

Galway Central School District
Board of Education Meeting
MINUTES
Thursday, August 4, 2011

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM in the high school cafeteria. All board members were present except for Janet Glenn and Thomas Rumsey who arrived later in the meeting. Janet Glenn arrived at 6:35 PM prior to the public comment section of the meeting. Thomas Rumsey arrived at 6:48 PM during the presentation section of the meeting.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda were noted as follows:

- Revised Impartial Hearing Officer List
- Approval of late transportation request
- Appointment of Music Teacher
- Technology Teacher revisions
- Appointment of Cook
- Wrestling Ticket Sales appointment revisions
- Accept resignation of School Nurse
- Co-curricular appointments were removed from the agenda

Public Comment on Agenda

None

Presentation

A presentation on Support Our Schools was given by Alyson Bingham and Kristy Dabrowski. Support our schools is a community partnership that can provide additional sources of support for new and ongoing projects in the District and can offer concerned citizens a way to support their schools. Details will be available on the district website.

Superintendent's Report

The building construction project is on schedule for opening day of school. The tax warrant will be presented later in the meeting for Board approval Tax rates are not available yet. The district is still seeking volunteers to serve on one of the stakeholder councils.

Approval of Attached Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was approved with one revision to the minutes of July 21, 2011 – to add that during discussion of co-curricular appointments Nancy Lisicki stated that she would prefer to see one advisor with a slight increase in pay for the School Newspaper, Student Senate and Yearbook instead of two advisors for each of them. (See attached)

Motion: John Sutton Second: Dennis Schaperjahn All voted aye. Motion Passed 7-0

Board Member Comments

The Board talked about having a public discussion on negotiations in September or early October due to a lot of concern by taxpayers on what the teachers' contract will look like. The public wants to know that the Board is listening. It was stated that people were upset with the cuts made last year and that they did not know the reasons behind the cuts. Various ideas/suggestions were exchanged including establishing goals, making them public and being upfront with the community after a negotiations strategy session. Mrs. LaBelle suggested having a public discussion on the contract and to take it broadly. Further information will follow.

New Business

New Evaluations for Principals were reviewed with one revision noted.

Job Descriptions for Administrative Positions with revisions made.

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

Approve a Health & Welfare Services Contract with the Greater Amsterdam School District for two students residing in the Galway School District and attending a non-public school in the Greater Amsterdam School District in the amount of \$1,055.70.

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

Adopt the 2011-2012 tax warrant in the amount of \$8,763,821 and \$103,866 for the Library levy and that the collection period be established as follows:

September 1, 2011 – September 30, 2011 (no penalty)
October 1, 2011– October 28, 2011 (2% penalty)

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

Resolved that the district refer to the revised Impartial Hearing Officer rotational list, available through the IHRS, which reflects the name of Jane Owens 508 removed from the list.

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

Approve a late transportation request to transport one student to St. Clements School in the 2011-12 school year. This request creates no financial hardship to the district.

Motion: Dennis Schaperjahn Second: Janet Glenn All voted aye. Motion Passed 7-0

Public Comment

The upcoming negotiations process was discussed along with the use of a 3rd party negotiator. Those in attendance were very much in favor of making negotiations public and thought it would be a good idea because of all the misconceptions last year. It was suggested that the district publicize negotiations information by placing information on the school district’s outside sign, on the website, in the district newsletter and possibly by sending home information to parents along with student schedules so every parent sees it. Mrs. LaBelle was not in favor of sending negotiation matters and academic matters together to parents. It was mentioned that a good means to compare school districts and obtain more detailed information is the CASDA website where there is a survey of all area schools and also the “See Through New York” website. Further discussions will continue.

CSE/CPSE Recommendations

None

Executive Session

To discuss specific personnel matter(s) at 8:00 PM.

Motion: Thomas Rumsey Second: Nancy Lisicki All voted aye. Motion Passed 7-0

Regular Session

To return to regular session at 9:05 PM.

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

Adjournment

To adjourn at 9:06 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Casatelli
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District Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA

**GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MEETING DATE: AUGUST 4, 2011**

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Accept Budget Transfers (available at the meeting)

MINUTES

Approve Minutes of July 21, 2011 Board Meeting

PERSONNEL

Teachers

Appoint [Nancy Christiansen as a Special Education Teacher](#) effective September 1, 2011 at Step M2 of the Salary Schedule (\$45,005/year) with 24 additional credit hours at \$80 each (\$1,920) for a total salary of \$46,925 for a two year probationary period effective September 1, 2011 – June 30, 2013 in the tenure area of Special Education. Nancy has permanent certification in Special Education and has fingerprint clearance.

Appoint [Susan Cole as a Special Education Teacher](#) effective September 1, 2011 at Step M2 of the Salary Schedule \$45,005/year for a two year probationary period effective September 1, 2011 – June 30, 2013 in the tenure area of Special Education. Susan has permanent certification in Special Education and has fingerprint clearance.

Approve an [unpaid leave of absence for Jessica Dolan](#) from her teacher position effective September 6, 2011 to January 2, 2012 with a return to work date of January 3, 2012.

Appoint [Amanda Ferraro as a long-term substitute teacher for Jessica Dolan](#) effective September 6, 2011 to December 22, 2011 at Step M2 of the salary schedule \$45,005/year pro-rated.

Appoint [Ryan Chatterton as a Music Teacher](#) effective September 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012 at Step B2 of the GTA salary schedule \$41,814/year. Ryan has initial certification in music that expires 8/31/2014. He replaces [Matthew Funigiello](#) who is on a one-year leave of absence. Ryan has fingerprint clearance.

Rescind the appointment of [Jered Marcantonio](#) as a .5 Technology Teacher effective September 1, 2011. He will remain a full-time Technology Teacher at his regular salary (\$57,867 including 3 credit hours) and his duties will include Elementary Technology/Enrichment.

Support Staff

Appoint [Lori Burke as a Substitute Teacher Aide](#) effective August 5, 2011 at a rate of \$8.50 per hour. Lori has fingerprint clearance.

Appoint [Jennifer Cernak as a Substitute Cafeteria Worker](#) effective August 5, 2011 at a rate of \$8.86 per hour. Jennifer has fingerprint clearance.

Appoint [Deborah Hanna as a Substitute Cafeteria Worker](#) effective August 5, 2011 at a rate of \$8.86 per hour. Deborah has fingerprint clearance.

Appoint [Tamara Chaverri as a Cook](#) effective September 6, 2011 at a rate of \$9.44 per hour, 6 hours per day. She replaces [Patricia Schultes](#) who resigned from her position. Tamara has fingerprint clearance.

Accept the resignation of [Susan Miner](#) from her School Nurse position effective August 12, 2011.

Other

Co-Curricular Positions

Appoint [Karen Decker and Kristin Ostrander as GTV Co-Advisors](#) for the 2011-12 school year at a stipend of \$1,186 each.

CONSENT AGENDA CONTINUED

Rescind the appointment of Tara Cull to Wrestling Ticket Sales and appoint Melanie McDonald instead for the 2011-12 school year at a rate of \$69/event.

2011-12 Fall Coaching Recommendations

Gender	Level	Sport	Coach	Level	Stipend
Boys	Varsity	Soccer	Robert Martin*	A5	\$3,000
Boys	JV	Soccer	Mark Swain	A2	\$2,100
Boys	Modified	Soccer	Neal Evans*	C5	\$3,400
Girls	Varsity	Soccer	Paula Canell	C2	\$5,000
Girls	JV	Soccer	Paul Canary*	C2	\$4,100
Girls	Modified	Soccer	Greg Birbilis*	D	\$4,400
Girls	Varsity	Volleyball	Jennifer Flinton*	C2	\$5,000
Girls	JV	Volleyball	Lynn Prehn	C4	\$4,100
Girls	Modified	Volleyball	Diane Verrigni	B1	\$2,400
Co-Ed	Varsity	Cross Country	Geoff Maliszewski	D	\$6,000
Co-Ed	Modified	Cross Country	Judy Horigan*	B4	\$2,400
Co-Ed	Varsity	Golf	Luke Snow	B3	\$4,000

* non-teacher coach