

Galway Central School District
Special Board of Education Meeting
MINUTES
Thursday, April 19, 2012

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING

Executive Session

Motion: Janet Glenn **Second:** Nancy Lisicki **All voted aye.** **Motion Passed 7-0**

To move into executive session at 5:15 PM in the Board of Education Room 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 Board members and Superintendent LaBelle were present during executive session.

Regular Session

Motion: Joan Slagle **Second:** Thomas Rumsey **All voted aye.** **Motion Passed 7-0**

To move out of executive session and into regular session at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM in the Auditorium.

Attendance

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

Board Members Absent: None

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

Budget Presentation

Kimberly LaBelle, Superintendent of Schools, gave a presentation of the 2012-13 budget being submitted to the Board of Education later in the meeting for approval. The budget amount is \$17,343,065 and is within the 3.81% allowable tax levy. A simple majority vote will be needed to pass the budget. Almost all school districts within the WSWHE BOCES are presenting budgets within the tax cap.

Mrs. LaBelle also reported that an amount for athletics is in the budget. The teams will be determined as information from the WAC is finalized. There are also funds in the budget for partial co-curricular activities. These activities will be determined in the near future.

The Superintendent stated that she was pleased to announce that the budget has been significantly fine tuned from the old "Core" and "Core Plus" budgets that were discussed at prior Board meetings. The "Core" and "Core Plus" scenarios are no longer valid. Many of the programs that the community was passionate about saving were reinstated and will be offered to our students next year as a result of the many cost saving measures the district implemented.

Cost saving measures will continue to be looked into. The District entered into a contract with consulting firm PTSI. They begin their work at Galway in mid-May. They will be looking at the possibility of consolidation of afternoon bus runs, the purchase of buses and other areas in order to maximize any cost saving possibilities. If bus runs were to change everyone would be notified; drivers would be informed in writing as soon as possible since they bid on bus runs in August.

The district is also looking into shared services in the Business Office. Mrs. LaBelle did not think this would happen until a year from September. Shared Cafeteria Manager services with Corinth Central School are also being looked into. Consolidation of Administrative and Supervisory positions have taken place by attrition. Michael Sherman recently assumed the duties of Acting Supervisor of the Operations and Maintenance Department in addition to his Transportation Department Supervisor position when Guy Gardner resigned.

The District lost a total of 21 positions last year. This year we will lose 5.5 teachers and 2 support staff. Negotiations with the three bargaining units are continuing and progress is being made.

The following documents contain further information regarding the budget. These documents are available on the District's website at www.galwaycsd.org. Paper copies are available by calling the school.

Budget Recommendation Memo
Revenue Report
Tax Cap (Tax Levy) Calculation Report
Faculty Summary Report
2012-13 Expenditure Budget

Public Comment

The Board of Education and Mrs. LaBelle listened and responded to several questions, concerns, comments and suggestions from those in attendance.

New Business

The following will be voted on by registered voters of the Galway Central School District on May 15, 2012 from 10 AM to 9 PM in the Auditorium Lobby.

Motion: Thomas Rumsey Second: John Sutton All Voted Aye Motion Passed 7-0

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District adopt the 2012-13 School Budget in the amount of \$17,343,065.

Motion: Janet Glenn Second: John Sutton All Voted Aye Motion Passed 7-0

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District approve the following proposition to appear on the ballot on Election Day - May 15, 2012.

Proposition #1: Shall the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District be authorized to spend \$17,343,065 for General Fund appropriations for the 2012-2013 school year, and to authorize that the requisite portion be raised by taxation on the taxable property of said School District?

Proposition #2: Shall the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District be authorized to pay the cost of the purchase of three (3) school buses, including incidental expenses, at a maximum estimated cost of \$285,000, and that said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

(Proposition #2 above was approved at a prior Board meeting and will also appear on the ballot on Election Day on May 15, 2012.)

BOARD OF EDUCATION VACANCIES

There are three vacancies on the Board of Education. Two are four-year terms of offices that are effective July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2016 and are currently held by John Sutton and Joan Slagle. One vacancy is a two-year term of office that is effective immediately following the election on May 15, 2012 - June 30, 2014. This vacancy is to complete Bradley Rooke's four-year term of office who completed one year of this term. Thomas Rumsey was then appointed for one year until the next general election on May 15, 2012 which results in a two year term of office vacancy. Qualified voters will have the opportunity to choose from the following list of interested candidate(s). Candidate(s) with the most votes will get the four year terms of office. The candidate with the least amount of votes will get the two year term of office.

John Sutton was the only candidate to submit a petition for a seat on the Board of Education and will be added to the May 15, 2012 election ballot.

There are three vacancies on the Board and only one person submitted a petition and will appear on the ballot. The district is seeking legal counsel advice on what options the Board has in reference to the two remaining vacancies. The community will be informed once this information is obtained.

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Regular Session

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To move out of executive session and into regular session at 9:45 PM.

Adjournment

Motion: Joan Slagle Second: Janet Glenn All voted aye. Motion Passed 7-0

To adjourn at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Casatelli
District Clerk

Attachments:

- Budget Recommendation Memo
- Revenue Report
- Tax Cap (Tax Levy) Calculation Report
- Faculty Summary Report
- 2012-13 Expenditure Budget