Committee of the Whole Meeting – 6:30 pm
Tuesday, October 8, 2019
Genoa-Kingston Community Unit School District #424
Genoa-Kingston High School Community Room
980 Park Avenue  Genoa, IL 60135

1. Call to Order

2. Presentation
   2.01 AFR Presentation - Andy Mace of Klein Hall

3. Discussion of Kingston Roof and HVAC Project

4. Levy Information and Necessary Approval Dates

5. Budget Discussion

6. Bond Discussion

7. Discussion of Alternative Learning Days

8. Discussion of Vaping Concerns

9. Review of the 2019 IASB Resolutions for the Triple I Conference

10. Superintendent Evaluation Tool Review

11. Board Discussion

12. Superintendent/Board Communication

13. Future Agenda Items

14. 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 collective bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees in compliance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)

15. Reconvene to Open Session

16. Adjournment
Call to Order

President, Kristen Andrews called the Genoa-Kingston CUSD #424 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Present: Julie Ratliff, Kristin Brynteson, Mary Hintzsche, and Kristen Andrews

Absent: John Shipley and Jake Wesner, and David Cleveland

Presentation
AFR Presentation - Andy Mace of Klein Hall

Dr. Shortridge introduced Andy Mace from Klein Hall and Associates, the audit firm the district hires to conduct the mandated yearly audit. Mr. Mace provided the Board with information regarding this year's Annual FY-19 Financial Report (often referred to as "the audit").

Mr. Mace publicly thanked Dr. Shortridge and Mrs. Krabbe for their help with the annual audit.

Kristen Andrews publicly thanked Mr. Mace for his presentation.

Public hearings petitions questions and comments from guests and visitors

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

Discussion of Kingston Roof and HVAC Project

Mr. O'Daniell, Mr. Ratliff, Dr. Shortridge, and a representative from the district's architectural firm Hagney and Associates discussed the Kingston Elementary roof and HVAC project and its urgency. They also discussed the District's 10-year Maintenance and Life Safety Plan.

Levy Information and Necessary Approval Dates

Dr. Shortridge shared information regarding the Levy with necessary approval dates. He stated the Truth in Taxation law requires the District to publish the amount of the levy and the percentage of the increase over last year's levy allocation in the newspaper if the levy request exceeds 105% of the previous year's levy. Further, the Board must adopt a Tentative Levy and then hold a public hearing before Board approval of the final levy. The recommended levy process for the District in the next two months is as follows:
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- October Full Board Meeting: Approve the request for permission to issue appropriate public notice of the Levy Hearing to be held at the December 17, 2019 Board meeting. Approve the administration to publish in the paper the required Truth in Taxation notice if the requested levy amount will be over 5% of last year's allocation.  
- November Full Board Meeting: Adopt the tentative levy. If the levy request will be more than a 5% increase over last year's levy extension, the district will publish notice of Levy Hearing and the Truth in Taxation information, including the percentage increase of the levy request, in the newspaper between December 3-10.  
- December Full Board Meeting: Conduct the Levy Hearing (will only be necessary if the levy amount is over 5% of last year's extension). Adopt the Final Levy.

For the October Board meeting, we ask the Board to approve the request for permission to issue the appropriate public notice of the following:

1. Levy Hearing to be held at the December 17, 2019 Board of Education Meeting (if necessary).  
2. Truth in Taxation notice (if necessary)

Budget Discussion

No discussion

Bond Discussion

Dr. Shortridge shared a tentative budget timeline with the Board to help make decisions and take actions regarding issuing bonds for the necessary funding of district safety, maintenance, facility, and property needs. This timeline is only an estimate and provides a rough outline of when discussions and subsequent decisions will need to be made. Dr. Shortridge recommended that after the October Committee of the Whole Meeting the Board should consult with the district's bond advisor prior to the end of the calendar year. He also recommended a town hall for next summer.

Mrs. Andrews recommended looking at the district's future maintenance needs at the January Committee of the Whole Meeting. She also recommended Mr. Lewis from PMA visit the board at the February Committee of the Whole Meeting.

David Cleveland entered the room at 7:14 pm

Discussion of Alternative Learning Days

Mr. O'Daniell shared several reports regarding alternative learning with the Board. He also commented on using an alternative learning day on an emergency day.

The Board held a lengthy discussion regarding alternative learning days. Concerns were shared regarding teacher preparation time as well as impact on lower grades accessing necessary instructional materials.

Mrs. Hill and Mr. Francis stated the elementary schools teams have already developed best practices and four packets built on the current school year to alleviate the burden on teachers. They also commented on best practices, social emotional learning and students continuing to learn on emergency days rather than make up work at the end of the year.
Mr. Butcher stated middle school teachers plan team-wide for manageable coursework. He also commented on concerns from last year regarding the lost instruction over nine inclement weather days.

Mr. Cleveland shared his concerns over alternative learning days as well as the benefits.

Mrs. Andrews was in favor of alternative learning days.

Dr. Brynteson commented on research regarding alternative learning days shared at a previous board meeting for all board members to review.

Mr. O’Daniell stated communication and planning vital to the success for alternative learning days.

Mrs. Andrews also commented on recent discussion regarding potential late start days for cold weather days or time needed for snow removal.

A recommendation for approving alternative learning days will take place on Tuesday, October 22, 2019.

**Discussion of Vaping Concerns**

Mr. O’Daniell and Mr. Butcher shared the education and impact of that education on our middle and high school regarding vaping.

Mr. Butcher stated the middle school has had zero vaping incidents this year.

Mr. O’Daniell commented on vape detecting systems being new and not fail safe.

Mrs. Andrews was in favor or district wide education regarding vaping.

**Review of the 2019 IASB Resolutions for the Triple I Conference**

The Board discussed their position on the 2019 IASB Resolutions for the Triple I Conference. They also discussed the appointment of a delegate to the resolution committee to represent the Board in Chicago.

Mr. O’Daniell commented on the IASB Resolution Committee’s recommended resolutions for adoption as well as not to adopt resolutions #8 and #10.

The Board will hold further discussions with a recommendation for a 2019 IASB Delegate on Tuesday, October 22, 2019.

**Superintendent Evaluation Tool Review**

Dr. Brynteson commented on the Superintendent Evaluation Tool updates and recommended approval at the next Board of Education Meeting on October 22, 2019.
Board Discussion

Mrs. Ratliff commented on the IHSA streaming services available.

Mrs. Andrews invited board members to the Friday, October 10, 2019 Teachers Institute to be held at Sycamore High School from 8 am to 1 pm.

Superintendent/Board Communication

Updated IASB Website

Mr. O’Daniell commented on the updated IASB website.

Two Degrees in Three Years

Mr. O’Daniell commented on the recent signing and official partnership between all county schools, Kishwaukee Community College and NIU to allow students to earn an Associates and Bachelor’s Degree through five pathways in three years upon graduating from high school. Mr. O’Daniell publicly thanked administration, and guidance services for their support and assistance ensuring all credits and coursework line up for credits earned. He also publicly thanked all neighboring districts and colleges for their collaboration.

Dr. Brynteson stated it was nice to see to many districts and higher education come together. She also publicly thanked Mr. O’Daniell for his efforts regarding this opportunity for the GK Students.

Kishwaukee Division Fall Dinner

Mr. O’Daniell shared a reminder of the Kishwaukee Division Fall Dinner October 24, 2019 at Sycamore Middle School.

Future Agenda Items

Board of Education Meeting October 22, 2018 @ 7:00 pm
Acceptance of FY-19 AFR
Potential Approval of Alternative Learning Days
Approval of Superintendent Evaluation Tool Updates
Approval of Levy Notice and Necessary Dates
2019 IASB Delegate Selection Triple I Conference
Discussion of the 2019 IASB Resolutions for the Triple I Conference
Approval of KES Roof Project
Report from Policy Committee

Board of Education Meeting - November 19, 2019 @ 7:00 pm
There will be only one board meeting in November due to the Triple I Conference in Chicago.

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 collective bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees in compliance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
A motion was made by Dr. Hintzsche, and seconded by Dr. Brynteson, 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 collective bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees in compliance with 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) at 8:05 pm.

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

**Reconvene to Open Session**

The Board reconvened to open session at 8:37 pm.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Kristin Brynteson, and seconded by Julie Ratliff, to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 8:37 pm.

Voice vote: All
Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Mrs. Kristen Andrews, Board President

Dr. Mary Hintzsche, Board Secretary