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Call to Order

Board President, Kristen Andrews called the Genoa-Kingston CUSD #424 Special Board of Education Meeting to order at 7:00 pm via digital connection.

Physically Present: Kristin Brynteson, David Cleveland, Julie Ratliff, John Shipley, and Jake Wesner

Present via digital: Kristen Andrews

Also Present: Superintendent, Brent O’Daniell and Assistant Superintendent, Brad Shortridge

Absent: Mary Hintzsche

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mission Statement

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

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

No Public hearings, petitions, questions, and comments from guests and visitors

New Business

Approval of High School Principal

Mr. O’Daniell asked for conversations regarding the approval of the new high school principal take place in closed session later in the meeting.

Old Business

COVID-19 Update

Mr. O’Daniell shared a COVID-19 update with the Board of Education. He commented on student attendance transitioning from Act of God Days to Remote Learning Days. He also publicly thanked GKEA President, Mr. Rucker for discussions regarding the transition to Remote Learning Days for the staff and district. Each building administrator will work to create a Remote Learning Plan for each building.
Mr. O’Daniell also commented on the Governor’s decision to extend the stay at home mandate through April 30, 2020 with no face-to-face teaching. Mr. O’Daniell also commented on the remote instruction policy with online learning with new materials conducted Monday – Thursday and teacher enrichment with no new materials on Fridays. He further commented on guidance from ISBE regarding district’s granted five planning day opportunities. Mr. O’Daniell commented on legal requirements for virtual meetings and “Live” instruction through Google Meet in Hangouts. He also stated there would be weekly surveys for staff and parent feedback.

Mary Hintzsche logged into the meeting at 7:06 pm.

Mr. O’Daniell commented on two days of remote learning the week of March 31, 2020, which will begin on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, and survey the following week. He also stated uploading all COVID-19 documents including a FAQ’s sheet to the district website. He further commented on the Remote Learning Plan coming from the E-Learning plan recently approved by the Board.

Mr. Wesner asked about remote learning and the grading system.

Mr. O’Daniell commented on the state recommendation for a pass/incomplete grading system. He also commented on the state working on grading for 8th grade and seniors.

Mr. Lekkas commented on the staff dedicated to working on interventions for seniors with deficiencies to ensure they graduate.

Mr. Wesner asked about KEC and CTE and RESTART students instruction and grading.

Mr. Lekkas commented on the potential for online learning.

Mrs. Andrews asked about Prom as well as graduation ceremonies.

Mr. Lekkas commented on Prom looking different. He also commented on graduation and asked for board input regarding postponing graduation if necessary.

Mr. Butcher asked for board input regarding 8th grade promotion.

The Board was dedicated to holding both the high school graduation ceremony as well as 8th grade promotion even if postponed.

Board Discussion

IASB Zoom Meeting COVID-19

Mr. Wesner commented on a recent IASB Zoom meeting regarding COVID-19 guidance. He also commented on a future IASB broadcast and invited other board members to attend.

Dr. Brynteson commented on planning put in place by the GK Board in the past year helping the district to be better prepared for COVID-19 and Remote Learning than other districts.
Student Board Member Update

Mrs. Ratliff shared an update regarding the Board’s request for information regarding a student board member. She will conference with U-46 on Monday and will share her findings.

Shut Down

Mr. Cleveland asked about the current shut down and if the district was paying classified employees. He also commented on work done in the buildings and infecting the buildings due to COVID-19.

Mr. O’Daniell commented on paying classified employees and stated not able to shut down completely with some work done remote, while other work completed on site to comply with state mandates like food service, as well as the opportunities to complete work otherwise completed in the summer.

Nikki Gudall Volunteer Appreciation Award

Mr. Wesner commented on the Nikki Gudall Volunteer Appreciation Award Ceremony stating the company that creates the awards closed due to COVID-19. He also stated announcing the recipients but postponing the ceremony

Superintendent/Board Communication

All Superintendent Communication shared in the previous COVID-19 Update.

Future Agenda Items

Policy Committee Meeting - TBD

April 14, 2020 - Committee of the Whole Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Bond Presentation - PMA Representative
Discussion and 30-Day Public Display of PRESS Policies #103
Discussion of the Amended Budget
Discussion of District Health Insurance Renewal
Discussion of District/Building/Athletic/Extra-Curricular Handbooks
Potential Discussion of 2020-2021 Lunch/Milk Fees
COVID-19 Update

Nikki Gudall Volunteer Appreciation Award Ceremony – Postponed.

April 28, 2020 Board of Education Meeting @ 7:00 pm
Approval of Scheduling/Posting the Amended Budget Hearing
Approval of District Health Insurance Renewal
Approval of District/Building/Athletic/Extra-Curricular Handbooks
Potential Approval of 2020-2021 Lunch/Milk Fees
Building and Grounds Summer 2020 follow up
Superintendent Evaluation
Approval of School Counselor Title Change
COVID-19 Update
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. Wesner, and 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 7:32 pm.

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

Reconvene to Open Session

The Board of Education reconvened to open session at 8:59 pm.

The Board took a 5-minute recess and called the meeting to order at 9:04 pm.

Personnel Action

A motion was made by Dr. Brynteson, and seconded by Mrs. Ratliff, to approve the following employment considerations with contract amended:

Matthew Cascio - High School Principal - Effective for the 2020-21 School Year.

Nays: Shipley, Cleveland
Present: Hintzsche
Motion Carried.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Dr. Brynteson, and seconded by Mrs. Ratliff, to adjourn the Special Board of Education Meeting at 9:06 pm.

Voice Vote: All
Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Motion Carried.

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Board President, Mrs. Kristen Andrews

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Board Secretary, Dr. Mary Hintzsche