Way Grant. Mr. Burgess stated one of the contacts will be visiting the district in January.

Dr. Shortridge stated attending a session about communicating with your community. He also stated many districts have their own communication director. Dr. Shortridge also did a presentation at the conference about communication with your business manager and questions that could be asked.

Review of Building Merger Plan

Mr. Burgess reviewed the committee meetings with administration on preparation for the merger of DES. He also shared a calendar and timeline for the merger as a reference.

Mr. Burgess stated the timeline calendar will allow items to be taken care of over winter break. He also stated in January the committee will look at curriculum issues. He further stated the park district contract expires in January. Mr. Burgess commented on the appraisal and potential sale of DES.

Kruse commented on the merger and assets of the district that will likely be sold or disposed of.

Mr. Burgess stated surplus property will be placed on a future consent agenda for board approval to be sold or given away.

Superintendent Search Update

Kruse stated the board is continuing to work on the superintendent search and discussions will continue in closed session at the end of this meeting.

Cleveland stated the board completed the final on sight visit of potential candidates.

New Business

Summer Girls Volleyball

Mr. Burgess shared information from Mr. Jerbi, District Athletic Director, and requesting board approval for a Summer Volleyball Trip to Ohio. The Camp runs from July 20-22, 2017. The GK Varsity team and coaches will be utilizing two school vans during this trip and all housing will be paid for using funds raised by the Volleyball program.

Cleveland asked if the volleyball team has traveled out of state before.

Mr. McPherson stated sports teams have traveled out of state before with board approval.

A motion was made by Gustafson, and seconded by Fischer, to approve the Girls Varsity Volleyball Team traveling to Ohio to participate in a summer tournament July 20-22, 2017.

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

FOIA Request

Mr. Burgess stated there were two (2) FOIA to report from Better Government Association and the Illinois Retired Teachers Association. These are annual requests.

Acceptance of Donations

A motion was made by Edwards, and seconded by Brynteson, to approve with gratitude these generous donations: \$500 to Genoa Elementary School from Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance, \$100 to the Genoa-Kingston High School Hall of Fame from the Al Shirvis Family, \$150 to the Genoa-Kingston Middle School Drama Club from the Shortridge Family, \$875.00 to the Genoa-Kingston High School Athletic Department from Heartland Bank for 35 home touch downs scored this year.

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

Superintendent/Board Communication

Music Concerts

Mr. Burgess thanked the music department and stated all winter music concerts were successful and greatly enjoyed.

Google Classes as part of Vision 2020

Mr. Burgess shared information regarding G-K University and Google Me Free 2 classes.

Annual Tech Fair

Mr. Burgess stated the Annual Technology Fair will be held Saturday, March 4, 2017 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Illinois Principal Association Award

Mr. Burgess stated he was proud and honored to be the recipient of the IPA's Superintendent of the Year. He will receive the recognition on February 1, 2017.

Illinois State Scholars

Mr. Burgess congratulated the 15 high school Illinois state scholar's recipients.

Excellence in Education Nominations

Mr. Burgess shared this year's Excellence in Education Nominees. He wished the nominees good luck as they move forward in the process.

Mike Franckowiak – GKHS, Phil Jerbi – GKHS, Jana Vartanian - GES

Fischer stated the roof and shed in Kingston look nice.

Future Agenda Items

January COW Meeting - January 10, 2017

Travel Expense Control Act
Superintendent Search Update

January BOE Meeting - January 24, 2017

Stefanie Hill - GES Presentation
October PRESS Policies for approval
Tentative Budget Designation
Statement of Economic Interest

*Mr. Burgess stated the board should be mindful of returning yellow Statement of Economic Interest sheets to the DeKalb County Clerk in a timely manner.

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 motion was made by Brynteson, 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 8:21 pm.

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

Reconvene to Open Session

The board reconvened to open session at 10:26 pm.

Personnel Action

No action was taken at this time.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Taunya Fischer, seconded by Heather Edwards, to adjourn the Board of Education meeting at 10:27 pm.

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

Paul Kruse, Board President

Heather Edwards, Board Secretary