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15. Reconvene to Open Session

16. Personnel Action

17. Adjournment
Call to Order

President, Kristen Andrews called the Genoa-Kingston Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 pm.


Absent: Mary Hintzsche

Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent, O'Daniell led the guests and members of the Board of Education in the pledge of Allegiance.

Mission Statement

Kristen Andrews read the Mission Statement, "Preparing students to excel and contribute to their community."

Correspondence/Presentation

Excellence in Education Nominees

Mr. O'Daniell announced the employees selected as Genoa-Kingston CUSD #424 nominees for the Excellence in Education Award for DeKalb County. The announcement of the winners will take place sometime in March at a dinner in the county.

Administrative Role Craig Butcher
K-5 is Barb Benzinger
6-8 is Karmen Ewald (other nominees were Brian Ferguson and Don McCune)
9-12 is Michael Franckowiak
Support staff is Christi Volkening (other nominee was Tina Kuhn)

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

There were no public hearings, petitions, questions and comments from guests and visitors
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Consent Agenda  
Payrolls, Accounts Payable, Minutes, Resignations, Employment, Leave of Absence

Mrs. Krabbe stated the January payables include the annual bond payment as well as payments made to the City of Genoa for school the resource officer and crossing guards.

Board Member, Mary Hintzsche entered the room at 7:05 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Cleveland, and seconded by Dr. Brynteson, to approve the December 20, 2019 payroll in the amount of $587,012.07, the January 10, 2020 payroll in the amount of $604,541.88, the January 24, 2020 payroll in the amount of $540,433.36 the January 2020 Payable Board Report in the amount of $2,992,247.44, the December 17, 2019 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes, the December 17, 2019 Board of Education Meeting Minutes, the January 10, 2020 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes, the January 14, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, the December 17, 2019 Closed Session Meeting Minutes and the January 14, 2020 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 resignations:  
Chad Wilmarth - Summer Drivers Ed - Effective December 17, 2019

To approve the following employment considerations:  
Danielle D’Amato - Teacher - Effective for the 2020-2021 School Year  
Danielle Klinger - Teacher - Effective January 21, 2020  
Lisa Hamilton Bennett - Custodian - Effective January 7, 2020

To approve the following leave of absence:  
Brittany Foster - Teacher - Effective April 1, 2020 through the end of the 2019-2020 school year

To approve the following request for leave of absence (see the attached letter):  
Joanna Heinsohn - ESP - Effective April 6, 2020 through the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

Nays: 0  
Motion Carried.

Treasurer’s Report

Mrs. Krabbe presented the December Treasurer’s Report in detail to the Board of Education.

A motion was made by Dr. Brynteson, seconded by Mrs. Ratliff, to approve the December Treasurer’s Report as presented.

Nays: 0  
Motion Carried.
Old Business

Approval of PRESS Policies Updates #102 - Goal #5

Mr. O’Daniell stated there were no changes made to the PRESS Policies from prior discussions and recommended the Board adopt the PRESS Policies Updates #102 as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Wesner, and seconded by Mr. Cleveland, to approve the PRESS Policy Updates #102 as presented.

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

Approval of High School Curriculum Proposals - Goal #2

Mr. O’Daniell commented on the high school curriculum proposals recently discussed and placed on 30-day public display. He also stated the updated curriculum creates more opportunities for our students while aligning with standards.

A motion was made by Dr. Brynteson, and seconded by Mr. Wesner, to approve the curriculum proposals for Twentieth Century Civil Liberties and Civil Rights (to replace Cultural Development), Statistics, Creative Writing, and Critical Analysis and Film as presented.

Ayes: Ratliff, Shipley, Wesner, Brynteson, Cleveland, Hintzsche, Andrews
Nays: 0
Motion Carried.
Approval of Basics DeKalb County Partnership - Goal #5

Mr. O’Daniell commented on a recent presentation regarding Basics DeKalb County and Kindergarten Readiness. Mr. O’Daniell recommended the Board approve the partnership with Basics DeKalb County.

Mrs. Andrews commented on a countywide Basics DeKalb County presentation held on January 30, 2020 at the DeKalb County ROE.

A motion was made by Mr. Cleveland, and seconded by Dr. Hintzsche, to approve the Basics DeKalb County Partnership as presented.

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

Superintendent Evaluation - Goal #5

Dr. Brynteson commented on the Superintendent Evaluation and impending administrative surveys. She also commented on the timeline to prepare and present the final evaluation to the Superintendent with comparable data from prior years at the February Board of Education Meeting.

New Business

Tentative Budget Designation - Goal #4

Mr. O’Daniell recommended the Board approve Dr. Shortridge as the designee to prepare the 2020-2021 budget.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ratliff, and seconded by Dr. Hintzsche, to designate Dr. Brad Shortridge, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations/CSBO, to prepare the tentative budget for the 2021 fiscal year in accordance with (105 ILCS 5/17-1).

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

FOIA Request

There was one FOIA to report from Denise Norris.

Mr. O’Daniell commented on a recent FOIA and stated meeting minutes were placed in an incorrect file and were not showing up on the website. He also stated once the technical issue was corrected Mrs. Norris was notified.

Acceptance of Donations

There were four generous donations for the Board to accept from the GK PTO as well as the Village Commons Bookstore.
A motion was made by Mr. Cleveland, and seconded by Mr. Wesner, to accept with gratitude these generous donations: $3,500 to KES, $3,500 to GES and $3,500 to GKMS all from the GK PTO, as well as a donation of 12 white boards to KES from the Village Commons Bookstore,

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

Board Discussion

Future Financial Meetings

Mr. Cleveland asked about future financial meeting dates to discuss the impending bond payment. He also commented on including a union member and PMA representative.

Mrs. Andrews commented on coordinating dates with the board, union and PMA representatives.

High School Broadcasting Program

Mrs. Ratliff asked about prior conversations regarding a high school broadcasting program.

Mr. O’Daniell commented on the recent installation of a motion sensor camera at the high school that will “Live” stream events. Mr. O’Daniell will follow up with Mr. Jerbi regarding the student-broadcasting piece.

Student Board Member

Mrs. Andrews stated Mrs. Ratliff is generating a letter to School District U-46 requesting information about their student board member program. Mrs. Ratliff will report her finding to the board at a future meeting.

Administrative Reports

Mrs. Andrews thanked the administrative team for their monthly reports and asked to discuss the future of administrative presentations at the next committee of the whole meeting.

Superintendent/Board Communication

Spelling Bee took place January 15, 2020.

Mr. O’Daniell commented on the recent spelling bee competition. He recognized and congratulated the finalists and champion Ava Brooks and runner up Jack McCombs who will go on to compete in the Regional Spelling Bee on Saturday, February 29th at Kishwaukee Community College. From there one person will go on to Washington D.C. Mr. O’Daniell publicly thanked the GK Education Foundation for their continued support of the program.
Annual Chamber Dinner - Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Mr. O’Daniell commented on the upcoming Genoa Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 5:30 pm. He also stated students from the entrepreneurial class would be exhibiting their work.

Instructional Capacity for 2020-2021

Mr. O’Daniell commented on recent discussions regarding staffing for the 2020-2021 school year. He also stated further discussions with Dr. Shortridge were necessary to bring an updated solution as to not exceed FTE for the next year.

High School Principal Candidates

Mr. O’Daniell commented on the selection process for a new high school principal and presenting a candidate to the Board in February.

Property Tax Relief Grant

Dr. Shortridge stated the Genoa-Kingston School District did not receive the Property Tax Relief Grant, and he would reapply next year.

Instructional Coach Promo Video

Mr. O’Daniell shared a GK promotional video with the Board. He also commented on the GK Winter Challenge. Mr. O’Daniell publicly thanked Instructional Coach Sheila Wagner for her work on the video.

Future Agenda Items

Bargaining Meeting Monday, February 10, 2020 - 4:00 pm

Finance Committee Meeting TBD

Committee of the Whole Meeting February 11, 2020 @ 6:30 pm
Administrative Review of Closed Session Meeting Minutes - Goal #5
Administrative Review of Closed Session Audio - Goal #5
Review of Registration/Student Fees - Goal #2
Discussion of Building Presentations
Chiller Discussion - Goal #3
Solar Discussion - Goal #3
Budget Discussion - Goal #4
Bond Discussion - Goal #4
Instructional Capacity - Goal #2
Review of District Strategic Plan - Goal #2
Superintendent Evaluations - Goal #5
Board of Education Meeting February 25, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

Approval of Closed Session Meeting Minutes - Goal #5
Approval of Closed Session Audio - Goal #5
Approval of 2020-21 Registration/Student Fees - Goal #2
Potential Approval of the Chiller Project
Potential Approval of the Solar Project
Review of District Strategic Plan - Goal #2
Superintendent Evaluation - Goal #5

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 Mr. Cleveland, seconded by Mrs. Ratliff, 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) at 7:52 pm.

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

Reconvene

The Board of Education reconvened to open session at 9:13 pm.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Dr. Brynteson, and seconded by Mrs. Ratliff, to adjourn the Board of Education Meeting at 9:13 pm.

Voice Vote: All
Ayes: 6
Nays: 1-David Cleveland
Motion Carried

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Board President, Mrs. Kristen Andrews

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Board Secretary, Dr. Mary Hintzsche