

Galway Central School District
Board of Education Meeting
MINUTES
Thursday, February 16, 2012

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING

Motion was made by Cheryl Smith seconded by John Sutton 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 Alan Prindle, Internal Auditor, were present during executive session.

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, seconded by Janet Glenn to move out of executive session and into regular session at 6:35 PM. All voted aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board President Cheryl Smith at 6:35 PM in the Auditorium

Attendance

Board Members Present: Nancy Lisicki, Thomas Rumsey, Dennis Schaperjahn, Joan Slagle, Cheryl Smith, John Sutton (Janet Glenn was present via Skype beginning at 7:25 PM.)

Board Members Absent: Janet Glenn joined the meeting via Skype at 7:25 PM.

Others Present: Kimberly LaBelle, Superintendent of Schools; Linda Jackowski, Director of Pupil Services; Peter Bednarek Jr./Sr. High School Principal; community members, parents, students, faculty and staff.

Pledge of Allegiance

Was recited.

Additions to the Agenda

The following were added to the agenda:

- Recognition: Lions Club Citizenship Award,
NYSSBA Award of Excellence
- Consent Agenda: Modified Baseball Coach
Odyssey of the Mind Coaches
- New Business: Approve Capital Project Roof/Window Bids

Public Comment on Agenda

None

Recognition

A Lions Club Citizenship Award was presented to 12th grade student Daniel Turner by Jr./Sr. High School Principal Mr. Peter Bednarek. Congratulations were extended to him.

Educational Presentation

Melodyne Eldeen, Education Consultant, gave a presentation on the recommendations and outcomes of the consultant work she completed at Galway Central School. Mrs. LaBelle thanked her for the wealth of information she provided. Recommendations will be looked into and used as guidance for the overall improvement of Galway's academic program. The GTA was thanked for providing the funds for her work.

Alan Prindle, Internal Auditor, presented the Internal Audit of Payroll and Procurement Report conducted in the Fall of 2011 which was submitted to the Board later in the meeting for approval. Details can be obtained by contacting the district office.

Educational Presentation (Continued)

Mr. Keith Leal, President of Keith Leal Construction Management, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Roof/Window Capital Project and reviewed the additional work involved with the Project. Detailed information on this presentation may be obtained by contacting the Galway School District Office. Due to Mr. Leal's recommended compressed timeline for the Capital Project, it was more attractive to potential bidders. As a result, the district's project came in underbid and the district was able to secure additional roof/window work within the scope of the project. Keith Leal and Richard LaRose from CS Arch Architects responded to questions asked. Awarding of the bid for this work was presented to the Board later in the meeting for approval.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. LaBelle talked about the upcoming budget and the \$1 million gap the district is facing. She stated that it will be an extremely challenging budget and that the district may have to consider going over the Tax Cap. Further discussions will follow.

Mrs. LaBelle reported that the Board is committed to looking at all cost saving measures. The Request for Proposal (RFP) for Transportation Services is not off the table at this point in time, but instead will be delayed. After several discussions, the school's attorney was contacted and it was suggested that the district look into a Transportation Consultant for recommendations on the best way to approach cost saving measures in Transportation. The district may be securing the services of a consultant depending on what the cost comes in at. This will not into effect on July 1st so this means that one of the issues the district needs to face is that the district has six buses going off lease in June, 2013 and what to do about that. More information will follow in March. There are also stakeholder committee recommendations to consider and further investigate.

Cheryl Smith was recognized for receiving a NYSSBA Award of Excellence. Congratulations were extended to her.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion: Nancy Lisicki **Second:** John Sutton **All voted aye.** **Motion Passed 7-0**

To approve the following consent agenda

CONSENT AGENDA

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- Accept February Student Activity Accounts Treasurer's Report
- Accept February District Treasurer's Report

PERSONNEL

Non-Instructional Staff

Amend the resignation date of Guy Gardner from his Director of Facilities position from February 6, 2012 to February 10, 2012 in order to accurately reflect his last date of employment.

Appoint Michael Sherman as Acting Director of School Facilities and Transportation effective February 13, 2012 – June 30, 2012 until further classification by Saratoga County Civil Service at an additional stipend of \$6,250 (\$15,000 pro-rated to \$6,250) effective February 13, 2012 – June 30, 2012.

Sports

Appoint William Brooks as a Substitute Boys Basketball Chaperone at a rate of \$90/event effective January 27, 2012.

Appoint the following coach for the 2011-12 spring sports season:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Fingerprint Status</u>
Nicholas Morocco	Modified Baseball Coach	A4	\$1,500	Has fingerprint clearance

Appoint the following Odyssey of the Mind Coaches:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Fingerprint Status</u>
Laura Sakala	Div I	\$450	Has fingerprint clearance
Ethel Rubley	Div I	\$450	Has fingerprint clearance
Sharon Maenza	Div II	\$450	Has fingerprint clearance

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

John Sutton asked about the funding for Camp Chingachook. It was stated that Camp Chingachook is no longer funded by the district and that the Dockstader trust has been utilized in the past to help fund the program. Camp Chingachook has been wonderful and offered a lot of support which has enabled the District to continue the program which it has participated in for 30 years.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Nancy Lisicki Second: Thomas Rumsey All voted aye. Motion Passed 7-0
Accept the 2011-12 Internal Audit of Payroll and Procurement Report from the District Auditor, Alan E. Prindle, A-200 Municipal Services.

Motion: John Sutton Second: Thomas Rumsey All voted aye. Motion Passed 7-0
Award Capital Project Roof/Window bid to Bast-Haffied, who was the low bidder, in the Base Bid + Alternate amount of \$334,000.

A discussion of Stakeholder Committee recommendations took place. Several Stakeholder Committee members are willing to donate their time to help in any way needed by the District. Nancy Lisicki asked what the next step is and that a lot of questions revolve around Guidance and the scheduling of the Grades 7-12 schedule. She would like Kathy Morck's involvement and expertise. Mrs. LaBelle stated that three stakeholder groups did a tremendous amount of work. She suggested that the Board prioritize the top three to five items in each group for consideration in the budget process. Thomas Rumsey stated to have the Board members involved in each committee look into each section and bring the information back to the Board. Possible items to include in the March 1st Board Meeting Agenda were reviewed.

Motion: John Sutton Second: Thomas Rumsey All voted aye. Motion Passed 7-0
Authorize the Board President to sign a Health & Welfare Services Contract with the Scotia-Glenville Central School District for Health & Welfare Services for seven students residing in the Galway School District and attending non-public schools in the Scotia-Glenville Central School District in the amount of \$5,062.82.

Authorize the Board President to sign a Health & Welfare Services Contract with the South Colonie Central School District for Health & Welfare Services for one student residing in the Galway School District and attending non-public schools in the South Colonie Central District in the amount of \$638.52.

Motion: Thomas Rumsey Second: John Sutton All voted aye. Motion Passed 7-0
Approve a one day Band trip on Saturday, May 12, 2012 to Six Flags New England. The company, Music in the Parks, provides opportunities for music ensembles to perform and be adjudicated throughout the country. The Galway Band will perform at Holyoke High School, MA and enjoy the remainder of the day at Six Flags. This trip is at no cost to the district.

A discussion of cost saving strategies took place with Bus Drivers and the GTA. Dennis Schaperjahn went over some of the ideas they had to save money. He stated that communication is the key and meeting with people one time is not enough. He commented that there is a lot of talk taking place and that's a good thing. The GTA talked about energy savings, grant programs and many other items to save money that will be looked into. Discussions are continuing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board opened the meeting up for public comment from those in attendance. Various questions, comments, concerns and suggestions were listened to and responded to by the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Cheryl Smith Second: Joan Slagle All voted aye. Motion Passed 6-0

To move into executive session at 9:10 PM for CSE/CPSE recommendations and 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.

CSE/CPSE Recommendations

Motion: John Sutton Second: Thomas Rumsey All voted aye. Motion Passed 6-0

To arrange placement of the following students as recommended by the CSE/CPSE: 5033, 5514, 4657, 3346, 3629, 6059, 3365, 6065, 6066, 4536, 2700, 2978, 3488, 3425, 3490, 2579, 2748, 2487, 3272, and 3868.

Regular Session

Motion: John Sutton Second: Thomas Rumsey All voted aye. Motion Passed 6-0

To return to regular session at 11:20 PM.

Adjournment

Motion: John Sutton Second: Thomas Rumsey All voted aye. Motion Passed 6-0

To adjourn at 11:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Casatelli
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District Clerk