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18. Adjournment
Call to Order

President, Kristen Andrews called the Genoa-Kingston CUSD #424 Special Board of Education Meeting to order at 6:30 pm.


Absent: Mary Hintzsche

Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent, O’Daniell led the guests and members of the Genoa-Kingston Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mission Statement

Board Member, David Cleveland, read the Mission Statement, "Preparing students to excel and contribute to their community."

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

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

Approval to Seek Bids for Copy Paper

Dr. Shortridge commented on the district using much less paper than in previous years thus, there was no need to bid copy paper at this time. He stated when the district is ready to bid copy paper they would team up with Hiawatha and Camelot School to seek competitive pricing for a total cost not to exceed $25K.

District Strategic Plan Review

Goal #2-Program/Services/Curriculum

The Board discussed Goal #2 of the District Strategic Plan, which focuses on the accreditation and STEM/STEAM certification.

Indicator C.

Mr. O’Daniell informed the district of the accreditation process and education from AdvancED. He stated the accreditation visits would take place in March. He also stated the visit would include a review of the GK District Strategic Plan and current practices.
Indicator A
Mr. O'Daniell stated once the March accreditation visits are complete, work will begin for the district’s STEM certifications. He also stated the goal is to be the first certified STEM district in the state of Illinois.

Indicator B
Mr. O'Daniell commented on continuing to monitor and make improvements in all areas of student services.

Mr. O'Daniell asked the board for feedback regarding the District Strategic Plan Finance Indicators.

The board did not have feedback at this time.

Budget Discussion - Goal #4 Finances

Mr. O'Daniell commented on the district's healthy fund balance as well as financial status as a grade A. He also asked the board for requests regarding future budget presentations.

Mrs. Andrews asked to see any significant changes to the upcoming budget.

Bond Discussion – Goal #4 Finances

Mr. Cleveland asked about the surplus of district funds and shared concerns over current class sizes. He also asked if the state ever lapsed on payments to the district. Mr. Cleveland also recommended preparing a timeline to address the impending bond payment with community input.

Mr. O’Daniell commented on a budget summary page and projections for board review.

Dr. Shortridge commented on the state lapsing in payments five years ago for a total of approximately $500K. He also commented on restrictions in using funds due to the bond payment and student special needs. He also commented on the significant impact to fund balance under the new Professional Agreement.

The board agreed to form a timeline with options for the impending bond payment from the recent PMA presentation to allow for community input at a future date. Bond options will be highlighted at a future meeting.

Discussion of Solar Contract

Mr. O’Daniell commented on a review of an energy plan to include the overall district and not just the high school as requested by the board.

Appoint Insurance Committee Representatives

Mrs. Andrews recommended the appointment of two board members to the district’s Insurance Committee.
Mrs. Ratliff and Mr. Cleveland showed interest in the Insurance Committee while Mr. Wesner stated he would be an alternate when needed.

Mrs. Andrews asked for a motion to appoint Mrs. Ratliff and Mr. Cleveland to the Insurance committee with Mr. Wesner as an alternate.

A motion was made by Mrs. Brynteson, and seconded by Mr. Wesner, to appoint Board Members; Mrs. Ratliff, and Mr. Cleveland to the Insurance Committee, and Mr. Wesner as an alternate.

Ayes: Cleveland, Ratliff, Shipley, Wesner, Brynteson, Andrews
Abstain: 0
Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

Superintendent Evaluation Tool Review
Dr. Brynteson recommended the Superintendent Evaluation Tool be approved at the October 22, 2019 Board of Education Meeting.

Board Discussion
Mr. Shipley asked how class size was being addressed.

Mr. O’Daniell commented on the process outlined in the new professional agreement. He also commented on current research regarding class sizes regarding education. Mr. O’Daniell commented on the quality and excellence of the GK staff.

The board held a lengthy discussion regarding class size, the process outlined in the new professional agreement as well as a variety of factors that impact learning.

Mrs. Andrews recommended board members, concerned with class size, spend a day of observation in a classroom.

E-Learning
Mr. Shipley asked about E-Learning Days.

Mr. O’Daniell stated he was waiting to hear from the State of Illinois regarding E-Learning Days. He also stated if the State of Illinois approves the use of E-Learning Days the school board would need to approve the use of E-Learning Days for inclement weather days.

Thank You
Mrs. Andrews publicly thanked the staff and administration for their work planning and preparing for the fall building open houses. She also publicly thanked Mr. Jerbi, the staff and volunteers for their efforts with the Hall of Fame Dinner. She further thanked the staff and families for planning and attending another successful COGSApaloosa.
TRS Re-Negotiation

Mr. Shipley asked about the timeline for the TRS re-negotiation discussions.

Dr. Shortridge stated further discussions might not be necessary.

Superintendent/Board Communication

Maintenance Plan

Mr. O’Daniell shared the maintenance plan with the board for review.

The board asked to have maintenance plan items listed in priority.

Mr. Cleveland asked for more information regarding the HVAC items and building clock items.

DeKalb County FOIA and OMA Training

Mrs. Andrews stated that she would be attending the upcoming FOIA and OMA training in DeKalb, Thursday, September 12, 2019.

Cogsapaloosa

Mr. O’Daniell publicly thanked the staff and families for attending and preparing for this year’s COGSApaloosa. The event was successful and well attended.

ROE Health/Life/Safety Visits

Mr. O’Daniell commented on the ROE, health life and safety visits planned for November.

Additional Special Education staff member at KES

Mr. O’Daniell informed the board of a federal IDEA Grant Mrs. Simmons received recently.

Mrs. Simmons commented on the IDEA Grant and how the funds are be used to serve students with disabilities. She also commented on using the funds for education, instruction materials, and vocational opportunities as well as hiring an additional special education teacher.

Mr. O’Daniell stated the additional special education teacher would be a new position. He asked the board for permission to post the new position.

The board held a short discussion regarding the additional position and were in favor of posting the position.

ROE

Mr. O’Daniell informed the board the ROE has requested the district install automatic door closures
district wide at cost of approximately $300 each. Mr. O’Daniell stated completing the project building by building over a 3-4 year period. The total cost of the project would be approximately $30K.

The board discussed the project and asked to stay informed to the progress made by building each year.

Future Agenda Items

**Monday, September 23, 2019 BOE Meeting**
- Public Hearing of the - FY-20 Tentative Budget
- Approval of the FY-20 Budget
- Approval of PRESS Policies #101/Including Board Policies 4:60 and 2:150
- Salary & Benefits Compensation Report
- Potential 2019 IASB Resolutions Presentation

**October 9, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting**
- Presentation - Goal #3 - Joe Ratliff
- Levy Information & Necessary Approval Dates
- 2019 IASB Resolutions for Review
- Bond Discussion
- Budget Discussion
- Superintendent Evaluation Tool Review
- Triple I Conference Update

Mr. O’Daniell asked to convene to closed session for employment and student discipline.

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 Student Discipline in compliance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)

A motion was made by Dr. Brynteson, and seconded by Mr. Wesner, 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 Student Discipline in compliance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9) at 7:44 pm.

Ayes: Ratliff, Shipley, Wesner, Brynteson, Cleveland, Andrews
Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

Reconvene

The Board of Education reconvened to open session at 8:02 pm.

**Personnel Action**

No action taken.
Adjournment

A motion was made by Mrs. Ratliff, and seconded by Mr. Cleveland, to adjourn the Board of Education Closed Session Meeting at 8:03 pm.

Voice Vote: All
Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Absent: 1
Motion Carried.

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Board President, Mrs. Kristen Andrews

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Board Secretary, Dr. Mary Hintzsche