

Galway Central School District
Board of Education Meeting
MINUTES
Thursday, April 26, 2012

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING

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, Dennis Schaperjahn, Joan Slagle, John Sutton, Thomas Rumsey
Board Members Absent: None
Others Present: Kimberly LaBelle, Superintendent of Schools, administrators, community members, parents, students and employees.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – was recited

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - were noted

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

RECOGNITION – none

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION – none

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. LaBelle spoke about the Dignity for all Students Act. Each public school district is required to adopt a policy on Dignity for All Students Act (The Dignity Act) effective July 1, 2012. This act seeks to provide the students with a safe and supportive environment free from discrimination, intimidation, taunting, harassment and bullying on school property, a school bus or at a school function. The required components include:

- Adopt a policy by July 1, 2012.
- Curriculum revisions include: “tolerance”, “respect for others”, and “dignity” and shall include awareness and sensitivity to discrimination or harassment and civility in relating to people of different races, weights, national origins, ethnic groups, religions, religious practices, mental or physical abilities, sexual orientations and sexes (all in a non-discriminatory instructional method).
- Training programs to enable employees to prevent and respond to discrimination or harassment.
- One employee at every school assigned as the Dignity Act Coordinator appointed by the Board of Education.
- New guidance included in plain language in school code of conduct.
- Students provided language at an assembly at the beginning of the school year.
- A first reading of a sample policy will be presented in June.

Cheryl Smith stated that the Shared Decision Making Teams review the code of conduct and requested that Mrs. LaBelle inform them of the new information.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: John Sutton Second: Janet Glenn to approve the consent agenda below with the resignation of Norman Griffin, Elementary School Principal, removed from the consent agenda. (See personnel below)

All voted Aye. Motion Passed. 7-0

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Accept March, 2012 Student Activity Accounts Treasurer's Report
Accept March, 2012 District Treasurer's Report
Budget Transfers

MINUTES

Accept March 22, March 29, April 5, April 16 and April 19, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes.

PERSONNEL

Appoint Diane Verrigni as a Fitness Center Supervisor at a stipend of \$23/hour for the 2011-12 school year.

Appoint Nicholas Morocco as a Substitute Grades 7-12 teacher effective April 17, 2012 per the terms and conditions of the SASIE agreement. Nicholas has fingerprint clearance.

PERSONNEL

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

To accept the resignation of Norman Griffin from his Elementary School Principal position with thanks and appreciation for his fourteen years of dedicated service to the district effective August 31, 2012 for retirement purposes.

John Sutton talked about all his has done for the district in the past 14 years and how the kids have always been his number one concern. He stated that Mr. Griffin's hard work and efforts were always for the kids and he will be missed. Mrs. LaBelle also spoke and thanked him for his accomplishments and all that he has done to make Joseph Henry Elementary School what it is today. He was congratulated on a job well done and wished the very best for a well-deserved retirement. At this point he received a standing ovation from everyone in attendance.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Dennis Schaperjahn met with the Operations and Maintenance Department and reported on the outcome of that meeting and potential cost saving measures they came up with. He is going to document the information and share it with the Board at the next meeting. The O&M staff were thanked for providing this valuable information for the board to look into and for all they do.

Further discussion on the budget that was adopted by the Board took place. John Sutton stated that it is important to have everyone know that we have continued to cut costs significantly and still need to find savings for next year and the year after that. He said that although we expect State Aide to go up slowly, it is anticipated that our tax cap will be around 2%. He said that in a big way we have hit the bottom of the two year crisis that schools across New York State are facing and that we have a chance to act smartly and take real steps in improving our education in the years ahead. He stated that we are in as good a place as we possibly can be. He talked about how money has been spent over the last few years and as we look toward next year and beyond, we cannot continue to use the fund balance in our revenue budget and must find ways to save money.

Nancy Lisicki talked about a recent STEM Panel discussion she attended that was every informative and she thanked the GTA for their efforts.

NEW BUSINESS

A brief overview of Board of Education Goals took place and various initiations taking place were discussed. Further information may be obtained by contacting the school. A discussion of establishing standing committees took place and what committees would be established. It was stated that it is important to attract people to the district. John Sutton stated that it may be useful to re-visit our Strategic Plan. They talked about what functions each committee would have and how committees provide the opportunity to keep dialogue going. Further discussion will continue.

Motion: Thomas Rumsey Second: Thomas Rumsey All voted Aye. Motion Passed 7-0
Accept a \$300 donation from the Galway Education Foundation for transportation to Camp Chingachgook with sincere thanks and appreciation.

Motion: John Sutton Second: Janet Glenn All voted Aye. Motion Passed 7-0
To table approval of Private and Parochial requests for the 2012-13 school year to the next meeting allowing the Board more time to look into the possibility of one bus run and potential time conflicts. The district received Transportation requests for 59 students to 11 locations next year. Fifteen other requests were denied because they were received after the deadline or the requests were beyond the required 15 mile radius, etc. The Board requested clarity of how fairness applied to everyone which Mrs. LaBelle will provide at the next meeting.

Motion: Thomas Rumsey Second: John Sutton All voted Aye. Motion Passed 7-0
To table the resolution to amend the Galway Central School District 403(b) Retirement Plan to the next meeting in order to obtain more information.

Motion: Janet Glenn Second: Dennis Schaperjahn All voted Aye. Motion Passed 7-0
Adopt a resolution for Cooperative Purchasing with the WSWHE BOCES for the 2012-13 school year.

Motion: Nancy Lisicki Second: Joan Slagle All voted Aye. Motion Passed 7-0
Approve a Senior Class trip to New York City on Thursday, May 24, 2012 to view various sites at no cost to the District.

Motion: Nancy Lisicki Second: Janet Glenn All voted Aye. Motion Passed 7-0
To extend the Memorial Day Holiday to include Friday, May 28, 2012 since all emergency school closing days were not used in the 2011-12 school year.

Motion: John Sutton Second: Janet Glenn All voted Aye. Motion Passed 7-0
To carefully accept focused volunteer efforts with regard to generation of revenue through grants and gifts subject to the supervision of the Superintendent and/or further board resolution.

The Board expressed their appreciation to Alyson Bingham and everyone involved for their efforts and support of the district.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Janet Glenn Second: Dennis Schaperjahn All voted yes. Motion Passed 7-0
To move into executive session at 8:50 PM to discuss CSE/CPSE recommendations and 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: Nancy Lisicki Second: Janet Glenn All voted yes. Motion Passed 7-0
To arrange placement of the following students as recommended by the CSE/CPSE: 3015, 4652, 3280, 2786, 2867, 3276, 5051, 3003, 3028, 5261, 4325, 3195, 3325, 4599, 5027, 3081, 3538, 3054, 2879, 3012, 3064, 3072, 3362, 3765, 5545, 5450, 5043, 6015, 5063, 5327, 5041, 3810, 3808, 6012, 3004, 6023, 5573, 6008, 3869, 3183, 3598, 3630, 4601, 5201, 3497, 4660, 5404, 2870, 4641, 3024, 5093, 5001, 6056, 5053, 5037, 5036, 3069, 3068, 3616, 3780, 2462, 2463, 2490, 3454, 3514, 5311, 2846, 3201, 5113, 5416, 2612, 4594, 5067, 5107, 6067, 6063, 6039

REGULAR SESSION

Motion: Janet Glenn Second: Dennis Schaperjahn All voted yes. Motion Passed 7-0
To return to regular session at 11:05 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Nancy Lisicki Second: John Sutton All voted yes. Motion Passed 7-0
To adjourn at 11:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Casatelli
District Clerk