

Galway Central School District  
Board of Education Work Session  
MINUTES  
Thursday, December 8, 2011

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The Board of Education Work Session began at 6:30 PM in the Large Group Instruction Room.

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

Board Members Absent: Joan Slagle

Others Present: Kimberly LaBelle, Superintendent of Schools; Jennifer Yerdon, Teacher; Carrie  
Herron, Teacher; Mr. & Mrs. English and Mr. & Mrs. Ostrander, Community  
Members

A proposed fee schedule for the use of school facilities was reviewed and agreed upon following discussion by those in attendance. A second reading and adoption of Policy #1500 Public Use of School Facilities and Regulation #1500 which includes the fee schedule attachment will take place at the December 15, 2011 Board Meeting.

At the November 17, 2011 Board of Education meeting the GTA presented a proposal to hire a consultant to work in the district for 20 days at \$250 per day for a total of \$5,000 to be funded by the GTA. The proposal is titled: Explore Ways our School can Improve and Help our Students Increase their Achievement. Mrs. LaBelle met with GTA representatives to discuss the proposal. Based upon the information submitted, it is her recommendation that the Board consider the proposal. The discussion included: who is going to craft the contract; instructional strategies to improve test scores; consultant will not evaluate teachers; access to documents; decisions could be jointly made with the GTA and administration. Appreciation was extended to the GTA for their financial support and in offering to support efforts to improve the academic program at Galway School.

Exit survey results from parents who have left the district for various reasons were provided to the Board for review.

The District continues to focus on their efforts on the continual improvement of the educational program at Galway. A survey will be sent to all faculty and staff in late December for completion. The survey is intended to both help identify priorities as we go forward, as well as to allow the Board to keep abreast of ideas from faculty and staff. In the past, the Board found these responses very helpful and appreciates the input from everyone.

Executive Session

Motion: John Sutton                      Second: Thomas Rumsey      All voted aye.                      Motion Passed 6-0  
To move into executive session at 7:23 PM to discuss negotiations.

Regular Session

Motion: Thomas Rumsey      Second: Nancy Lisicki                      All voted aye.                      Motion Passed 6-0  
To return to regular session at 8:46 PM.

Adjournment

Motion: Thomas Rumsey      Second: Nancy Lisicki                      All voted aye.                      Motion Passed 6-0  
To adjourn at 8:47 PM.

*Respectfully submitted by Kimberly A. LaBelle*