

Galway Central School District  
Board of Education Work Session  
MINUTES  
Thursday, February 9, 2012  
Auditorium

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**DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD AT THEIR NEXT MEETING**

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Board Members Present: Janet Glenn, Nancy Lisicki, Dennis Schaperjahn, Joan Slagle  
Cheryl Smith, John Sutton

Board Members Absent: Thomas Rumsey

Others Present: Superintendent of Schools, Kimberly A. LaBelle, administrators, community members, faculty, staff and students.

Motion was made by Cheryl Smith seconded by Nancy Lisicki to move into executive session at 6:00 PM to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. All voted aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Kimberly LaBelle, Superintendent of Schools and Robert Schofield, School Attorney, were present during executive session.

Motion was made by Nancy Lisicki, seconded by John Sutton to move out of executive session and into regular session at 6:40 PM. All voted aye. Motion passed 6-0.

**1. Master Schedule**

Last year and this year the Board of Education, administrators and most recently the Academic Stakeholder

Committee have had discussions of the Master Schedule.

Mr. Bednarek presented information for discussion. It included the 2011-12 Grades 7-12 master schedule and then the second schedule, which represented core only. Students cannot graduate with this schedule.

Regents Credits require: 18.5 credits, 2.5 electives for a total of 22 to complete the requirements.

Advanced Regents requires: FL plus additional exams, for a total of 22 credits and 5 regents exams.

Need some electives in schedule to graduate.

Core + Basic electives: student could graduate but would selected electives.

Core List – 58-60 sections eliminated.

Impact on Schedule:

- no block scheduling
- study hall numbers increase
- no sequential units, AP, college credit classes
- no Project Lead the Way
- no tutorials, AIS
- no “focused opportunity”
- loss of high quality faculty
- Will student be college & career ready?

Alternatives

Possible solutions:

- more selective cuts
- examine co-curricular activities
- maintain academics over all other expenses
- we have a moral imperative to educate our students
- Our responsibility to respond to our students.

**2. Open Meetings Law**

There are new requirements for school districts to make documents available to the public for review. The Board will begin making those documents available beginning on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**3. Academic Stakeholder Committee**

Mr. English, a member of the Academic Stakeholder Committee, gave a presentation. Focus on:

- Data driven exercise
- Unit cost comparisons, program offerings
- Heat maps were presented

The entire presentation is available on the district website.

Next Steps:

Board establishes a program budget; get definition of academic budget – willing to do this  
3-5 year strategic plan with assumptions  
Professional development  
Differentiated instructions (is strategy used to meet needs)  
Need for curriculum alignment vertical horizontal  
Ability grouping (philosophical)  
Under-performing at high achiever level.

**4. Executive Session**

Motion was made by Janet Glenn seconded by Joan Slagle to move into executive session at 9:10 PM to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. All voted aye. Motion passed 6-0.

**5. Regular Session**

Motion was made by John Sutton seconded by Dennis Schaperjahn to move out of executive session and into regular session at 10:15 PM. All voted aye. Motion passed 6-0.

**6. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Nancy Lisicki seconded by Janet Glenn to adjourn at 10:16 P.M. All voted aye. Motion passed 6-0.

*Respectfully submitted by Kimberly A. LaBelle*