

Minutes

Board of Education SPECIAL Meeting

Thursday, MARCH 17, 2011

7:00 P.M.

High School Library

Draft until approved by the Board at their next meeting.

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

President John Sutton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the HS Library.

Board Members Present: John Sutton, Cheryl Smith, Janet Glenn, Mark Pribis,
Terry Ostrander, Joan Slagle, (Janet Glenn was present via
Skype)

Board Member Absent: Bradley Rooke

Administrators Present: Paul Berry, Peter Bednarek, Linda Jackowski,
Norm Griffin, and Kimberly LaBelle

Community Members

At 7:01, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Additions to the Agenda

New Business:

It was noted there would be verbiage changes on the two proposed Capital Project motions.

Public Comment on Agenda

None.

Presentation(s)

There was a powerpoint presentation by Keith Leal, Construction Manager, Leal Construction which gave a summary of the Capital Project bids, costs and financing. Discussion ensued during which information and clarification was given regarding construction phasing, acceptance of Deduct D2, and debt service. This was consistent with presentation given to the Board in 2009.

New Business

Motion: Terry Ostrander Second: Joan Slagle All voted aye. Motion passed 6-0
Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District award Capital Project Construction Bids that were publicly opened and read on March 7, 2011 to the following low bidders:

<u>Contract #1 – Abatement Work</u>	
Excel Insulation	\$ 149,368

<u>Contract #2 – General Construction</u>	
Bunkoff General Contractors	\$1,697,000

<u>Contract #3 – Mechanical</u>	
T. McElligot	\$ 735,400

<u>Contract #4 – Electrical</u>	
Flex Electrical	\$1,235,000
With Alternate #A1	\$ 5,000

<u>Contract #5 – Plumbing</u>	
Crisafulli Bros.	\$ 232,000

and accept Deduct D2 from the Summary of Alternates.

Motion: Cheryl Smith Second: Terry Ostrander All voted aye. Motion passed 6-0
Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to approve Capital Project allowance disbursements and change orders up to \$15,000 for the Capital Project.

This approval helps expedite the process. Money is built into the allowance, and the Board of Education will review the change orders in conjunction with NYS Education Department. Keith Leal will be present at monthly Board of Education Meetings.

2011-2012 Budget Update

Superintendent LaBelle reported that the third of three scheduled “Budget Chats” was held last evening, with the highest turnout to date; approximately 200 people. Following a powerpoint presentation, participants were asked to complete a quick survey. Three Tiers of reductions have been recommended to the Board of Education. Each Tier moves further into the educational program. Mrs. LaBelle noted the Board and Administration are attempting to reduce expenses without totally destroying the educational program, which has taken years to build. Changes presented represent a significant impact on the program, but offer a new opportunity to look at the program through a new lens. Within approximately three weeks, the Board will need to finalize the expenditure portion of the budget. Hopefully, the State will finalize the revenue side.

Public Comment

Community Members expressed concern over potential reductions in program and elimination of transportation services, electives, and also reductions in the sports program, all of which may lead to an exodus from the District. Suggestions included solicitation of large grants; volunteers for clubs and coaches. The community urged the Board to read and listen to survey results.

Executive Session

At 8:48 p.m. Motion: Terry Ostrander Second: Mark Pribis All voted aye. Motion Passed 6-0

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District enter into executive session to discuss the following under the exemption provision of Open Meetings Law which are confidential by law and exempt from Public Meetings Law: Collective Negotiations and Employment of Particular Personnel.

Mrs. LaBelle was present during executive session.

Regular Session

Motion: Terry Ostrander Second: Joan Slagle All voted aye. Motion Passed 6-0
To return to regular session at 10:42 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion: Terry Ostrander Second: Mark Pribis All voted aye. Motion passed 6-0
To adjourn at 10:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Interim District Clerk