

GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

REVISED AGENDA

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Thursday, February 25, 2016

It is anticipated that the Board of Education will act upon a resolution to convene an Executive Session at 5:45 PM to discuss GTA contract negotiations and specific personnel matters.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance	
Revisions to the Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Executive Session to begin at 5:45 PM instead of 5:30 PM. · November District Treasurer's Report added. · Board Meeting Minutes were revised. · Facilities Committee Community Forum Presentation added · Principals' Update postponed to the March 10th meeting.
Awards/Presentations	Ski Club - Student/Advisor Budget Update – Tim Hilker
Public Comment on Agenda	
District Component Updates	
Board Committee Reports	Facilities Committee - Community Forum Presentation Policy Committee
Superintendent's Report	Vacancies on Board of Education (see attached)
Approval of Consent Agenda	See Attached
Board Member Comments	
Spotlight on Academics	
New Business	2 nd Reading/Adopt Board Policy #4810
Public Comment (Per Att. Procedure)	
CSE/CPSE Recommendations	
Adjournment	

See Attached Consent Agenda

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion _____, Second _____ to accept the following Consent Agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA				
FINANCIAL REPORTS / BOARD MEETING MINUTES				
January, 2016	Treasurer's Report - Student Activity Accounts			
October, 2015	District Treasurer's Report			
November, 2015	District Treasurer's Report			
February 11, 2016	Revised Board Meeting Minutes – Includes additional information added to the Board Member Comment section of the minutes.			
APPOINTMENT				
NAME	DESCRIPTION	RATE OF PAY		EFFECTIVE DATE
Camilla Colangelo	Modified Track Coach	Level A	\$1,350	03/14/16

NEW BUSINESS

Motion _____, Second _____ that:

Following a 2nd reading, adopt Board of Education Policy #4810-Teaching About Controversial Issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURE

The Board of Education recognizes the privilege of all citizens in the Galway Central School District to address the Board of Education concerning any item on the Board Meeting Agenda. Toward this objective, the Board of Education includes two opportunities for public comment which are listed on each Board Meeting Agenda. The Board of Education respectfully requests that all citizens addressing the Board during public comment recognize that inquiries or comments pertaining to students or personnel are confidential and cannot be brought up in public session for discussion. The Board will adhere to the following guidelines pertaining to public comments at Board Meetings:

- Individuals who wish to address the Board must be recognized by the Board President before speaking.
 - Once recognized, the individual is to clearly state their name prior to speaking.
 - Comments may be addressed to any Board member who will respond as he or she feels appropriate.
 - In order for the Board of Education to conduct its business in a timely and efficient manner, it may be necessary on occasion to restrict public comment to a period of time not to exceed five (5) minutes.
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Two Vacancies on the Board of Education Nominating Petitions Available

Galway Central School has two vacancies on their Board of Education. Each are four year terms of office that begin on July 1, 2016 and end on June 30, 2020. These seats are currently held by Melodye Eldeen and Thomas Rumsey whose terms expire on June 30, 2016. At the end of a term, a Board member wishing to continue public service must be re-elected to another term. New York State Law does not limit the number of terms a member may serve.

The Galway Central School District Board of Education is composed of seven unsalaried citizens. Board of Education work sessions are generally held on the second Thursday of the month. Board meetings are usually on the fourth Thursday of each month. There are also special meetings called from time to time. The schedule of meetings is established prior to the beginning of each school year and is available on the District's website and calendar.

The Board of Education is an agency of the State of New York and is charged with governing the School District, not with day-to-day administration. Within the powers delegated by law, the Board is the policy-making, or legislative branch of the School District. The Superintendent of Schools is the executive officer charged with responsibility for administering the schools within Board policy.

The Board of Education is responsible for the general supervision of the schools. Although its members may not act individually, collectively they are responsible for all things done in the District. The Board exercises this responsibility by proper organization, delegation, and direction through policies adopted.

A meeting of the Board of Education must be conducted in a specified manner because laws and regulations require legal actions and the following of formal procedures. Meetings are for the transaction of the business of the school district. Board members, as elected officials, exercise their legislative authority. All formal actions of the Board must be conducted at a work session or meeting of the Board of Education. A vote of the majority of the Board is needed to pass resolutions.

Individuals seeking election to the Board of Education at the May 17, 2016 annual school election must submit a petition to the District Clerk, Linda Casatelli, with a minimum of 25 signatures from district residents. Completed petitions must be submitted to the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM on Monday, April 18, 2016. To obtain a petition, or to ask questions, please contact the District Clerk, Linda Casatelli, at (518) 882-1033 Ext. 3224.

To qualify for membership on a school board, an individual:

- Must be able to read and write;
- Must be a qualified voter of the district, that is, a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years or older; and not a convicted felon or adjudged an incompetent; (Note: a convicted felon is barred from running for a seat on the Board of Education if his/her maximum prison sentence has not expired or if he/she has not been pardoned or discharged from parole);
- Must be and have been a resident of the district for at least one year, but need not be a taxpayer;
- May not have been removed from any school district office within the preceding one year, or the preceding three years in the case of New York City community school board members removed for malfeasance or criminal conviction while serving as a member of a community school board;
- May not reside with another member of the same school board as a member of the same family;
- May not be a current employee of the school board;
- May not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office.