

**GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION
MINUTES
OCTOBER 14, 2010**

Board Members Present: John Sutton, Cheryl Smith, Janet Glenn, Terry Ostrander,
Mark Pribis, Joan Slagle, Bradley Rooke
Administrators Present: Peter Bednarek, Paul Berry, Trent Clay, Norman Griffin
Linda Jackowski, Kimberly LaBelle
Others: Students

Topic:

Follow up from September 9, 2010 took place.

Discussion:

- a) Recruiting & Hiring Policy and Regulation –read policy and proposed regulation. Each Board member should review the proposed policy. This will be added to the agenda for a 1st reading of it on October 28th, 2010.
- b) Closed Campus – was advertised, and policy was read out loud; revision – only 12th graders
Why policy? 1) Keeps people safe & well and District can't be responsible for students if off campus. Lunch should be a relaxing time. Several campuses have this policy. 2) Do well academically – so if students eat a healthy lunch, they will do better academically.
Other issues: student can't smoke at school, but permissible at Chucks store. Concerns on crossing the road. What is the check and balance on how we know who returned?

Outcome/Solutions:

Try to divide up lunches.

1st reading of this policy will be added to the Agenda for the next Board meeting.

Students:

Rebecca – Chucks is a big privilege for 11th and 12th graders, also over crowded lunch room, or fixed lunch times. It is the start of a freedom.

Ashley – During school, can't listen to music, can't make personal calls. Would like some freedom.

Joe – Some students are punished and we haven't had the chance to prove ourselves. Individuals shouldn't be punished, not the entire student body. If students are treated like adults, they will act like adults.

Parent: Sends poor message to community on our values. The academics, healthy choices.

Topic:

3-8 Testing Information

Discussion:

Two handouts were shared. The first handout identified similar schools to Galway at the elementary, middle and high schools. The second handout compared Galway results on the 3-8 ELA and Math exams to the similar schools list.

Outcome:

Will use these schools identified as similar schools group as we move forward with data analysis.

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Topic: Education Job Funds Discussion
Discussion: Mrs. LaBelle shared no new news on Education Job Funds.
Outcome: No further action since no new information has been released to the District.
Other: A letter received from the Galway Teachers' Association expressed use of funds. Suggestion: To meet with the Board and GTA. An Agenda will be set up ahead of time. Purpose: to promote good communication.

Topic: Saratoga County School Boards Association
Discussion: Possibly choose a different topic: Bradley Rooke will let us the District know by November 1 st . Date for the meeting is Monday, January 3, 2011.
Outcome:
Other:

Topic: Proposed Resolution/By Laws
Discussion: Amendments have changed and Cheryl Smith and John Sutton will take care of this at the convention. Further comments should be addressed to them.
Outcome:

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Topic:

Board – Goal #4
7:30 – 7:50

Discussion:

The 1st fiscal handout was reviewed and terminology was discussed.

Outcome:

- a) Board requested the budget status code with transfers.
- b) Will meet with Mike Rossi, Auditor, about specific questions on required information to the Board relating to finances of the District

Topic:

7:50 Educational Presentations

Discussion:

PTSA, AIS/IST

Educational presentations showcase our achievement and makes Board of Education more knowledgeable. Administration will invite teachers to present topics to the Board.

Outcome:

Possibly Physical Education Department and others who may want to present. Mrs. LaBelle will work with the administrators to develop the educational presentations.

Other:

Peggy Jones was recognized as receiving tenure at BOCES.