

Minutes

Board of Education Meeting

August 16, 2006

7:00 P.M.

High School Library

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD AT THEIR SEPTEMBER MEETING

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 Scott Everson Cheryl Smith John Sutton Joan Slagle Board Members Absent: Anne Valente	
Pledge of Allegiance	was recited	
Agenda Topics		
Note Taker	District Clerk, Linda Casatelli, was present and kept the minutes of the meeting.	
Additions/Changes to the Agenda		
Board Recognition Program		
Educational Presentation		
Public Comment on Agenda Items		
Superintendent's Report	The District Calendar has been mailed. Several dates in September and October were included in it regarding the upcoming capital project. There may be a special meeting of the Board on September 6 th to set the date of the capital project vote. Two community residents expressed an interest in filling the vacancy on the Board. The Board will decide their plans on what to do with the vacancy in the near future. Mr. Moses spoke about the building project and the costs involved.	
Approval of Consent Agenda	Consists of: The Treasurer's Report for July, 2006. The Extra-Classroom Activity Acct. Treasurer's Report for July, 2006. Board of Education Minutes of the July 13 and August 2, 2006.	Motion: Cheryl Smith Second: Scott Everson Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Motion carried

<p>Board Committee Work Sessions</p>	<p>PTSA Liaison, Cheryl Smith Saratoga County School Boards Association Town Board Liaisons – Providence, Phyllis Keeler, Providence, Charlton</p>	
<p>PERSONNEL</p>	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District accept the resignation of Celeste Szymanski from her School Nurse position effective August 30, 2006 for personal reasons.</p>	<p>Motion: Scott Everson Second: John Sutton Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 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 appointment of Gail Cole as a Substitute Elementary Teacher in the areas of K-5, Art, General Music and Library effective September 1, 2006 per the agreement with the SASIE union. • the conditional appointment of Glenn Motto as a Substitute Elementary School Teacher effective September 1, 2006 per the agreement with the SASIE union and pending fingerprint clearance by the NYS Education Department. • the conditional appointment of Dorothy Chynoweth as a Substitute Elementary School Teacher effective September 1, 2006 per the agreement with the SASIE union and pending fingerprint clearance by the NYS Education Department. • the emergency conditional appointment of Cheryl Malanoski as a Substitute Elementary School Teacher effective September 1, 2006 per the agreement with the SASIE union and pending fingerprint clearance by SED. • the conditional appointment of Christina Morache as a Substitute Elementary School Teacher effective September 1, 2006 per the agreement with the SASIE union and pending fingerprint clearance by the NYS Education Department. • the emergency conditional appointment of Tisa Tucceri as a Substitute Elementary School Teacher effective September 1, 2006 per the agreement with the SASIE union and pending fingerprint clearance by SED. • the emergency conditional appointment of Heather Ranado as a Substitute Elementary School Teacher effective September 1, 2006 per the agreement with the SASIE union and pending fingerprint clearance by SED. 	<p>Motion: Scott Everson Second: Cheryl Smith Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>

<p>PERSONNEL (Continued)</p>	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District approve the following co-curricular advisors for the 2006-07 school year at the stipends indicated:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Beth DeLuca 7th Grade Co-Team Leader \$1,008/each</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Karen Decker 7th Grade Co-Team Leader \$1,008/each</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Elaine Vandenburg Rescind appointment as MS Student Senate Co-Advisor \$455/year</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Denise Kalinkewicz MS Student Senate Advisor instead of Co-Advisor \$910/year</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Brenda Peconie RTP Program Trainer \$38/hour</p>	<p>Motion: Scott Everson Second: John Sutton Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>
	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District approve the appointments of Neil Evans and Bob Hartman as unpaid Volunteer Varsity Soccer Coaches for the 2006-07 school year.</p>	<p>Motion was amended to say Volunteer <u>Varsity</u> Soccer Coaches instead of Volunteer Soccer Coaches. Motion: Scott Everson Second: Cheryl Smith Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>
	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District approve the emergency conditional appointment of Carol Brown as an Assistant Food Service Helper effective September 6, 2006 at a rate of \$7.70 per hour pending fingerprint clearance by the NYS Education Department.</p>	<p>Motion: John Sutton Second: Cheryl Smith Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>

<p>OLD BUSINESS</p>	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District adopt the following <i>District Policies</i>:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Internal Audit Function Policy #6650 Wellness Policy #2150 District-Wide Assessment Policy #4322</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding implementing these policies. They talked about banning cupcakes, cookies etc. in the district like other schools are doing for health and safety purposes and the obesity problem in the nation. The Board will meet with the newly hired Director of Pupil Services later in the school year to talk about what direction to take. They also talked about students drinking water and healthy beverages instead of soda and sugary drinks and not having them walk the halls with sugary drinks because of the mess they cause when spilled.</p>	<p>Motion: John Sutton Second: Cheryl Smith Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>
<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	<p>A <i>1st Reading of Special Ed Policies</i> took place.</p>	
	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District accept the <i>Report of the District's Independent Auditor</i> for the 2005-06 school year indicating compliance with State of New York procedures and regulations and that the audit report be filed with the Office of the Comptroller of NYS as required by law and that the Superintendent inform the general public and have a copy available for a period of 30 days in the Superintendent's Office daily during working hours.</p> <p>Mr. Moses reported on the Auditor's findings. PTSA money earmarked for the playground and kept with District funds needs to be spent by the end of the school year or returned to them. Mr. Moses will look into getting money returned to the District from the Mechanicville School District.</p> <p>Per the Governor's five-point plan, which was approved in July of 2005, the District must have an Internal Auditor in place by December 2006 for the purpose of risk assessment. The district has already received quotes from various accounting firms for this new regulation and is ready to conduct interviews. Our current auditor has worked for the district for at least 15 years. The District must also do an RFP every five years for an independent auditor. It will be sent out in the near future. The board will interview the applicants and make a selection to take effect July 1, 2007. Still no word on the audit performed by the NYS Comptroller's Office.</p>	<p>Motion: Scott Everson Second: John Sutton Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)	Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District adopt the 2006-07 tax warrant in the amount of \$7,709,160.00 and \$8,000.00 for the Library levy and that the collection period be established as follows: September 1, 2006 – October 2, 2006 (no penalty) October 3, 2006 – October 31, 2006 (2% penalty) and that the tax collector return the warrant to the Board of Education for submission to the county following the collection period.	Motion: John Sutton Second: Scott Everson Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Motion carried
	The Board of Education may call a special meeting of the Board on Wednesday, September 6, 2006 to set the date of Tuesday, October 24, 2006 to vote on the Upcoming Capital Project from 12:00 – 8:00 PM in the auditorium lobby.	
PUBLIC COMMENT		
EXECUTIVE SESSION	Moved into executive session at 7:50 P.M. to review CSE/CPSE recommendations.	Motion: John Sutton Second: Cheryl Smith Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Motion carried
REGULAR SESSION	Moved out of executive session and into regular session at 8:46 P.M.	Motion: Scott Everson Second: Cheryl Smith Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Motion carried
ADJOURNMENT	Adjourned at 8:47 P.M.	Motion: John Sutton Second: Joan Slagle Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Casatelli
District Clerk