

# Minutes

## Board of Education Meeting

March 21, 2007  
7:00 P.M.  
High School Library

**DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD AT THEIR NEXT MEETING**

<b>Meeting called by:</b>	Board President Phyllis Keeler called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the High School Library.	
<b>Roll Call</b>	Was conducted by Board President Phyllis Keeler. A quorum was present.	
<b>Attendees:</b>	Board Members Present: Phyllis Keeler Terry Ostrander John Sutton Cheryl Smith Joan Slagle Janet Glenn Scott Everson (Mr. Sutton left the meeting at 7:20 PM due to another commitment and was unable to return to the meeting.)	
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	was recited	
<b>Agenda Topics</b>		
<b>Note Taker</b>	District Clerk, Linda Casatelli, kept the minutes of the meeting.	
<b>Additions to the Agenda</b>	None	
<b>Board Recognition</b>	Lions Club Citizenship Awards were presented to Sarah DelVecchio-2 <sup>nd</sup> grade, Shannon Cerny-7 <sup>th</sup> Grade and Lauren Pitman-11 <sup>th</sup> grade.	
<b>Educational Presentation</b>	A presentation by given by the Guidance Department.	
<b>Public Comment on Agenda Items</b>	Mr. John Sutton, Board Member, left the meeting at this time due to another commitment and was not able to return to the meeting.	
<b>Superintendent's Report</b>	The Board decided to proceed with a Strategic Plan for the District to see what direction the school is going in the years ahead. Meetings will be held with several focus groups to develop a plan for the district. Several committees will be established who will report back to the Board with their suggestions.  Mr. Moses reported on the proposed 2007-08 school budget. The tax levy currently reflects a 1.27% increase with a budget increase of 2.86% which is lower than a contingent budget. The tentative budget is at \$16,216,000.	

<p><b>Approval of Consent Agenda</b></p>	<p>Consists of:                  The Treasurer’s Report for February, 2007.                  The Extra-Classroom Activity Acct. Treasurer’s Report for February, 2007.                  Board of Education Minutes of the February 15, 2007 meeting.</p>	<p>Motion: Cheryl Smith                  Second: Scott Everson                  Ayes: 6 Noes: 0                  Motion carried</p>
<p><b>Reports</b></p>		
<p><b>PERSONNEL</b></p>	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District accept the resignation of <b>Matthew Risdell</b> from his <b>Auto Repairer</b> position effective March 1, 2007.</p>	<p>Motion: Cheryl Smith                  Second: Joan Slagle                  Ayes: 6 Noes: 0                  Motion carried</p>
	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District <b>rescind</b> the appointment of <b>Jason Louder</b> as <b>Modified Baseball Coach</b> for the 2006-07 school year at Step 1 of the salary schedule - \$1,295/year.</p>	<p>Motion: Joan Slagle                  Second: Cheryl Smith                  Ayes: 6 Noes: 0                  Motion carried</p>
	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District approve a <b>medical leave of absence</b> for <b>Jacquelyn Sprague</b> from her <b>Custodian</b> position per the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 effective March 14, 2007 for up to twelve weeks that will run concurrently with her time that is remaining.</p>	<p>Motion: Scott Everson                  Second: Terry Ostrander                  Ayes: 6 Noes: 0                  Motion carried</p>
	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District approve the emergency conditional appointment of <b>Toby Youngblood</b> as <b>Modified Baseball Coach</b> for the 2006-07 school year at Step 9 of the salary schedule - \$1,806/year pending fingerprint clearance by the NYS Education Department.</p>	<p>Motion: Scott Everson                  Second: Cheryl Smith                  Ayes: 6 Noes: 0                  Motion carried</p>
	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District approve the appointment of <b>Trista Russo</b> as a <b>Volunteer Baseball Coach</b> for the 2006-07 school year.</p>	<p>Motion: Scott Everson                  Second: Cheryl Smith                  Ayes: 6 Noes: 0                  Motion carried</p>

<p><b>PERSONNEL</b> (Continued)</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"> <li>• the appointment of <b>Thomas Walls</b> as a <b>Substitute Grades 6-12 Teacher</b> effective March 22, 2007 per the agreement with the SASIE union.</li> <li>• the emergency conditional appointment of <b>Marian Ross</b> as a <b>Substitute Grades 6-12 Teacher</b> effective March 22, 2007 per the agreement with the SASIE union and pending fingerprint clearance by the NYS Education Department.</li> <li>• the emergency conditional appointment of <b>Janice Howard</b> as a <b>Substitute Grades 3-12 Teacher</b> effective March 22, 2007 per the agreement with the SASIE union and pending fingerprint clearance by the NYS Education Department.</li> <li>• the emergency conditional appointment of <b>Katherine Hutchinson</b> as a <b>Substitute Teacher Aide</b> effective March 22, 2007 at a rate of \$7.15/hour.</li> <li>• the appointment of <b>Valerie Green</b> as a <b>Substitute Teacher Aide</b> effective March 22, 2007 at a rate of \$7.15/hour.</li> <li>• the appointment of <b>Maxine Nadler</b> as a <b>Substitute Teacher Aide</b> effective March 13, 2007 at a rate of \$7.15/hour.</li> </ul>	<p>Motion: Janet Glenn Second: Terry Ostrander Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>
<p><b>OLD BUSINESS</b></p>		
<p><b>NEW BUSINESS</b></p>	<p><u>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District call a <b>special meeting</b> of the Board of Education on Tuesday, <b>April 24, 2007 beginning at 8:00 AM</b> in the high school Board Room for the purpose of voting on the BOCES budget and BOCES board members.</u></p>	<p>Motion: Scott Everson Second: Janet Glenn Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>
	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District eliminate the <b>Elementary Newspaper Extra-Classroom Activity Bank Account</b> effective March 22, 2007 and transfer the \$18.10 in the account to Elementary Student Council. The Elementary Newspaper Club will remain in existence.</p>	<p>Motion: Cheryl Smith Second: Terry Ostrander Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>

<p><b>NEW BUSINESS (Continued)</b></p>	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District approve Tuesday, June 19, 2007 instead of Tuesday, June 12, 2007 as the date of a <b>Galway Public Library Election</b> to be held at the Galway Town Hall instead of the Galway Public Library with the polls being open from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM and approve adding the following proposition to the ballot to be voted upon by qualified voters of the residents: <b>Proposition #1:</b> Shall the Galway Public Library be permanently established as a school district public library for the benefit and free use of all residents of the Galway Central School District, such library to be governed by a Board of Trustees with seven members elected by the voters of the School District for terms of up to five years; and shall the sum of \$84,300 be levied and collected yearly as a tax upon the taxable real property within said School District to support and maintain the Galway Public Library?</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 appoint <b>Judith L. Klingebiel</b> as the <b>Independent Auditor</b> per the terms and conditions of the Request for Proposal for the years ending June 2007 fee of \$9,530, June 2008 fee of \$10,000 and June 2009 fee of \$10,500.</p>	<p>Motion: Terry Ostrander Second: Cheryl Smith Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>
	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District approve a <b>High School Varsity Softball Team Trip</b> on April 21-22, 2007 to Cooperstown for a Softball Tournament/Trip to the Baseball Hall of Fame. The tournament will be held in Herkimer at Mudville Fields on Saturday, April 21st and they will visit the Baseball Hall of Fame on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> in Cooperstown.</p>	<p>Motion: Scott Everson Second: Terry Ostrander Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>
<p><b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b></p>		
<p><b>EXECUTIVE SESSION</b></p>	<p>Moved into executive session at 7:55 P.M. to review CSE/CPSE recommendations and to review a particular personnel matter.</p>	<p>Motion: Janet Glenn Second: Scott Everson Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>

<b>REGULAR SESSION</b>	Moved out of executive session and into regular session at 9:14 P.M.	Motion: Scott Everson Second: Terry Ostrander Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Motion carried
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Adjourned at 9:15 P.M.	Motion: Cheryl Smith Second: Scott Everson Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Motion carried

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Linda M. Casatelli*

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District Clerk  
Board of Education**