

Galway Central School District  
Board of Education Meeting  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, May 15, 2012

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DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Education Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Jr./Sr. High School Library.

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

Board Members Absent: Janet Glenn

Others Present: Kimberly LaBelle, Superintendent of Schools; Norman Griffin, Elementary School  
Principal; Lin Jackowski, Director of Pupil Services; Elaine Vandenburg,  
Teacher; Terry and Arlene Ostrander, community residents.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – was recited

**ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA** - approval of the April 26, 2012 Minutes were removed from the  
Consent Agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS** – none

**RECOGNITION** – none

**EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION** – none

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The transportation committee met and talked about having one afternoon bus run. A decision has not been  
made yet. Their next meeting is on May 29, 2012. They are continuing to look into it and will present  
information at the next Board work session.

Motion: Thomas Rumsey    Second: John Sutton    All voted Aye.    Motion Passed. 6-0  
To approve the consent agenda below.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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

**PERSONNEL**

Accept the resignation of Hadley Jacobs from her Teacher Aide position effective June 22, 2012.

Accept the resignation of Maxine Barkley from her Teacher Aide position effective June 22, 2012.

Appoint Karin Bombard as an Odyssey of the Mind Coach for the 2011-12 school year at a stipend of  
\$450. She has fingerprint clearance.

Appoint Janet Baron as a Substitute Bus Driver effective May 16, 2012 at a rate of \$16.01. She has  
fingerprint clearance.

Appoint Mandy Beck as a Substitute Grades 7-12 teacher effective May 1, 2012 per the terms and  
conditions of the SASIE agreement. Fingerprint clearance is not required since she was employed by  
the district as a teacher within the past year and was grandfathered in when the fingerprint law took  
effect.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

The board received Galway School report card information. They requested that Mrs. LaBelle separate Level 2 and 3 report card scores for their review. Nancy Lisicki talked about the need for improvement of ELA scores and requested feedback on what is being done to improve them so the Board can help support their efforts.

Joan Slagle commented on the declining enrollment in the school. Mrs. LaBelle will provide a report to the board indicating how many students have left the district and where they have gone to.

Dennis Schaperjahn recommended that the Board have a discussion of accepting tuition students in the district. The need for a policy with guidelines of accepting tuition students would be needed. This will be looked into further.

Cheryl Smith reported that the interview committee met for the first round of interviews for an Associate Jr./Sr. High School Principal. She also reported on a Camp Chingachgook meeting she attended and how highly parents spoke about their program. The Board agreed that it is a very good program and students should be encouraged to attend and something the district should continue to participate in.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion: John Sutton                      Second: Thomas Rumsey                      All voted Aye.                      Motion Passed 6-0  
Approve and authorize the Board President to sign a Health & Welfare Services Contract with the City School District of Albany for four (4) children residing in the Galway School District and attending non-public schools in the City School District of Albany in the amount of \$648.35 per student.

Approve and authorize the Board President to sign a Health & Welfare Services Contract with the Schenectady City School District for six (6) children residing in the Galway School District and attending non-public schools in the Schenectady City School District in the amount of \$679.14 per student.

Motion: Thomas Rumsey                      Second: Dennis Schaperjahn                      All voted Aye.                      Motion Passed 6-0  
To approve Private and Parochial requests for only those under the fifteen mile requirement for the 2012-13 school year. Other requests will be looked into further to see if the district can accommodate them. The letter sent to the families will indicate that they can call the Transportation Department the first week in August to see if any arrangements (at no additional cost to the district) can be made.

Motion: Thomas Rumsey                      Second: John Sutton                      All voted Aye.                      Motion Passed 6-0  
Adopt a resolution to amend the Galway Central School District 403(b) Retirement Plan.

Motion: John Sutton                      Second: Dennis Schaperjahn                      All voted Aye.                      Motion Passed 6-0  
Approve a National Junior Honor Society Trip to Six Flags New England MA on June 18, 2012 (rain date of June 20, 2012) as shown below. This is an annual reward trip for NJHS students for completing mandatory 30 hours of community service.

- 8:00 AM depart from Galway on school buses.
- Arrive at Six Flags at 10:30 AM.
- Students will make sure they eat dinner before leaving to make the trip home as quick as possible.
- 6:30 PM depart Six Flags; 9:00 PM arrive at Galway.
- All transportation fees (bus, bus driver, etc.) will be paid by the NJHS.
- Approximately 40 students and 4 chaperones to attend.

Motion: John Sutton Second: Nancy Lisicki All voted Aye. Motion Passed 6-0  
 Approve six weeks of special education summer school for the continuation of specialized instruction and the related services of speech, occupational and physical therapies during the summer of 2012 as shown below.

Dates of Service: July 2 – August 10, 2012 (July 4<sup>th</sup> is a holiday)  
 Days of Service: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
 Time/location of Services: 8:00 – 11:00 AM Joseph Henry Elementary School  
 Services Provided: Special Class Language Arts - 60 minutes  
 Special Class Math - 30 minutes  
 Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapy  
 Number of Students: 8 -10  
 Staff: One (1) District Special Education Teacher  
 Two (2) District Teacher Aides  
 BOCES Speech, OT, PT

Motion: Nancy Lisicki Second: Joan Slagle All voted Aye. Motion Passed 6-0  
 Accept election results as shown below:

**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?

Regular Votes	YES 535	NO 269		
Absentee Ballot Votes	YES 26	NO 11		
Paper Ballot Votes	YES 2	NO 0		
TOTAL VOTES	YES 563	NO 280		PASSED

Motion: Dennis Schaperjahn Second: Cheryl Smith All voted Aye. Motion Passed 6-0  
 Accept election results as shown below.

**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.

Regular Votes	YES 466	NO 307		
Absentee Ballot Votes	YES 25	NO 13		
Paper Ballot Votes	YES 2	NO 0		
TOTAL VOTES	YES 493	NO 320		PASSED

Election results for vacancies on the Board of Education are unofficial at this time and will be accepted at the next Board meeting.

- One vacancy is a four-year term of office that is effective July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2016.  
 This seat is currently held by Joan Slagle who is not seeking re-election.
- One vacancy is a four-year term of office that is effective July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2016.  
 This seat is currently held by John Sutton whose name appears on the ballot for re-election.
- One vacancy is a two-year term of office that is effective immediately following the election on May 15, 2012 - June 30, 2014. This two-year vacancy is to complete Bradley Rooke’s four-year term of office who resigned after serving one year on 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 vacancy. Mr. Rumsey announced that he was not seeking re-election.
- All seats are “at large” which means that each nominee for a seat on the Board is eligible for every vacancy rather than only for a specific seat. The candidates with the most votes will get the four-year terms of office followed by the two-year term of office.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - none

**CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS** - none

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion: Thomas Rumsey      Second: Dennis Schaperjahn      All voted yes.      Motion Passed 6-0  
To move into executive session at 7:00 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.

**REGULAR SESSION**

Motion: John Sutton      Second: Joan Slagle      All voted yes.      Motion Passed 6-0  
To return to regular session at 11:15 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Nancy Lisicki      Second: Thomas Rumsey      All voted yes.      Motion Passed 6-0  
To adjourn at 11:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda M. Casatelli*

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District Clerk