

Minutes

Board of Education Meeting

Thursday, October 28, 2010

7:00 P.M.

High School Library

Draft until approved by the Board at their next meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Present: Janet Glenn, Mark Pribis, John Sutton, Cheryl Smith,
Terry Ostrander, Joan Slagle, Bradley Rooke (via video-conference)

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – was recited

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- A "Schoolbooks for Haiti" project proclamation was added to the agenda.
- A correction to the Tax Roll was added to the agenda.

RECOGNITION / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- A National Merit Scholarship Award was presented to high school student Karennia Martin. Congratulations were extended to her.
- Jocelyn Dodds & Joseph English, high school students, submitted a proposal requesting Student Representation on the Board of Education which was looked at favorably by the Board. It will be looked into further.
- Mike Rossi, West and Company CPA, talked about the Galway Central School District Audit that he recently completed that will be accepted later in the meeting.
- The Board of Education was honored in recognition of National School Board Recognition Week. Sincere thanks and appreciation were extended to them for all they do to benefit the faculty, staff and students of Galway Central School.
- The District received a "Schoolbooks for Haiti" project Proclamation that was read by Mrs. LaBelle.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. LaBelle gave an update on Race to the Top and reported that area schools are pooling their money together and looking at how best to spend Race to the Top funds.

The Budget Advisory Committee and the Task Force met and talked about their focus as a committee. They will meet again next month.

More time was needed on the Action Plans before they are presented to the Board. They will be K-12 in nature and used as a tool to see how Board goals are being addressed.

The District newsletter was recently mailed to the community. The focus is different than in the past with less pages, 2 colors instead of 4 and printed on non-glossy paper in order to save the district money. There is a section on the back of the newsletter requesting feedback from the community on how they like the new focus.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Cheryl Smith Second: Janet Glenn 7-0 Motion Carried
Contains the September District Treasurer's Report, the September Student Activity Accounts Treasurer's Report and Minutes of the September 9, 2010 Board Work Session and the September 23, 2010 Board Meeting.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board members reported on valuable information they received at the recent NYSSBA Annual Convention they attended that could benefit the District. One of the items mentioned was developing a Consent Agenda for Personnel Items in order to streamline that portion of Board meetings.

Terry Ostrander reported on three grants passed by the Education Foundation that will go toward the sound system in the Auditorium, toward a project of converting Crisco oil into bio-diesel fuel that could possibly fuel school buses and boilers in the future and toward a field trip. The money will be distributed in the near future.

Cheryl Smith commented that some things shown on the District Auditor's Report should be added to the Board Manual for future reference.

PERSONNELLeave of Absence

Motion: John Sutton Second: Mark Pribis 7-0 Motion Carried
Approve a paid/unpaid maternity leave of absence for **Jennifer Suydam** from her **Kindergarten Teacher** position per the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 effective on or about December 17, 2010 until her physician releases her to return to work on approximately April 14, 2011. This leave will run concurrent with her sick time.

Teacher Aide

Motion: Cheryl Smith Second: Terry Ostrander 7-0 Motion Carried
Accept the resignation of **Sandra Waterman** from her photocopier **Teacher Aide** position effective June 30, 2011 for retirement purposes with sincere thanks and appreciation for her many years of service to the District.

Motion: Cheryl Smith Second: Terry Ostrander 7-0 Motion Carried
Appoint **Amanda Bailey** as a 3 hour per day High School **Teacher Aide** at a rate of \$8.33/hour effective October 29, 2010. This is a newly created position to assist in the lunch rooms.

Buildings, Grounds and Transportation

Motion: John Sutton Second: Terry Ostrander 7-0 Motion Carried
Approve the appointment of **Richard Harris** to the non-competitive civil service position of **Automotive Repairer** effective October 29, 2010 at a rate of \$17.00/hour.

Co-Curricular / Sports

Motion: Terry Ostrander Second: Cheryl Smith 7-0 Motion Carried
Appoint **Mark Swain and Nicholas Morocco** as **Fitness Center Supervisors**
for the 2010-11 school year at a rate of \$22 per hour.

Motion: Cheryl Smith Second: Janet Glenn 7-0 Motion Carried
Amend **Paul Canary's** stipend and placement as **Girls JV Soccer Coach** for the
2010-11 school year to Level C1-\$4,100/year to accurately reflect 11 years of
coaching experience.

Substitutes

Motion: Janet Glenn Second: Joan Slagle 7-0 Motion Carried
Long-Term Substitute Teacher
Appoint **Tracey LaFrenier** as **a long-term substitute Kindergarten Teacher**
replacing Jennifer Suydam who is on maternity leave, effective on or about
December 17, 2010 – approximately April 14, 2011, at Step B1 of the salary
schedule (\$39,200/year pro-rated). Tracey has fingerprint clearance.

Substitute Teachers

Appoint **Andrew Akins** as a **Substitute 6-12 Teacher** effective October 29,
2010 per the terms and conditions of the SASIE agreement.

Appoint **Jill Becker** as a **Substitute K-5, Elem. Art, Music and PE Teacher**
effective October 29, 2010 per the terms and conditions of the SASIE agreement.

Appoint **Danielle Branato** as a **Substitute K-6 Teacher** effective October 29,
2010 per the terms and conditions of the SASIE agreement.

Appoint **Kristin Darlington** as a **Substitute 9-12 Teacher** effective October 29,
2010 per the terms and conditions of the SASIE agreement.

Appoint **Diana Hitchcock** as a **Substitute K-12 Teacher** effective October 29,
2010 per the terms and conditions of the SASIE agreement.

Appoint **Suzanne Johnson** as a **Substitute K-8, Elem. PE, Art and Music Teacher**
effective October 29, 2010 per the terms and conditions of the SASIE
agreement.

Appoint **Trisha Smith** as a **Substitute K-12 Teacher** effective October 29, 2010
per the terms and conditions of the SASIE agreement.

Appoint **Robert Thelin** as a **Substitute 6-12 Teacher** effective October 29, 2010
per the terms and conditions of the SASIE agreement.

Appoint **Jason White** as a **Substitute 7-12 Teacher** effective October 29, 2010
per the terms and conditions of the SASIE agreement.

Substitutes (Continued)

Motion: Janet Glenn Second: Joan Slagle 7-0 Motion Carried (Continued)
Substitute Teacher Aides

Appoint **Geralyn DeLaFleur** as a K-5 Special Ed. **Substitute Teacher Aide** at a rate of \$8.25 per hour effective September 27, 2010.

Appoint **Margaret Signor** as an Elem. and Special Ed. **Substitute Teacher Aide** at a rate of \$8.25 per hour effective October 29, 2010.

Substitute Cafeteria

Appoint **Ruby Hupkes** as a **Substitute Cafeteria Worker** effective October 13, 2010 at a rate of \$8.25 per hour on an emergency conditional basis pending fingerprint clearance.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Cheryl Smith Second: Terry Ostrander 7-0 Motion Carried
Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District accept the **District's External Auditor's Report** for 2009-10 school year records indicating compliance with State of New York procedures and regulations and that the audit report be filed with the Office of the Comptroller of NYS as required by law and that the Superintendent inform the general public and have a copy available for a period of 30 days in the Superintendent's Office daily during working hours.

Motion: Cheryl Smith Second: Bradley Rooke 7-0 Motion Carried
Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District approve the appointment of the **Impartial Hearing Officer Rotational list** as identified and updated on the NYS Education Department's "Impartial Hearing Officer Reporting System" (IHRS) Website.

Student Closed Campus Policy #5455 - Following a lengthy discussion with those in attendance and the Board of Education, the policy will be looked into further at their December 2nd Board work session. A 1st reading will take place at the December 16th Board meeting.

Recruiting & Hiring Policy #9240 and Regulation #9240R – Did not produce the uniformity that the Board was looking for and will be looked into further at the December 2nd Board work session. A 1st reading will take place at the December 16th Board meeting.

Motion: Janet Glenn Second: Terry Ostrander 7-0 Motion Carried
Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District **authorize a correction to the 2010 Tax Roll** and authorize a corrected tax bill equal to the savings of reducing the assessed land value to \$14,300 for property owner L. Beth Kruger whose tax bill was \$832.78 being corrected to \$327.15.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Further discussion regarding having student representatives and/or student liaisons on the Board of Education took place. Those in attendance liked the idea and suggested that it be placed on the May ballot to be voted on by the community. A suggestion was also made to possibly have students involved in the hiring process.

Cathy Brown mentioned that she nominated Foreign Language Teacher Ana (Patty) Schwartz as a candidate for News Channel 13's Top Teacher Award for the outstanding work she does for Galway students.

Lynn Prehn reported on a successful sports season and thanked the Board for their support.

CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion: Cheryl Smith Second: Terry Ostrander 7-0 Motion Carried
To move into executive session at 9:05 PM to discuss CSE/CPSE recommendations and to discuss specific personnel matters and contract negotiations.

Motion: Terry Ostrander Second: Joan Slagle 7-0 Motion Carried
To arrange placement of the attached students as recommended by the CSE/CPSE.

REGULAR SESSION

Motion: Cheryl Smith Second: Terry Ostrander 7-0 Motion Carried
To return to **regular session** at 10:25 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Terry Ostrander Second: Cheryl Smith 7-0 Motion Carried
To adjourn at 10:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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