

Board of Education Meeting
MINUTES
Thursday, May 17, 2011
7:00 PM
High School Library

Draft until approved by the Board at their next meeting.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in the High School Library.

Quorum Check

All Board members were present. (Bradley Rooke was present via Skype.)

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

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: Superintendent LaBelle, Administrators, Transportation Supervisor, community members, and teachers

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

None

Public Comment on Agenda

There were no public comments on the agenda.

Recognition

None

Presentation(s)

There were no presentation(s) at this meeting.

Superintendent's Report

The Budget Vote is taking place today. Results will be announced later in the meeting after polls close at 9:00 PM.

The planning teams met and talked about scheduling issues, start and dismissal times, the one bus run situation, aligning schedules and shared staffing. There are still a lot of questions but significant progress is being made. As more information becomes available it will be shared. They will meet again next Monday.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion: Cheryl Smith

Second: Janet Glenn

All Voted Aye.

Motion Passed 7-0

CONSENT AGENDA

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Accept Budget Transfers

Accept the February, March and April, 2011 Student Activity Accounts Treasurer's Reports.

To table accepting the April, 2011 District Treasurer's report to the next meeting.

MINUTES

Accept Board Meeting Minutes of April 25 and 28, 2011.

PERSONNEL

Mandy Bessette

Appoint Mandy Bessette as Summer Art Fair Advisor at the GTA contractual stipend.
She has fingerprint clearance.

Mary Bezio

Appoint Mary Bezio as a Substitute Teacher Aide effective May 18, 2011 at a rate of \$8.25/hour. She has fingerprint clearance.

Paula Foti

Appoint Paula Foti as a Substitute Bus Driver effective May 18, 2011 at a rate of \$15.00/hour pending fingerprint clearance.

Personnel Item Revote

Motion: Joan Slagle

Second: Bradley Rooke

Motion Denied

3 Aye

4 Noe

Aye: Bradley Rooke, Mark Pribis, Joan Slagle

Noe: Terry Ostrander, Cheryl Smith, John Sutton, Janet Glenn

Joanne Donnan

To approve extending a Leave of Absence for Joanne Donnan from her Technology Teacher position to include the 2011-12 school year. She has been on leave of absence during the 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 school years.

The leave of absence above was denied at the April 28, 2011. Board Member, Joan Slagle, requested that it be submitted to the Board again at this meeting for reconsideration and a revote. Following a lengthy discussion a revote took place and the leave of absence was once again denied.

Board Member Comments

John Sutton talked about bus runs for next year and what role the board has in these decisions. One thing still on the table is the possible need in the future to go to the two bus runs. He stated that as a Board they have made a commitment and wants to keep it status quo. The bulk of the savings is for the two drivers and fuel costs amounting to almost \$68,000 in savings. A discussion followed. Mrs. LaBelle stated that during the budget process the district has been talking about moving to two bus runs and this is how the budget was presented and that the community is voting with the understanding of two runs not one. Mark Pribis stated that the Board will get results of the voter exit poll and know more about what the community is in favor of and that the Board will know if something needs to be done after looking at the exit polls.

New Business

Motion: Joan Slagle

Second: Terry Ostrander

Motion Passed

6 Aye

0 Noe

1 Abstained

All Voted Aye except for Mark Pribis who abstained from voting.

Approve 2011-12 Private/Parochial School Transportation Requests that were tabled at the last meeting.

A request was made by the Board to have Mrs. LaBelle notify the families and that all requests MUST be received by April 1, 2012 for Board consideration.

Motion: John Sutton Second: Cheryl Smith All Voted Aye. Motion Passed 7-0
Adopt the Real Property Tax Report Card that was tabled at the last meeting.

Motion: Terry Ostrander Second: Cheryl Smith All Voted Aye. Motion Passed 7-0
Approve a National Jr. Honor Society trip to Six Flags New England MA on 6/20/11 at no cost to the district.

Motion: Mark Pribis Second: John Sutton All Voted Aye Except for Cheryl Smith and Bradley Rooke Motion Passed 5-2
Accept the Stakeholder Council Proposal as a general statement of the plan and to solicit volunteers to serve on the council on topics relating to transportation, sports and academics.

Motion: Cheryl Smith Second: Mark Pribis All Voted Aye. Motion Passed 7-0
Approve the 2011-14 District Technology Plan.

Public Comment

The Board responded to a transportation question and talked further about the Stakeholder Council.

Board Recessed

Motion: John Sutton Second: Cheryl Smith All Voted Aye. Motion Passed 7-0
The Board recessed for a short period of time at 8:05 PM and then moved into executive session.

Executive Session

Motion: Cheryl Smith Second: Janet Glenn All Voted Aye. Motion Passed 7-0
To move into executive session to discuss bargaining unit negotiations and specific personnel matters concerning specific individuals at 8:16 PM.
Mrs. LaBelle was present during executive session.

Regular Session

Motion: Janet Glenn Second: Terry Ostrander All Voted Aye. Motion Passed 7-0
To return to regular session at 8:50 PM to hear election results.

Accept Election Results

Motion: Mark Pribis Second: Janet Glenn All Voted Aye. Motion Passed 7-0
 To accept election results as shown below.

PROPOSITIONS

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?

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?

BOARD OF EDUCATION VACANCIES

There are two vacancies on the Board of Education. Each are four (4) year terms of office that begin on July 1, 2011 and end on June 30, 2015. These seats are currently held by Terry Ostrander and Mark Pribis who are not running for re-election.

ELECTION RESULTSPROPOSITION #1 – BUDGETPASSED

Regular Votes	YES	458	NO	428
Absentee Ballot Votes	YES	15	NO	9
Paper Ballot Votes	YES	0	NO	1
TOTAL VOTES	YES	473	NO	438

PROPOSITION #2 – BUS PURCHASEDEFEATED

Regular Votes	YES	392	NO	457
Absentee Ballot Votes	YES	11	NO	14
Paper Ballot Votes	YES	0	NO	1
TOTAL VOTES	YES	403	NO	472

TWO VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION Dennis Schaperjahn & Nancy Lisicki elected.

Jerri Ernst	Regular Votes	217
	Absentee Ballot Votes	7
	Paper Ballot Votes	0
	Total Votes	224

Thomas Rumsey	Regular Votes	371
	Absentee Ballot Votes	7
	Paper Ballot Votes	0
	Total Votes	378

Dennis Schaperjahn	Regular Votes	488
	Absentee Ballot Votes	17
	Paper Ballot Votes	1
	Total Votes	506

Nancy Lisicki	Regular Votes	436
	Absentee Ballot Votes	17
	Paper Ballot Votes	1
	Total Votes	454

TOTAL VOTES CAST – 933

Adjournment

Motion: Cheryl Smith
To adjourn at 9:38 PM.

Second: Terry Ostrander All Voted Aye.

Motion Passed 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Casatelli
District Clerk

