

**Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm**  
**Tuesday, February 27, 2018**  
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 Kingston Elementary School - Stefanie Hill
5. Public hearings petitions questions and comments from guests and visitors
6. Consent Agenda
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  - b. Accounts Payable
  - c. Minutes
  - d. Coaches, Resignations
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Old Business
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  - 8.02 District Strategic Plan
  - 8.03 Superintendent Evaluation
  - 8.04 Registration/Student Fees
  - 8.05 IMRF Resolution
  - 8.06 Review of Closed Session Minutes
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9. New Business
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  - 9.02 Acceptance of Donations
10. Superintendent/Board Communication
11. Future Agenda Items
12. 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)
13. Reconvene to Open Session
14. Personnel Action
15. 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: John Shipley, Kristin Brynteson, Jake Wesner, Kristen Andrews, Barb Gustafson, and Paul Kruse.

Absent: David Cleveland

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mrs. Hill and students from Kingston Elementary School led our guests and Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Mission Statement**

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

**Correspondence/Presentation**

Kingston Elementary School - Stefanie Hill

Mrs. Hill shared a presentation regarding Kingston Elementary School.

Mrs. Hill, students of Kingston Elementary School and board members recited the Kingston Elementary Pledge. Mrs. Hill commented on the Turbo button and how it is used at Kingston Elementary School to inspire students to learn. She also commented on the staff coming together as a T.E.A.M. for the kids after combining Davenport and Kingston. She further commented on PBIS, Team Building with Adventure Works, Book Studies and One School, One Book.

Mrs. Hill commented on One Book, One School and shared the book title "The Mouse and the Motorcycle", by Beverly Cleary, with each board member. Mrs. Hill stated the goal is to bring families and community together by reading along with the students and school.

Staff from Kingston Elementary School each reviewed how being a T.E.A.M influences students in the classroom. The staff reviewed curriculum and student growth. Cogs Bucks, Cogs Store, Booster Wii Party, Daily Shout Outs, Student of the Month and Super Students of the Month were all discussed.

The Board thanked Mrs. Hill and her staff for their presentation and sharing "The Mouse and the Motorcycle" book.

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

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

**Consent Agenda**

Payrolls, Accounts Payable, Minutes, Coaches, Resignations

A motion was made by Gustafson, and seconded by Brynteson, to approve the January 25, 2018 payroll in the amount of \$462,435.00, the February 9, 2018 payroll in the amount of \$513,086.77, the February 23, 2018 payroll in the amount of \$523,034.50 the February 15, 2018 KEC payroll in the amount of \$140,573.20 and the February 2018 Payable Board Report in the amount of \$302,477.26 the January 23, 2018 Board of Education Meeting Minutes, the February 13, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, the January 23, 2018 Closed Session Meeting Minutes and the February 13, 2018 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 coaches:**

Scott Miller - Volunteer Softball Coach - Effective March 1, 2018

**To approve the following resignations:**

Mason Lucca - Custodian - Effective February 8, 2018

Crystal Gonzalez - ESP - Effective March 6, 2018

Ayes: Andrews, Brynteson, Gustafson, Shipley, Wesner, Kruse

Motion Carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Dr. Shortridge presented the February Treasurers Report in detail to the Board of Education.

Dr. Shortridge highlighted a payment received from the DeKalb County Community Foundation in the amount of \$5,000. Dr. Shortridge stated the District recently received funds from The Genoa Park District due to an intergovernmental agreement. He also stated the state of Illinois is making more payments in a timelier manner than in the past but still owes the District \$285K.

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

Ayes: Brynteson, Gustafson, Shipley, Wesner, Andrews, Kruse

Motion Carried.

## **Old Business**

### **DeKalb County Sheriff's Agreement**

The Board discussed the DeKalb County Sheriff's Agreement.

Superintendent, O'Daniell stated the Annexation Agreement between the District and the City was necessary to approve prior to approving the DeKalb County Sheriff's Agreement. He also asked the Board to hold a Special Board Meeting on Friday, March 2, 2018 at 7:45 am. to approve the Annexation Agreement as well as approve the DeKalb County Sheriff's Agreement.

The DeKalb County Sheriff's Department was present to answer any additional questions prior to the Board taking action on March 2, 2018.

Shiple was in favor of the new digital public communication service tower, but not in favor of placing the tower on the high school property due to the current MOU and potential loss of revenue if the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department were to lease space off the tower. Shiple was in favor of further discussions about the topic in closed session.

Andrews asked about how the high school location was chosen.

Deputy, Sullivan stated the Genoa-Kingston High School property was chosen based on propagation and archaeological studies and the fiber that was already on the site.

A representative from Pyramid Consulting commented on the high school site being in alignment with the other proposed sites, and available fiber would create a good back up.

Andrews commented on the potential health concerns of students with the tower on the high school property.

Pyramid Consulting stated no potential health concerns regarding the digital public safety towers.

Sheriff Scott addressed the Board and clarified the intended use of the new digital public safety tower.

Sheriff Scott stated the DeKalb County Board made a commitment to an approximately \$4M project and the new digital tower is critical to public safety. He further stated it was never the intent to build the tower for revenue. Sheriff Scott stated after further review the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department understands public safety as well as the concerns over the use of the high school property as a guest. Sheriff Scott agreed that if at some point the county would incur any revenue from renting space off the tower they would first ask the school board for approval of renting the space and share a percentage of the revenue with the district. He also stated re-writing the MOU to offer the district 10% of the revenue after taxes and maintenance were paid.

The Board will take action and final approval of The DeKalb County Sheriff's Agreement on Friday, March 2, 2018 at 7:45 am.

**Superintendent, O’Daniell asked the Board if they would be in favor of Board Member, David Cleveland to attend the meeting via conference call.**

The Board was in favor of Mr. Cleveland to attend the meeting via conference call.

David Cleveland joined the meeting with non-voting rights via conference call at 7:48 pm.

### **District Strategic Plan**

The Board continued discussions regarding The District Strategic Plan.

Superintendent, O’Daniell commented on board member, Kristin Brynteson updating the board’s message. He stated he will email the District Strategic Plan with the updated board message to board members for review.

District Strategic Plan discussions will continue at the Tuesday, March 13, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Official approval of the District Strategic Plan will take place at the Tuesday, March 20, 2018 Board of Education Meeting.

### **Superintendent Evaluation**

The Board continued discussions regarding the Superintendent Tool.

Discussions regarding the Superintendent Tool will continue at the Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

### **Registration/Student Fees**

Superintendent, O’Daniell stated the recommendation is not to increase the 2018-2019 Registration/Student Fees. He stated the fees will remain the same with a potential change to breakfast/lunch prices depending on the state review of the district’s program.

Cleveland asked about the timeline to approve lunch fees.

Mrs. Mulso commented that a formal lunch review will take place on April 5 and 6. She also stated once the final review is completed and the Lunch Equity Tool is available lunch prices may be reviewed.

A motion was made by Gustafson, and seconded by Andrews, to approve NO increase to the Student/Registration Fees for the 2018-2019 school year as presented with the possible review and approval of lunch fee increase at a later date.

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

### **IMRF Resolution**

Superintendent, O'Daniell commented on the IMRF resolution which was discussed at a previous meeting.

Shipleigh asked if this would be an annual approval.

Dr. Shortridge stated the approval is required by the IMRF and is not annual approval.

A motion was made by Andrews, and seconded by Brynteson, to approve the IMRF Resolution as presented.

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

### **Review of Closed Session Minutes**

Superintendent, O'Daniell stated there were no changes to the recommendations made at the February 13, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting to keep the minutes from January 12, 2016 through June 28, 2016 closed to the public.

A motion was made by Brynteson, and seconded by Gustafson, to continue to keep the closed session minutes from January 12, 2016, through June 28, 2016 closed to the public.

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

### **Destruction of Audio of Closed Session Minutes**

Superintendent, O'Daniell stated there were no changes to the recommendations made at the February 13, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting to destroy the following dates of closed session minutes February 23, 2016 - March 8, 2016 - April 12, 2016- April 26, 2016- and May 10, 2016 and NOT destroy the following dates, January 12, 2016 - January 26, 2016 - February 9, 2016 and June 28, 2016 due to the nature of their content.

A motion was made by Wesner, and seconded by Andrews, to destroy the following dates of closed session minutes February 23, 2016 - March 8, 2016 - April 12, 2016- April 26, 2016- and May 10, 2016 and NOT destroy the following dates, January 12, 2016 - January 26, 2016 - February 9, 2016 and June 28, 2016 due to the nature of their content.

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

### **New Business**

#### **FOIA Request**

There were two FOIA to report. One from Smart Procure and one from Locallabs.com.

### **Acceptance of Donations**

There were two generous donations from the Frye Family.

A motion was made by Cleveland, and seconded by Gustafson, to accept with gratitude these generous donations; \$50 to the Genoa-Kingston High School Senior Class of 2018, and \$50 to the Genoa-Kingston High School staff from the Frye Family.

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

### **Superintendent/Board Communication**

#### **Incubator Pitch Night**

Superintendent, O'Daniell stated the next and final Incubator Pitch Night will be held May 14, 2018 @ 7:30 pm in the High School Auditorium.

Mr. O'Daniell publicly recognized Mr. Henkel and Mr. Owen and their hard work with this class.

#### **Excellence in Education Recipients:**

Superintendent, O'Daniell publicly recognized the district's Excellence in Education winners.

Stefanie Hill - Administrator  
Stacia Hale - Kingston Elementary School P.E. Teacher  
Jennifer Butler - Support Staff

#### **FPS - Future Problem Solvers:**

Superintendent, O'Daniell publicly recognized The Genoa-Kingston FPS teams that competed at Regionals this past Saturday, February 10. The following (listed by team) qualified for State Competition on April 13 and 14.

Senior Division (grades 10 – 12):  
Ellie Mullins, Lauren Chriss, and Kasey Pennington  
Elli Wallace, Tyler Leahy, Payton Garcia, and Zach Kaiser

Middle Division (grades 7 – 9):  
Zach Butterfield, PJ Gutknecht, Alex Andrews, and Breck Pearson  
Keion Miracle, Skyler Sax, Bryanna Sonntag, and Ella Hensley  
Robbie Hill, Christian Cline, Kendra Delgado, and Maya Garcia  
Kerth Judd, Abbie Andrews, Isabelle Chamberlain, and Dylan Heid

Although they didn't qualify for the State Competition, the Junior team (grades 4 – 6) of Jarik Scott, Brandon Wolcott, and Jay Wolcott worked hard as a three-person team and also competed at Regionals.

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For State Competition, these students will be learning about Cloud Storage and will apply what they learn using the 6 step problem solving process to both a written packet and an oral skit for competition.

Mr. O'Daniell publicly thanks Mrs. Pennington and her staff for their work to help students achieve these goals. This is an attribute to this program and success of these students.

**Graduation GKHS – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion**

Superintendent, O'Daniell shared an early reminder to Board Members:

High School Graduation Sunday, May 20, 2018 @ 1:00 pm  
Board Members to attend by 12:45 for seating.

8th Grade Promotion Monday, May 21, 2018 @ 7:00 pm  
Board Members to attend by 6:45 pm for seating.

**The Genoa Area Chamber Home and Business Expo**

Superintendent, O'Daniell stated the annual Chamber Expo will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 10 am – 3 pm.

**Future Agenda Items**

**March Special Board Meeting Friday, March 2, 2018 at 7:45 am**

**March COW**

Anti-Bullying Presentation  
District Strategic Plan  
Superintendent Evaluations

**March BOE**

Angelo Lekkas – Presentation  
Approval of the District Strategic Plan  
Approval of the Superintendent Evaluation  
Buildings and Grounds Summer Staffing

**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, and second by Andrews, to convene to 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) and Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property in compliance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8) at 8:08 pm.



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

**Reconvene**

The board reconvened to open session at 8:59 pm.

**Personnel Action**

A motion was made by Mr. Kruse and seconded by Ms. Gustafson,

**To approve the following employment considerations:**

Michelle Platt-School Psychologist-Effective July 1, 2018 and contingent on completion of certification and all necessary educational requirements.

Roll Call Vote: Andrews, Brynteson, Gustafson, Shipley, Wesner, Kruse

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion Carried.

**Sheriff's Communication Tower**

Additional discussion was had regarding the tower and what percentage of revenue sharing was appropriate and fair. The Board is also concerned about legal fees incurred in contract review.

The Board directed Mr. O'Daniell to approach the Sheriff's department with additional language for the contract to include coverage of any legal fees. The Board also would like to let future Boards negotiate any revenue share when those opportunities arise.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Ms. Gustafson and seconded by Ms. Brynteson to adjourn the Board of Education meeting at 9:17 pm.

Voice vote: Ayes: 6  
Nays: 0  
Motion carried

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Paul Kruse, Board President

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Kristen Andrews, Board Secretary