

GALWAY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Thursday, September 1, 2011

6:30pm

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Cheryl Smith called the meeting to order at 6:36pm in the new Large Group Instruction Room in the elementary school. The meeting began a bit late because the Board did a building walk through prior to the meeting.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: Superintendent, Kim LaBelle, Administrators, Community members, Public Library Board of Director, Teachers, Parents.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Was recited

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

PRESENTATION

Galway Public Library (a handout was provided) - Arlene Rhodes spoke stating that the library is currently seeking approximately 2 acres of land for the purpose of building a new facility. They have currently grown out of their space and cannot expand in their current location. Mrs. LaBelle said that due to the timeliness of the fact sheet that was presented to the Board, they will have to look further into what, if anything, would be available as a feasible option for an appropriate piece of land to use.

Building Project – Keith Leal stated that the Capital Project is substantially complete and the school will be ready by Tuesday – no exceptions! What is left is a “punch list”, which are project items that will be completed after hours without disruptions to the students or staff. There was a lengthy discussion regarding monies that were unused because the project came in under budget and how that money could be used. There was a recommendation that a representative from BPD Financial Services attend the meeting on September 8th to clarify project finances.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

The Board Retreat, which was held on August 17, 2011, was summarized. Mrs. LaBelle gave an update on the Stakeholders Councils. Those meetings will be held from 5:30pm to 6:30pm prior to the regular monthly Board meetings with the first meeting being September 29th, 2011. Board members volunteered for different committees (Athletics, Academic, Transportation/OM). An Administrator is also encouraged for the Councils.

Board of Education membership includes:

- Cheryl Smith – Academic
- Janet Glenn – Athletics
- Dennis Schaperjahn – Academic
- Nancy Lisicki – Academics
- Tom Rumsey – Athletics
- John Sutton - Transportation
- Joan Slagle – Transportation

Board of Education Goals were discussed and will be added to next week’s agenda. Mrs. LaBelle also reminded Board members to hand in their evaluation forms.

APPROVAL OF ATTACHED CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was approved.

Motion: John Sutton Second: Thomas Rumsey All voted aye. Motion Carried 7-0

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Dennis Schaperjahn would like to have discussions regarding money saving procedures at each Board work session and updates on how the Board is doing on their goals. This will be added to the September 8th agenda. He would also like to see the public more involved.

Nancy Lisicki addressed a comment made as to why, as a Board member, her daughter will not be attending Galway school this year. She said that it was a very difficult, personal and private decision. She understands the concerns from some members of the community. She ran for the Board with children’s success as her focus. She is looking forward to serving the students and adults of the Galway School District for the next 4 years and out of respect for her daughter will refrain from speaking on this issue again.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made Janet Glenn, second by Thomas Rumsey to approve the use of existing funds from the Capital Project to finish the new Distance Learning Lab. Following a discussion period, the Board voted to table the motion pending further review of financial information.

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

Motion was made to authorize funds from the Capital Project to complete a roof scan.

Motion: Thomas Rumsey Second: Janet Glenn All voted aye. Motion Carried 7-0

Paul Berry, Director of Assessment, Technology and Student Affairs, did a presentation on Common Core Standards. He stated that 45 States have adopted it. It outlines skills students should have. Copies were distributed to Board members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Bednarek, Athletic Director, did not have the figures regarding sports costs at this time. There will not be JV boy's soccer dues to lack of participation. There will be a JV girls soccer team. Having a sports contract was briefly discussed.

There was discussion regarding a student who attends a private school and will have to be dropped off at Galway School for the parents to pick up. This was previously discussed and unless something drastically changes, the decision will stand as is.

Sue Peters, a Galway School teacher, requested opening up the possibility of accepting tuition students, if not for all the public, at least teachers who teach in the district.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to move into executive session at 9:04 pm.

Motion: Nancy Lisicki **Second:** Thomas Rumsey **All Voted Aye** **Motion Carried 7-0**

REGULAR SESSION

Motion to return to regular session at 9:58 pm.

Motion: Thomas Rumsey **Second:** Janet Glenn **All Voted Aye** **Motion Carried 7-0**

ADJORNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:59 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara A. Agresta

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Substitute District Clerk

(See attached Consent Agenda)

CONSENT AGENDA

**GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2011**

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Accept Budget Transfers
Approve District Treasurer's Report

MINUTES

APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2011 BOARD MEETING

PERSONNEL

Teachers

Accept the resignation of Jennifer Mazzone from her Remedial Reading Teacher position effective September 6, 2011.

Appoint Leslie Rogers as a part-time (.5) Foreign Language Teacher effective September 1, 2011 at Step M6 of the Salary Schedule at \$26,030/year.

Appoint Christina Pepe as a Part-time .67 English Teacher effective September 1, 2011 at Step M2 of the Salary Schedule at \$30,153/year.

Appoint Sara Korona as a full time Reading Teacher effective September 1, 2011 at Step M1 of the salary schedule at \$44,177/year for a three year probation period through June 30, 2014 in the tenure area of Reading. Sara replaces Jennifer Mazzone.

Appoint Tage Frederiksen as a grades 7-12 substitute teacher effective September 1, 2011 as per the current SASIE agreement.

Support Staff

Appoint Bridget Garney as a Teacher Aide for 6 hours per day effective September 1, 2011 at a rate of \$8.93/hour.

Appoint Marjorie Mickan as a Teacher Aide for 6.25 hours per day at a rate of \$8.93/hour effective September 1, 2011.

Appoint Carmella Carangelo as a 11 month Typist at a rate of \$11.87/hour for 10 hours per week for Cafeteria Support effective September 1, 2011.

Other

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

Appoint Erika Kuiber to the following positions replacing Linda Casatelli who will be out on Workers Compensation Leave for up to 6 weeks at a rate of \$18/hour effective August 15, 2011 (training for position) with a start date of August 29, 2011. She has fingerprint clearance.

Substitute Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools (Substitute Sr. Stenographer)
Interim District Clerk
Interim Records Access Officer
Interim Records Management Officer