

Committee of the Whole Meeting – 6:30 pm
Tuesday, January 12, 2016
Genoa-Kingston Community Unit School District #424
Genoa-Kingston High School Community Room
980 Park Avenue Genoa, IL 60135

1. Call to Order
2. Task Force Survey Review
3. Vision 20/20
4. Future Agenda Items
5. Superintendent/Board Communication
6. 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), student disciplinary case in compliance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9) and security procedures 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)(9).
7. Reconvene to Open Session
8. Adjournment

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Call to Order

President Paul Kruse called the Genoa-Kingston CUSD #424 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

Present: Taunya Fischer, Angie Lauderdale, Kristen Andrews, Heather Edwards, Barb Gustafson, Kristin Brynteson and Paul Kruse.

Absent: None

Task Force Survey Review

Mr. Burgess and the board continued the discussion on the NIU Survey completed for the district on Bullying and Harassment. Mr. Burgess stated administration will focus on moving forward in staff development and communication with families. Mr. Burgess also stated there will be another Task Talk presentation titled: Bullying is never Right, by Angelo Lekkas, on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 from 6:30 – 7 pm in the GK High School Media Center. Mr. Burgess commended Mr. Lekkas for his efforts and presentations to parents.

Edwards asked how the survey comments would be addressed. She also asked if a school messenger will be sent out as a reminder of the Task Talk.

Mr. Burgess stated it is important to continue the Task Talks as well as student education. He also stated a school messenger will be sent out about the presentation.

Mr. Burgess stated “How do we deal with bullies”, was brought up a lot in the survey. He also stated many times bullying is happening outside of school.

Gustafson stated cyberbullying is a very different situation.

Fischer recommended blocking or deleting someone who is posting bullying comments or inappropriate things.

Brynteson stated education on dealing with cyber bullying would be important. She also recommended blocking and deleting a cyber-bully.

Mr. Burgess stated the district has internal blocking. He also stated by a parent providing the data plan they are perpetuating it. He further stated the district can only do so much.

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Andrews stated a group shared with her the fear of reported bullying could lead to retaliation.

Lauderdale asked if it was necessary for students to have cell phones in school.

Brynteson stated there are a lot of positive educational tools and resources students have access to on their cell phones. She also stated the importance of teaching phone etiquette and moderation of the use of cell phones.

Kruse recommended education of social media etiquette.

Mr. Francis stated the last GES Character Counts lesson was about cyber bullying. He also stated continuing to model what students should do when bullied. He further recommended blocking a person from a cell phone and telling a teacher or principal. Mr. Francis stated we cannot address a situation we are not aware of. He also stated the survey is important, but it is also important to advise an administrator about a problem.

Brynteson stated many parents are friends with their students on social media. She also stated telling kids not to bully yet parents are doing this on social media. She further stated this does not set the proper examples. Brynteson stated the earlier students know how to manage electronics the better. She also recommended educating students in that once you put something on social media such as, a picture or words, the whole world will see it.

Vision 20/20

Mr. Burgess shared the agenda for the next Vision 2020 meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the high school library. He also stated reviewing the committee's work and upcoming G-K Tech Expo which combined with the Genoa Chamber Business Expo is scheduled for Saturday, March 5, 2016 from 10 am. – 3 pm.

Mr. Burgess stated Vision 2020 discussion will include Maker Space and Project Lead the Way updates, Chromebook use for 2016-2017, staff training needs and future presentation ideas.

Brynteson recommended middle school and high school students attend the SIT conference on February 20, 2016 at DeKalb High School.

Kruse recommended communication of model behavior between students and future employees would be beneficial. He also stated students should be aware that future employees may look at their social media accounts prior to employment.

Mr. Burgess stated there will be a Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Open House at Genoa-Kingston Middle School on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 from 12:00 pm. – 2:30 pm.

Brynteson recommended key business partners engage with our Project Lead the Way students.

Mr. Burgess stated this is why the PLTW open house is so important.

Future Agenda Items

Excellence in Education Recipients
Economic Interest Statements
October PRESS Policies for Approval

Superintendent/Board Communication

IASB

Mr. Burgess shared IASB website information with the board.

PLTW

Mr. Burgess reminded the board there is a Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Open House at Genoa-Kingston Middle School on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 from 12:00 pm. – 2:30 pm.

Local Law Enforcement

Mr. Burgess thanked local law enforcement, the ambulance team and first responders for their continued service to our community and district.

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A motion was made by Brynteson, and seconded by Fischer, 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 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)(9) and student discipline case in compliance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9) at 7:13 pm.
at pm.

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

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The board reconvened to open session at 8:20 pm.

A motion was made by Paul Kruse, seconded by Taunya Fischer, to expel Student #545011216 until after the first semester of the 2017-2018 school year.

Roll Call: Ayes: 7, Taunya Fischer, Angie Lauderdale, Kristen Andrews, Heather Edwards, Barb Gustafson, Kristin Brynteson, and Paul Kruse.

Nays: 0.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Barb Gustafson, seconded by Angie Lauderdale, to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 8:23 pm.

Voice vote: Ayes: 7

Nays: 0.

Motion carried.

Paul Kruse, Board President

Heather Edwards, Board Secretary