

# Minutes

## Special Board of Education Meeting

April 14, 2011

7:00 P.M.

High School Auditorium

Draft until approved by the Board at their next meeting.

### Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in the High School Auditorium.

**Board Members Present:** John Sutton, Cheryl Smith, Janet Glenn, Terry Ostrander, Mark Pribis, Joan Slagle and Bradley Rooke

**Administrators Present:** Trent Clay, Linda Jackowski, Paul Berry, Peter Bednarek, Norman Griffin, Tammy Looman, and Kimberly LaBelle

**Other Present:** Keith Leal (Construction Manager), Approximately 40 Community Members, Staff and Students

### At 7:02 PM the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President Sutton thanked all for coming.

### Additions/Changes to the Agenda were Noted

None.

### Public Comment on Agenda Items

Mr. Sutton stated the public may comment at this time, and that the next opportunity for comment would be after the potential adoption of motions pertinent to the Budget Vote. There was a question regarding the bus proposition. Mrs. LaBelle clarified that this was a proposition to purchase, not to lease.

### Superintendent's Report

Superintendent LaBelle enumerated the challenges of the 2011-12 budget process. She stated the Board has made every attempt to make the process as transparent as possible by opening the floor to questions and answers, utilizing the website, surveys, community chats, and even weekly Board Meetings in the month of March. Tonight, the Board is seeking to adopt a Budget which no one is completely comfortable with, but is based upon a great deal of input and the reality of limited resources. She addressed the following points in detail: Board Goals; on-going negotiations; Transportation; the Capital Project; program reductions; the Board's commitment to Community input; and the proposed Bus Proposition.

### Board Member Comments

Board President Sutton explained the time constraints of adopting a Budget, the tremendous amount of time and work that has been involved in the process by the Superintendent, Board, faculty, and community. He also explained that under the new transportation re-configuration, the necessity of purchasing school buses. This need is necessitated by the expiration of current bus leases, and lack of spare buses.

### Approval of Consent Agenda

## CONSENT AGENDA

**GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2011**

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### FINANCIAL REPORTS

Accept Budget Transfers Schedule -2 - District Treasurer's Report – Dated 03/24/11

### MINUTES

Accept Board Meeting Minutes of: March 17, March 24, March 30, and April 4, 2011.

### PERSONNEL

#### Christine Adams

Approve a paid/unpaid medical leave of absence for Christine Adams from her Elementary School Teacher position per the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, effective on or about May 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011. This time can be up to twelve weeks, and will run concurrently with her sick time.

#### Patricia Shultes

Accept the resignation from Patricia Shultes from her position as Cook, effective March 30, 2011.

#### Esther (Belinda) Curiel

Accept the resignation from Esther (Belinda) Curiel from her position as Teacher Aide (6 hour per day), effective April 22, 2011.

#### Katherine Cusano

Appoint Katherine Cusano to the 3.5 hour per day Assistant Food Service Helper Position, effective April 15, 2011, at a rate of \$8.69 per hour. She has fingerprint clearance. Mrs. Cusano has been working in the District as a Substitute Cafeteria Worker for a few months.

#### Margaret Ugalde

Accept the resignation from Margaret Ugalde from her position as a Temporary Cook, effective April 5, 2011.

Mrs. Ugalde has accepted full time employment with Fulton Montgomery Community College.

#### Margaret Ugalde

Appoint Margaret Ugalde as a Substitute Assistant Food Service Helper, effective May 23, 2011, at a rate of \$8.25 per hour. She has fingerprint clearance.

#### Tamara Chaverri

Appoint Tamara Chaverri as a Substitute Cook, effective April 15, 2011, at a rate of \$8.25 per hour, pending fingerprint approval.

#### Tamara Chaverri

Appoint Tamara Chaverri as a Substitute Assistant Food Service Helper, effective April 15, 2011, at a rate of \$8.25 per hour, pending fingerprint approval.

#### Esther (Belinda) Curiel

Appoint Esther (Belinda) Curiel as a Substitute Teacher Aide, effective April 25, 2011, at a rate of \$8.25 per hour. She has fingerprint clearance.

### Board Member Comments

Mr. Sutton explained the timeliness and impact on taxes for the Capital Project. He also briefly touched on the percentage of tax levy increase precipitated by the Proposed Budget. The final determination is not complete until the equalization rates are finalized by the State during the summer time.

Due to the substantial decrease in state aid and increased cost of various components of District operations and programs, Mr. Sutton proposed establishing a Stakeholder Council to identify opportunities to increase financial efficiency of operations which do not jeopardize student and staff safety and maximize the opportunity for student achievement. He briefly identified potential missions and operations.

### New Business

Motion: Cheryl Smith                      Second: Janet Glenn                      All voted aye.                      Motion Passed  
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#### Adopt Resolution for Asbestos Abatement Project Contract

**Motion:** To accept and approve the Asbestos Abatement Project Monitoring/Air Monitoring Contract from Professional Services Industries, Inc. – Proposal No. 40558.

Keith Leal, Construction Manager, was present to explain the need for and the financing of the two proposed Asbestos Abatement Resolutions for the Capital Project.

Motion: John Sutton                      Second: Terry Ostrander                      All voted aye.                      Motion Passed  
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#### Adopt Resolution for Asbestos Abatement Project Contract

**Motion:** To accept and approve the unit price contract agreement with Atlantic Testing Laboratories/22 Corporate Drive/Clifton Park, N.Y. to provide Required Special Inspections and Testing for soil, concrete, and steel materials, per their proposal dated April 11, 2011.

Motion: Cheryl Smith                      Second: Mark Pribis                      All voted aye.                      Motion Passed  
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#### Resolution to Call a Special Meeting

**Motion** to call a Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Galway Central School on Monday, April 25, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. for the purpose of voting on the BOCES Administrative Budget and BOCES Board Members.

Motion: John Sutton                      Second: Janet Glenn                      All voted aye.                      Motion Passed  
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#### Resolution to Adopt the 2011-2012 Budget

**Motion** to adopt the following Proposition #1 to appear on the Ballot on Election Day – May 17, 2011, at which time polls will be open to vote from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Galway Central High School Auditorium:

**PROPOSITION #1:** Shall the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District be authorized to spend \$17,241,857 for General Fund appropriations for the 2011-2012 school year, and to authorize that the requisite portion be raised by taxation on the taxable property of said School District?

Motion: John Sutton                      Second: Terry Ostrander                      All voted aye.                      Motion Passed  
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Resolution to Adopt Bus Bond Proposition

**Motion** to adopt the following Proposition #2 to appear on the Ballot on Election Day – May 17, 2011, at which time polls will be open to vote from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Galway Central High School Auditorium:

**PROPOSITION #2:** Shall the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District be authorized to: (1) acquire various school buses, at a maximum aggregate cost of approximately \$330,000; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefor, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$330,000, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations?

Motion: John Sutton                      Second: Terry Ostrander                      All voted aye.                      Motion Passed  
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**Motion** to approve the two open seats on the Board of Education. Both are four year terms of office, commencing 07/01/11 through 06/30/15. The current seats are held by Terry Ostrander and Mark Pribis, and are due to expire on June 30, 2011, and to appear on the Ballot on Election Day – May 17, 2011, at which time polls will be open to vote from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Galway Central High School Auditorium.

Public comment

A resident expressed concern about the mechanic situation, and also asked that anticipated costs to parents for student supplies/field trips, etc. for the upcoming school year be made available. Other questions pertained to potential length of bus routes, Elementary classroom size, Advanced Placement courses, Contingency Budget, teacher negotiations, exit poll on Election Day, bus proposition, and the sports programs.

Executive Session

8:27 p.m.    Motion: John Sutton                      Second: Cheryl Smith                      All voted aye.                      Motion Passed  
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Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District enter into executive session to discuss under the exemption provision of Open Meetings Law CSE/CPSE recommendations which are confidential by law and exempt from Public Meetings Law; contract negotiations, and to discuss materials which may lead to particular individual(s) losing their positions at the school or the otherwise change in their position at the school.

Mrs. LaBelle was present during executive session.

Regular Session

Motion: Terry Ostrander                      Second: Bradley Rooke                      All voted aye.                      Motion Passed  
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To return to regular session at 10:21 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion: Joan Slagle                      Second: Mark Pribis                      All voted aye.                      Motion Passed  
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To adjourn at 10:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Demise J. Martin

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Interim District Clerk