



GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

REVISED AGENDA

Thursday, March 24, 2016

6:30 PM – High School Library

Revisions to the Agenda are in green print below.

It is anticipated that the Board of Education will act upon a resolution to convene an Executive Session at 5:30 PM for a specific personnel matter and to discuss GTA Contract Negotiations.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance	
Additions to the Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Distance Learning/Agriculture, Future Farmers of America Presentation ● Sub. Bus Driver Appointment ● Additional Donation ● BOCES Cooperative Purchasing Bid
Awards / Presentations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Distance Learning / Agriculture, Future Farmers of America (Distance Learning Room #1) 2. Budget Update - Mr. Hilker 3. Child Nutrition/SED Review Update - Mr. Hilker
Public Comment on Agenda	
District Component Updates	
Board Committee Reports	Facilities Committee Policy Committee
Superintendent's Report	Election Day Information
Approval of Consent Agenda	See Attached
Board Member Comments	
Spotlight on Academics	
New Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve Health & Welfare Services Contract 2. Accept Donations 3. 2nd Reading/Adopt Board Policies 4. BOCES Cooperative Bid 5. Memo of Agreement-Interim Business Official 6. Interim Business Official Appointment 7. Interim Records Mgmt. Officer Appointment 8. Interim Purchasing Agent Appointment 9. Capital Project Resolution 10. Bus Purchase Resolution 11. Establish Public Hearing for Reserve Funding
Public Comment (per attached)	
CSE/CPSE Recommendations	
Adjournment	

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA			
FINANCIAL REPORTS / BOARD MEETING MINUTES			
February, 2016	Student Activity Accounts Treasurer's Report		
January, 2016	District Treasurer's Report		
March 10, 2016	Board Meeting Minutes		
RESIGNATION / OTHER			
NAME	DESCRIPTION	-	EFFECTIVE DATE
Lucille Murphy	School District Treasurer	-	03-31-16
APPOINTMENT(S)			
NAME	DESCRIPTION	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Kenneth Stewart	Assistant Food Service Helper	\$9.04/hour	03-25-16
Alex Rockwell	Substitute Bus Driver	\$16.01/hour	03-23-16

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion _____, Second _____ to:

Approve a Health and Welfare Services Contract with the Scotia-Glenville Central School District for 13 students residing in the Galway School District that attend a non-public school in the Scotia-Glenville School District in the amount of \$11,653.72.

2. Motion _____, Second _____ to

Accept the following donations with thanks and appreciation:

Dockstader Charitable Trust	\$1,550.00	For MiSi Learning Center Visit
Galway Players	\$1,000.00	For Stage Lighting Upgrade
Ilsababy Foundation	\$9,274.13	Arts in Education

3. Motion _____, Second _____ that

Following a 2nd reading, adopt the following Board of Education Policies:

TITLE	NUMBER
Student Focused District Policies	5000
Rights of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504	5020.3
Student Complaints	5030
Compulsory Attendance Ages	5130
School Admissions	5150
Homeless Children	5151
Homeless Children REGULATION	5151R
Admission of Non-Resident Students	5152
Admission of Foreign Exchange Students	5152.1
Admission of Foreign Exchange Students REGULATION	5152.1-R
Student Dismissal Precautions	5162
Student Dismissal Precautions REGULATION	5162R
Closed Campus	5181
Student Organizations	5210
School-Sponsored Student Expression	5220
Student Personal Expression	5225
Student Personal Expression REGULATION	5225R
Student Activity Funds Management	5252
Interscholastic Athletics	5280
Interscholastic Athletics REGULATION	5280R

4. Motion _____, Second _____ to approve the following:

The Board of Education of the Galway Central School District hereby authorizes participation in a Cooperative Purchasing Program coordinated by the WSWHE BOCES for the 2016-17 school year for the following commodities: Bread Products, Copy Paper/Envelopes and Custodial Paper Products.

5. Motion _____, Second _____ to approve the following resolution:

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District approve the Agreement shown below between the Board of Education and Dr. Joseph L. Natale, Interim Business Official, and authorize the President of the Board of Education to sign this Agreement on behalf of District.

AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT made this 24th day of March, 2016 by and between the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District a municipal corporation having its principal place of business at 5317 Sacandaga Road, Galway, New York and Dr. Joseph L. Natale, residing at 60 Jean Place, Schenectady, NY 12303.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District (hereinafter "the Board" or "the District"), desires to hire an Interim Business Official for the School District; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph L. Natale (hereinafter "Dr. Natale") desires to serve as Interim Business Official for the District;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises herein contained, it is agreed as follows:

1. The Board and Dr. Natale agree that, pursuant to a resolution of the Board, Dr. Natale shall be employed by the Board as Interim Business Official commencing March 17, 2016 and continuing on a per diem basis, to conclude upon the hiring of a permanent Business Official, but no later than August 1, 2016, unless extended by agreement between the parties.
2. Dr. Natale will be paid \$575 per day for his services. Half days will be paid on a pro-rated basis. Payment is for days worked only (e.g., there are no paid holidays).
3. The Board agrees to provide to the Interim Business Official the legal counsel and statutory indemnification/defense per Education Law and the Public Officers Law.
4. The Board will reimburse the Interim Business Official for the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the conduct of district business upon submission of appropriate claim information, including, but not limited to, mileage to attend conferences and meetings outside the district.
5. The Board shall be responsible for withholding taxes and social security payments from payments made to Dr. Natale. He shall not be entitled to any other fringe benefits, including but not limited to any leave, insurance, pension or retirement contributions.
6. Dr. Natale shall furnish and maintain throughout the length of this Agreement a valid appropriate certificate to serve as a Business Official in the State of New York.
7. Either party may terminate this agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other.

6. Motion _____, Second _____ to

Approve the appointment of Dr. Joseph L. Natale as Interim Business Official effective March 17, 2016 as per the Agreement approved by the Board of Education on March 24, 2016.

7. Motion _____, Second _____ to
Approve the appointment of Dr. Joseph L. Natale as Records Management Officer effective March 17, 2016.

8. Motion _____, Second _____ to
Approve the appointment of Dr. Joseph L. Natale as Interim Purchasing Agent effective March 17, 2016.

9. Motion _____, Second _____
Capital Project Resolution

10. Motion _____, Second _____
Bus Purchase Resolution

11. Motion _____, Second _____
Establish Public Hearing for Reserve Funding

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 of Education will adhere to the following guidelines pertaining to public comments at Board Meetings:

1. Individuals who wish to address the Board must be recognized by the Board President before speaking.
2. Once recognized, the individual is to clearly state their name prior to speaking.
3. 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.

ELECTION INFORMATION
GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND BUDGET VOTE/ELECTION

PUBLIC HEARING – MAY 5, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing of the qualified voters of the Galway Central School District, Galway, New York, will be held in the High School Library of said District on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 6:30 PM prevailing time, for the presentation of the budget document. The budget will be available for review seven days before the hearing in the District Office of the Galway Central School District.

BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION - MAY 17, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Annual School Election of the qualified voters of the Galway Central School District will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 between the hours of 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM prevailing time, in the Galway High School Gym, at which time polls will be opened to vote by electronic voting machine upon the following:

★ **BUDGET**

To adopt the annual budget of the Galway Central School District for the fiscal year 2016-2017 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of said School District;

★ **BOARD OF EDUCATION VACANCIES**

To elect two members to the Board of Education to fill two vacancies. Each vacancy is a four-year term of office that begins on July 1, 2016 and ends on June 30, 2020.

STATEMENT OF MONEY REQUIRED TO FUND BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2016-17 may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours beginning Tuesday, May 3, 2016 in the District Office of Galway School.

PETITIONS FOR SEAT ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION / BOARD VACANCY INFORMATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District, Linda Casatelli, at her office located in the Galway Jr./Sr. High School, 5317 Sacandaga Road, Galway, NY no later than 5:00 P.M. on Monday, April 18, 2016. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District; be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District; must state the residence of each signer, and must state the name and residence of the candidate. The petition shall describe the length of the term of office and contain the name of the last incumbent. All seats are "at large" which means that each nominee is eligible for every vacancy rather than only for a specific seat.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots are obtainable during school business hours from the District Clerk. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM on Election Day on May 17, 2016.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS – MAY 3, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that personal registration of voters is required. Anyone who wishes to vote must register if they are not a registered voter. Personal registration for district voters who have not voted in school or town elections during the past four years will be held on May 3, 2016 from 8–3:30 P.M. in the Office of the District Clerk located in the Galway Jr./Sr. High School. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law and has voted at an annual or special district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years, he/she is eligible to vote at this election; if a voter is registered and eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he/she is also eligible to vote at this election. The Board of Registration will meet for the purpose of registering all qualified voters of the district pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law at the Galway Central School District, on May 3, 2016 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M., and to add any additional names to the Register to be used at the aforesaid election, at which time any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such Register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of said Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such election for which the register is prepared. The register so prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law will be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the School District at Galway School, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District beginning on May 3, 2016 between the hours of 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, prevailing time, on weekdays, and each day prior to the day set for the election except on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays and at the polling place on the day of the vote.

FILING OF REFERENDA OR PROPOSITIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with 2035 and 2008 of the Education law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with the Board of Education at the Administration Building of Galway School, located in the Board of Education Room of the Jr./Sr. High School no later than 30 days before the Annual Budget Vote at 4:00 P.M. prevailing time; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence of each signer. However, the School board will not entertain any petition to place before the power of the voters to determine, or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditures of monies is required by the proposition.

ELECTION INFORMATION

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.*