

# Minutes

## Board of Education Meeting

December 17, 2008

7:00 P.M.

High School Library

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

<b>MEETING CALLED BY:</b>	Board President Cheryl Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the High School Library.
<b>ROLL CALL</b>	Was conducted by Board President Cheryl Smith. A quorum was present.
<b>ATTENDEES:</b>	Board Members Present: Terry Ostrander, Cheryl Smith, Bradley Rooke John Sutton, Mark Pribis, Janet Glenn, Joan Slagle Absent: None
<b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b>	was recited

### Agenda Topics

<b>CHANGES TO AGENDA</b>		
<b>BOARD RECOGNITION</b>	Citizenship awards were presented to Jasmine Rose - Elementary School student, Kara Huszar - Middle School student and Shelby Parker - High School student.	
<b>EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION</b>		
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS</b>		
<b>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</b>	<p>Mr. Moses reported that due to the economic <b>fiscal crisis in New York State</b> the Governor has proposed severe cuts in state aide to all districts across the state. Instead of an 8% increase in State Aide, Galway school will be seeing a 6% decrease amounting to almost one half million dollars less money next school year.</p> <p>He presented of a <b>preliminary budget</b> for next year showing reductions in many areas across the board. He reported that difficult decisions will have to be made and it was important to maintain good programs for the students and at the same time increase school taxes a fair amount when making reductions.</p> <p>A <b>community forum</b> will be held on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium to talk about the budget and to get input and suggestions from everyone.</p>	

<p><b>APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA</b></p>	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District accept the <b>Consent Agenda</b> which contains the November District Treasurer's report, the October Student Activity Accounts Treasurer's Report without the October 22, 2008 Board meeting minutes.</p> <p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District <u>table</u> the approval of the October 22, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes which were in inadvertently omitted from the Consent agenda until the Next Board meeting.</p>	<p>Motion: Bradley Rooke                  Second: Joan Slagle                  Ayes: 7 Noes: 0                  Motion carried</p> <p>Motion: John Sutton                  Second: Joan Slagle                  Ayes: 7 Noes: 0                  Motion carried</p>
<p><b>REPORTS</b></p>	<p>Mark Pribis reported on the recent <b>Middle School Advisory Board Committee meeting</b>. Barbara Dean, Cafeteria Manager, gave a presentation on the food service program at Galway. Students were given the opportunity to talk about their likes and dislikes. Breakfast is now being served to middle and high school students with approx. 30 students participating in the program daily. Wellness Day is planned for May 21, 2009. More information will follow later in the year. The Point of Sale program will soon allow parents to pay for breakfast/lunch via credit card. SHAC (School Health Advisory Committee) will be sponsoring an Open House in the District's Fitness Center on January 12<sup>th</sup> and the Education Foundation will be sponsoring a Golf Tournament in the summer of 2009. Information will be available on the district's web site.</p> <p>Joan Slagle, Board of Education member, advised the Board that she is temporarily living in the Ballston Spa Central School District and not in the Galway Central School District. She said that she does not intend to stay at this temporary residence and that she considers her Paisley Road address her legal address and plans on going back there. She said that if she has a change in plans she will let the Board know.</p>	
<p><b>PERSONNEL</b></p>	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District approve the appointment of <b>Jamie Hayes</b> to the position of <b>Teacher Aide</b> effective December 8, 2008 at a rate of \$7.73/hour. Jamie was previously a substitute teacher aide whose fingerprints have been cleared for employment.</p>	<p>Motion: Terry Ostrander                  Second: Bradley Rooke                  Ayes: 7 Noes: 0                  Motion carried</p>

<p><b>PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)</b></p>	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District approve a paid medical leave of absence for <b>Betty Wolfe</b> from her <b>Bus Driver</b> position per the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 effective December 8, 2008. This time can be up to twelve weeks and will run concurrently with her sick time.</p>	<p>Motion: Terry Ostrander Second: John Sutton Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>
	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District accept the resignation of <b>Nancy Harris</b> from her <b>Teacher Aide</b> position with deep appreciation for her many years of service effective December 22, 2008 and appoint her as a <b>Substitute Teacher Aide</b> instead at a rate of \$7.35 per hour effective December 23, 2008.</p>	<p>Motion: Terry Ostrander Second: John Sutton Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>
	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District appoint the following <b>substitutes</b> per the SASIE agreement effective December 18, 2008. Those who do not have fingerprint clearance are being appointed on an emergency conditional basis pending fingerprint clearance.</p> <p>Amy Bledsoe-Finocan            Sub K-12 Teacher Cleared for Employment</p> <p>Judith Koskinen                Sub K-5 Teacher Pending fingerprint clearance</p>	<p>Motion: Janet Glenn Second: John Sutton Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>
<p><b>OLD BUSINESS</b></p>	<p>None</p>	
<p><b>NEW BUSINESS</b></p>	<p>Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District has maintained an arrangement to satisfy the requirements of Section 403(b) of the Code issued by the Internal Revenue Service and hereby amends and reinstates its <b>403(b) arrangement</b> as provided by an Adoption Agreement signed on October 17, 2008 by the District's Treasurer effective January 1, 2009 which is on file in her office.</p>	<p>Motion: Terry Ostrander Second: Janet Glenn Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>

<b>NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)</b>	Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District <b>award a bid</b> for the purchase of a Double Convection Oven to B & G Foodservice Equipment and Supplies in the amount of \$13,116. Bids were publicly opened and read on Monday, December 8, 2008.	Motion: John Sutton Second: Terry Ostrander Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>		
<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>	Resolved that the Board of Education move into <b>executive session</b> at 8:14 P.M. to review CSE/CPSE recommendations and for a specific personnel matter.	Motion: Bradley Rooke Second: Mark Pribis Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried
	Resolved that the Board of Education arrange placement of the following students as recommended by the <b>CSE/CPSE</b> : 5000, 26720304, 4541. 6000, 31160903, 6001, 5075, 4594, 5193, 5065, 28090101, 27620503.	Motion: John Sutton Second: Terry Ostrander Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried
<b>REGULAR SESSION</b>	Resolved that the Board of Education move out of executive session and into <b>regular session</b> at 10:15 P.M.	Motion: Janet Glenn Second: Bradley Rooke Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Resolved that the Board of Education <b>adjourn</b> at 10:16 P.M.	Motion: Joan Slagle Second: Terry Ostrander Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Casatelli  
District Clerk