

Galway Central School District  
Special Board of Education Meeting  
MINUTES  
Thursday, April 5, 2012

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DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING

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#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Nancy Lisicki                      Second: Janet Glenn                      All voted yes.                      Motion Passed 7-0  
To move into executive session at 5:45 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.

#### REGULAR SESSION

Motion: Nancy Lisicki                      Second: Janet Glenn                      All voted yes.                      Motion Passed 7-0  
To move into regular session at 6:30 PM.

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Education Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Large Group Instruction Room.

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

Board Members Absent: None

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

#### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Executive Session information was added to the agenda.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

None

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. LaBelle gave an update of the 2012-13 Budget. She stated that the numbers mentioned last week are fairly consistent with where we are now. Discussions are continuing. Approval of a Capital Reserve Fund will be presented later in the meeting.

There will be a special Board meeting at 8:00 AM on April 16<sup>th</sup> to adopt the BOCES Budget and elect candidates for a seat on the BOCES Board. This is usually a short fifteen minute meeting. There is also a Special Board Meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> to adopt the 2012-13 Galway School Budget.

Committees are being formed regarding the appointment of the Assistant Junior/Senior High School Associate Principal Interviews will begin in late April early May.

A Distance Learning meeting was held last week. There is a potential of 16 class periods that we could take advantage of but a more realistic number would be 8-14 periods. Classes that could be possibilities were brought up. Warrensburg, Mechanicville, Schuylerville and Johnsbury School Districts are most in line with us for distance learning.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Nancy Lisicki stated that there is an upcoming STEM Technology Valley Alliance meeting that the board may want to attend if possible. She talked about the number of administrators that Galway has in comparison to other districts and the resources other schools have in comparison to Galway which is minimal and to please keep that in mind.

Further discussion of the Budget took place. They talked about the future and how the school is going to do in years ahead; how will the district make sure that the decisions made now don't produce worse scenarios in the future. In general it shows that, assuming that everything works out, that the future of Galway School is promising.

An explanation of the Governor's Tax Cap was explained and is available on the district website. John Sutton asked that Mrs. LaBelle look to see if there is any potential in using debt service money in the budget.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion: Nancy Lisicki Second: Janet Glenn All voted no. Motion did not pass. Yes - 0 No - 7

Following lengthy discussion the Board unanimously voted no to the following resolution:

**CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District, Saratoga County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The proposition hereinafter set forth is hereby authorized to be submitted for the approval of the qualified voters at the annual school district election to be held in said School District, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

Section 2. The School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include as a part of the notice of the annual district meeting and election notice with reference to the submission of said proposition in substantially the following form:

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at said annual election to be held on May 15, 2012, the following proposition will be submitted; Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

**PROPOSITION – CAPITAL RESERVE FUND**

Shall the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District be authorized to establish a reserve fund, to be known as the "Capital Reserve Fund – Facilities," pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law, for the purpose of paying the cost of improvements to the Buildings and grounds, including acquisition, construction or reconstruction of buildings, site grading or improvements, furnishings, and installation or reconstruction of equipment, machinery or apparatus for heating, lighting, plumbing, ventilating, elevator or power plant systems, whether or not in connection with original construction, in the maximum amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 to be raised by annual transfers of unexpended fund balances in the estimated maximum of \$250,000 per annum for a probable term of six (6) years, effective immediately and expiring June 30, 2018, provided that, pursuant to subdivision 3 of Section 3651 of the Education Law, no expenditure shall be made from such fund except upon authorization of the voters of the District for the purposes specified herein?

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Background information on Camp Chingachgook was provided. Funding of this trip was provided by outside sources. Thanks and appreciation was extended to everyone for their efforts in funding this trip.

Motion: Thomas Rumsey Second: John Sutton All voted yes. Motion Passed 7-0

Approve a student trip to Camp Chingachgook.

Discussion took place on why the Board was accepting the following donations when students already went to the movie listed below. The educational value of students viewing this movie was questioned. Mrs. LaBelle explained that there is a process of administrative approval or denial of field trips prior to the trip taking place and that the Board also has a policy on approving field trips that are over 75 miles. The Board requested that in the future they accept donations ahead of time and not after the fact.

Motion: John Sutton                      Second: Nancy Lisicki                      All voted yes.                      Motion Passed 7-0  
Accept donations from Education Foundation as follows: \$787 for Math & Science Trip; \$200 to see Hunger Games movie and \$851 for physics lab supplies, transportation & equipment.

Motion: John Sutton                      Second: Thomas Rumsey                      All voted yes.                      Motion Passed 7-0  
Authorize the Board President to sign a Health & Welfare Services Contract with the Greater Amsterdam School District for Health & Welfare Services for 5 students residing in the Galway School District and attending non-public schools in the Greater Amsterdam School District in the amount of \$2,829.20.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Board listened and responded to questions, comments and concerns from those in attendance.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion: Thomas Rumsey                      Second: Cheryl Smith                      All voted yes.                      Motion Passed 7-0  
To move into executive session at 8:05 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.

**REGULAR SESSION**

Motion: Nancy Lisicki                      Second: Janet Glenn                      All voted yes.                      Motion Passed 7-0  
To return to regular session at 11:30 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Nancy Lisicki                      Second: Janet Glenn                      All voted yes.                      Motion Passed 7-0  
To adjourn at 11:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Casatelli  
District Clerk