



## Genoa City Jt. 2 School District

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES Monday, February 15, 2021

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

President Tritz called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and noted that the meeting was properly posted, and media representative notified in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.84(1)(b).

Present: Board members Kathryn Coari, Paul Denecke, Karen Druszczak, Vicki Larson, and Jaye Tritz; Superintendent Kellie Bohn, Interim Middle School Principal Sarah Erickson, and Business Manager Nicole Massie. Staff members present Director of Digital Expansion, Helen Xiong and Library Media Specialist, Jacki Bolwerk (virtually). Community members present: Charlie Kopp

#### 2. REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- a. Motion by Coari/Druszczak to approve the agenda. Motion passed 5-0

#### 3. COMMUNITY/STAFF PARTICIPATION/Staff Participation

- a. Jacki Bolwerk presented virtually. She explained how the library is offering “curbside pickup.” The middle schoolers are using Destiny to reserve books for delivery. Elementary students are receiving personalized book delivery to classrooms. We had our first online Scholastic book fair and are getting ready to start our second one. Bolwerk began a Youtube channel for the middle school library, including new book previews and first chapter Fridays. Two weeks ago, middle schoolers started coming back to the library. Bolwerk has been purchasing databases for research. She is also co-teaching some coding classes.
- b. Director of Digital Expansion, Helen Xiong, presented a technology and family engagement update. Over the summer, she managed the technology tools to ensure that families would not have to come onsite. Taylor comes in twice a week, helps with tech support tickets and curbside pickup. Xiong will pick up devices from homes for those who need them. Students are contacting Xiong via email for technology support. Xiong stated that Jacki Bolwerk is advanced in technology and is willing to help train teachers and students. Family engagement is all about how we are supporting families at home. Both reading specialists are on the team. Reading and literacy are our focus. We had planned on Brookwood book bags, drop on random porches, also focus on diversity. COVID prevented this. Xiong also helps behind the scenes with the BFO. Xiong is making a strong effort to Layer Reading, Literacy, and Diversity through Family Engagement, BFO, and technology.

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Motion by Coari/Druszczak to approve the minutes from the regular and executive session on January 18, 2021, the Special Meeting on February 1, 2021, the revised minutes from December 21, 2020, and the work session on February 10, 2021, and
- b. The financial report for expenses of \$520,479.23 and revenues of \$41,011.65 and hiring two part-time paraprofessionals. Motion carried 5-0.

5. OLD BUSINESS
  - a. 2019-2020 AUDIT  
Motion by Druszczak/Denecke to accept the 2019-20 Audit Report. Motion carried 5-0.
  
6. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BOND  
Motion by Druszczak/Coari to adopt the resolution (attached) authorizing the issuance and sale of a \$4,903,000 taxable (converting to tax-exempt) general obligation refunding bond. Motion passed 5-0.
  
  - b. ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS  
Motion by Denecke/Coari to approve the adjustments and extensions of the administrative contracts, noting that 2021-22 and 2022-23 salaries will be determined at a later date. Motion passed 5-0.
  
  - c. MASK WEARING PROTOCOL  
Motion by Coari/Druszczak to continue current mask wearing protocol through the end of the school year. Motion passed 5-0.
  
  - d. SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT  
Motion by Druszczak/Coari to approve the Shared Services Agreement for the Pupil Services Director. Motion carried 5-0.
  
  - e. FACILITY ACCESS  
Motion by Denecke/Coari to allow the Superintendent discretion to provide facility access to visitors for school sponsored activities, after school hours, following all District COVID-19 protocols. Motion carried 5-0.
  
  - f. CHILDCARE VENDOR  
Motion by Coari/Denecke to end childcare services with Champions at the end of the 2020-21 school year and enter into a contract with the YMCA for onsite childcare. Motion carried 5-0.
  
  - g. NEOLA POLICY UPDATES  
Motion by Druszczak to dispense with the first reading of the Neola Policy Updates.  
Motion by Druszczak/Coari to approve the second reading of the Neola Policy Updates.  
Motion carried 5-0.
  
7. COMMUNICATION & REPORTS
  - a. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT  
Interim Principal Sarah Erickson reported that she attended (virtually) the Middle and Highschool Principal's Convention.
  
  - b. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT  
Business Manager, Nicole Massie shared that she Included bank reconciliation report to aid in strong internal controls and for more fiscal transparency.
  
  - c. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT  
Superintendent, Kellie Bohn reported that she will hold a listening session next Tuesday regarding the Operational Referendum. The staff professional Development included a training on creating gender inclusive schools. Bohn presented student data comparing winter to winter and fall to winter scores. Heather Stanley has been working with 1<sup>st</sup> grade teachers to fill gaps. This is an area where teacher to student coaching would be helpful. We have been focusing on grades one, two, and three. Vicki Larson asked about context clues and picture clues from grades 1 and 2 to grade 3 where

those are no longer available for MAP testing. Karen Druszczak asked if we should change curricula. Bohn explained that there are strengths and weaknesses in any curriculum. We are using our current curriculum and adjusting it as needed. Middle school-differences are far less significant winter to winter. Prior to the pandemic, there were concerns about our middle school data. Interim Middle School Principal, Sara Erickson stated that there has been growth at the middle school level, it has just been slow. One plan for increasing growth is to vertically align with curriculum across grade levels. President JayTritz expressed concern about the 8<sup>th</sup> grade as they will be heading off to highschool. Erickson stated that some are less motivated due to the constraints of the pandemic and spending so much time at home. Paul Denecke asked if we receive information on how our kids do once they get to Badger. Bohn stated that it was investigated years ago, but it is not usually data that is collected or available.

d. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Karen Druszczak reminded the Board that tomorrow is the primary election for state superintendent. She added thatg the Wisconsin examiner, via Facebook has summary of all seven candidates

Katie Coari reported about her experience at the State Education Convention. She has some materials she will bring to the next meeting.

Karen Druszczak also attended the convention. She and Coari both reported that they prefer and learn better at the live convention versus the virtual environment.

e. Meetings/Events

March 10: Work Session 6:00 pm

March 15: Board Meeting

8. Items for Future Agendas

a. None

9. Motion to Adjourn Druszczak/Coari, 7:23 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Nicole Massie  
Secretary Pro tem

Karen Druszczak  
Board Clerk