

Minutes

Board of Education Meeting

January 17, 2007

7:00 P.M.

High School Library

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD AT THEIR NEXT MEETING

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| Meeting called by: | Board President Phyllis Keeler called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the High School Library. |
| Roll Call | Was conducted by Board President Phyllis Keeler. A quorum was present. |
| Attendees: | Board Members Present: Phyllis Keeler Terry Ostrander John Sutton Cheryl Smith Joan Slagle Janet Glenn Board Members Absent: Scott Everson |
| Pledge of Allegiance | was recited |

Agenda Topics

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| Note Taker | District Clerk, Linda Casatelli, kept the minutes of the meeting. | |
| Additions to the Agenda | None | |
| Board Recognition | None | |
| Educational Presentation | A presentation was given regarding doing a Strategic Plan for the district. | |
| Public Comment on Agenda Items | Baseball coaching vacancies were talked about. | |
| Superintendent's Report | <p>The preliminary school budget was briefly talked about and the Building Project Community Survey was reviewed. Over 375 surveys were returned of the 3,700 mailed out.</p> <p>183 of the returns voted NO 102 of the returns voted YES 94 of the returns did not vote</p> <p>Most no voters gave two reasons for their negative vote. One was that the project was not worth the tax increase and the second was that taxes were already too high. A good number of them said that taking care of the code compliances and the heating systems were important and any future votes should have them addressed.</p> <p>The majority of the yes voters believed in supporting the school despite the higher taxes. They also felt the code compliances and heating were of high importance.</p> | |

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| Superintendent's Report (Continued) | The Board of Education is reviewing the results and getting information on what can be done for little or no tax impact. | |
| Approval of Consent Agenda | Consists of: The Treasurer's Report for December, 2006. The Extra-Classroom Activity Acct. Treasurer's Report for December, 2006. Board of Education Minutes of the December 20, 2006 with a correction made showing that Phyllis Keeler voted YES to approving the date of June 12, 2007 as the date of an anticipated Galway Public Library Election to be held at the Galway Public Library with the polls being open from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM. | Motion: Cheryl Smith Second: Terry Ostrander Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Motion carried |
| Board Committee Reports | Mr. Trent Clay reported that the GTA continues to have pre-meeting presentations with the PTSA and gave a brief summary these presentations. | |
| PERSONNEL | Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District accept the resignation of Denise Sankowski from her Elementary Teacher position with thanks and appreciation effective June 30, 2007 for retirement purposes. | Motion: Cheryl Smith Second: Terry Ostrander Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Motion carried |
| | Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District approve the appointment of the following Coaches for the 2006-07 school year: Boys Varsity Track Coach Geoff Maliszewski Step 16 \$3,900 Girls Varsity Track Coach Lynn Prehn Step 10 \$3,060 Modified Track Coach Ruth Ann Daino Step 4 \$1,467 Modified Track Coach Karen Decker Step 6 \$1,594 Varsity Softball Co-Coach Paul Levin Step 8 \$1,407.50 (1/2 of stipend) Varsity Softball Co-Coach Paula Canell Step 5 \$1,242.50 (1/2 of stipend) JV Softball Co-Coach Emily Flores Step 2 \$815 Ea JV Softball Co-Coach Kelly McKinley Step 2 \$815 Ea. Modified Softball Coach Stuart Wilday Step 13 \$2,134 | Motion: John Sutton Second: Terry Ostrander Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Motion carried |

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| | <p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District approve <u>tabling</u> the appointment of Modified, JV and Varsity Baseball Coaches until the newly hired Athletic Director comes onboard and is able to give his recommendations.</p> | <p>Motion: John Sutton Second: Janet Glenn Ayes: 5 Noes: 1 All voted Aye to approve the motion except for Cheryl Smith who voted Noe. Motion carried</p> |
| | <p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District approve the following substitute appointments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the conditional appointment of Jeff Delaney as a Substitute Grades 6-12 Teacher effective January 18, 2007 per the agreement with the SASIE union and pending fingerprint clearance by the NYS Education Department. • the appointment of Matt VanHorne as a Substitute Grades 6-12 Teacher effective January 18, 2007 per the agreement with the SASIE union. • the emergency conditional appointment of Andrea Smith as a Substitute Grades 6-12 Teacher effective January 18, 2007 per the agreement with the SASIE union and pending fingerprint clearance by the NYS Education Department. • the conditional appointment of Sara LaFountain as a Substitute Teacher Grades K-8 effective January 18, 2007 per the agreement with the SASIE union and pending fingerprint clearance by the NYS Education Department and her appointment as a Substitute Teacher Aide effective January 18, 2007 at a rate of \$7.15/hour. • the appointment of Nicole Zawisa as a Substitute K-5, Art, PE and General Music Teacher effective January 18, 2007 per the agreement with the SASIE union. • the emergency conditional appointment of Lisa Tucker as a Substitute Bus Monitor at a rate of \$7.15/hour and Substitute Cleaner at a rate of \$8.50/hour effective January 18, 2007 pending fingerprint clearance by the NYS Education Department. • the emergency conditional appointment of Michael DeRose as a Substitute Cleaner at a rate of \$8.50/hour effective January 11, 2007 pending fingerprint clearance by the NYS Education Department. • the emergency conditional appointment of Amelia Mancini as a Substitute Cafeteria Worker at a rate of \$7.15/hour effective January 9, 2007 pending fingerprint clearance by the NYS Education Department. • the appointment of Kathleen DiBlasi as a Substitute Sunrise Reading Club Advisor at a rate of \$28/hour for the 2006-07 school year. She is currently a 1st grade teacher at Galway. | <p>Motion: John Sutton Second: Cheryl Smith Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p> |

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| <p>OLD BUSINESS</p> | | |
| <p>NEW BUSINESS</p> | <p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District approve a Bond Resolution dated January 17, 2007 not to exceed \$220,000 aggregate principal amount of serial general obligation bonds to finance the acquisition and purchase of school vehicles at an estimated maximum cost of \$220,000 levy of tax in annual installments in payment thereof, the expenditure of such sum for such purpose, and determining other matters in connection therewith.</p> | <p>Motion: Cheryl Smith Second: Terry Ostrander Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p> |
| | <p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District cast one vote for Jeffrey Harrison from Corinth who has been nominated to fill the BOCES Board seat vacated by Mr. Gary Shumway. This term expires on June 30, 2008.</p> | <p>Motion: Cheryl Smith Second: John Sutton Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p> |
| | <p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District accept the Auditor's Report of the fiscal affairs of the Galway Central School District for the period beginning on July 1, 2004 – October 31, 2005. They have been examined by the Office of the State Comptroller and the report of examination prepared by the Office of the State Comptroller has been filed in the District Clerk's Office of the Galway Central School District where it is available as a public record for inspection by all interested persons. Pursuant to section thirty-five of the general municipal law, the governing board of the Galway Central School District may, in its discretion, prepare a written response to the report of examination prepared by the Office of the State Comptroller and file any such response in the Clerk's office as a public record for inspection by all interested persons not later than April 16, 2007.</p> | <p>Motion: Janet Glenn Second: Terry Ostrander Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p> |

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| | <p>Resolved that charges be preferred against an employee of the Galway Central School District in accordance with Civil Service Law § 75 and the employee be given notice of such charges. James Watson is hereby appointed hearing officer. Because of the need to proceed expeditiously, request for proposals have not been made but is noted that James Watson has the background and qualifications to serve as hearing officer and has acted in the past as hearing office for other boards of education.</p> | <p>Motion: Terry Ostrander Second: Cheryl Smith Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstained: 1 All voted Aye to approve the motion except for John Sutton who abstained from voting. Motion carried</p> |
| <p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p> | <p>A parent asked what the cut off number was in a classroom for determining when another teacher is hired. Mr. Moses responded that it depends on the grade level and that contractually it is 25. Another parent asked that the Board look ahead in planning graduation ceremonies to allow more room and more family members to attend. Many suggestions were made like having it held at SPAC, Proctors Theatre, etc. and possibly having GTV get involved in having extra seating set up in the gym and having it simulcast. Mr. Jenkins said that the district has been thinking about it and will look into it further.</p> | |
| <p>EXECUTIVE SESSION</p> | <p>Moved into executive session at 9:13 P.M. to review CSE/CPSE recommendations and to review a particular personnel matter.</p> | <p>Motion: Terry Ostrander Second: John Sutton Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p> |
| <p>REGULAR SESSION</p> | <p>Moved out of executive session and into regular session at 9:59 P.M.</p> | <p>Motion: Terry Ostrander Second: Janet Glenn Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p> |
| <p>ADJOURNMENT</p> | <p>Adjourned at 9:59 P.M.</p> | <p>Motion: Janet Glenn Second: Joan Slagle Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p> |

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Casatelli
District Clerk
Board of Education