

Galway Central School District
Board of Education Work Session

MINUTES

Thursday, April 10, 2014

7:00pm – High School Library

Board Members Present: Thomas Rumsey, President, Dennis Schaperjahn, Vice President, Melodye Eldeen, Laura Sakala, Anita Crawford, Jay Anderson, Joan Slagle.

Anita Crawford arrived at 5:36 pm.

Board Members Absent: None.

Meeting was called to order by Thomas Rumsey, at 5:30pm.

Motion to move into executive session at 5:31pm was made by Melodye Eldeen, seconded by Dennis Schaperjahn, for the purpose of interviews and to discuss personnel actions.

Aye – 6

No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion to move out of executive session and into regular session was made by Jay Anderson, seconded by Dennis Schaperjahn, at 7:02pm.

Aye – 7

No – 0

Motion Carried

Others in Attendance: Shannon Shine, Superintendent, Timothy Hilker, School Business Administrator, Michael Sherman, Director of Facilities and Transportation, faculty, staff, students and community members

Recognition of Heroism in the Course of Duty, Casimer “Chuck” Dziegiel, Galway School Bus Driver, was commended on his heroic actions, stemming from an accident on March 24, 2014. Chuck had just finished his bus run and was on route back to the school when a pickup truck crossed over the center line and hit the bus head on. A bystander grabbed an infant from the car seat and ran from the vehicle and the truck burst into flames. The driver was able to exit his truck, but could not make it any further. Chuck, after rapidly and flawlessly executing proper bus accident protocol, and initiating a call for emergency services through our dispatcher, deliberately put himself directly in harm’s way for the sake of another, dragging the injured driver away from the flames to safety, while assuring the man that his son had been rescued and was safely away from the scene. The man’s injuries were significant, but not life threatening. The infant was also reported to be in good overall condition. Chuck was thanked by all the Board members and received a standing ovation from the Board, as well as the audience. Chuck credited his actions to the great training that is provided by safety course trainers Chris Ogden and Bonnie VanDorn.

Motion made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Melodye Eldeen, to approve the following resolution:

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District establish May 20, 2014 as the date of the annual School District Election with polls being open from 10am – 9pm in the Galway Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium Lobby.

Aye: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Jay Anderson, seconded by Laura Sakala, to approve the following resolution:

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District adopt the 2014-15 School Budget in the amount of \$18,704,120.

Aye: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Laura Sakala, seconded by Jay Anderson, to approve the following Proposition:

Approve Proposition #1 to appear on the ballot on Election Day - May 20, 2014:

Proposition #1: Shall the proposed budget of expenditures for the Galway Central School District for the 2014-2015 school year in the amount of \$18,704,120, and for the purposes shown in the statement of estimated expenditures adopted by the Board of Education, be approved and the amount thereof be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, after first deducting monies available from State Aid and other sources as provided by law?

Aye: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Laura Sakala, to approve the following resolution:

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District approve the purchase of seven (7) new school buses and four (4) school buses leased by the Galway Central School District **expanding the fleet by a single bus.**

Scrap 1 school bus that was totaled in a head-on collision

Trade in / "retire" 3 buses for (\$10,200)

Return 2 buses which are currently leased and the leases are "up"

Buy out 4 formerly leased buses for \$106,800 (buses we already have in service now)

Purchase one (1) wheelchair bus: \$66,500

Purchase two (2) twenty passenger vehicles: \$95,000

Purchase four (4) seventy-two passenger buses: \$428,900

Aye: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion made Laura Sakala, seconded by Jay Anderson, to approve the following resolution:

Resolution/Authorization For School Bus Purchase: RESOLVED, that at the Annual District Meeting and Election of the qualified voters of Galway Central School District, in the County of Saratoga, New York (the "District"), to be held on May 20, 2014, a Bond Proposition in substantially the form as hereinafter set forth shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said District. Said Bond Proposition shall appear in the Notice of Annual District Meeting and Election to be held May 20, 2014, and the District Clerk is

hereby authorized and directed to include such Bond Proposition in said Notice by inserting therein substantially the following paragraphs:

RESOLVED: (a) That the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District, in the County of Saratoga, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to acquire various school buses for use by the District and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$687,000; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$687,000 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$687,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

And it is further RESOLVED that such Bond Proposition shall appear on the Annual District Meeting ballot, including the Bond Proposition ballot label to be inserted in the voting machines used for voting at said Annual District Meeting in substantially the condensed form shown in Proposition #2 below:

Motion made Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Jay Anderson, to approve the following resolution:

Approve Proposition #2 to appear on the ballot on Election Day – May 20, 2014:
Proposition #2: Shall the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District be authorized to acquire various school buses for use by the District and to expend therefore, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$687,000; that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$687,000 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$687,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable?

Aye: 7

No: 0

Motion Carried

Motion made by Laura Sakala, seconded by Melodye Eldeen to approve the following resolution:

Resolved that the Board of Education Adopt the Real Property Tax Report Card.
(Please see attachment).

Aye: 7

No: 0

Motion Carried

Motion made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Jay Anderson, to award tenure to Sara Korona effective September 1, 2014 in the tenure area of Reading.

Aye: 7

No: 0

Motion Carried

Motion made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Thomas Rumsey, to award tenure to Kristin Darlington effective September 1, 2014 in the tenure area of Science.

Aye: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Laura Sakala, seconded by Dennis Schaperjahn, to award tenure to Rachel Montalbano effective September 1, 2014 in the tenure area of Special Education.

Aye: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Melodye Eldeen, to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign a Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the District between the Galway Central School District, the Galway Teachers Association and Patricia Malacynski-Fallis, Teacher regarding a retirement incentive.

Aye: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Laura Sakala, seconded by Jay Anderson, to accept the resignation of Patricia Malacynski-Fallis from her Reading Teacher position effective June 30, 2014 for retirement purposes with thanks and appreciation for her 35 years of service to the District.

Aye: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Melodye Eldeen, to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign a Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the District between the Galway Central School District, the Galway Teachers Association and Denise Kalinkewicz, Teacher regarding a retirement incentive.

Aye: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Laura Sakala, seconded by Jay Anderson, to accept the resignation of Denise Kalinkewicz from her English Teacher position effective June 30, 2014 for retirement purposes with thanks and appreciation for her 40 years of service to the District.

Aye: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Jay Anderson, to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign a Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the District between the Galway Central School District, the Galway Teachers Association and Arthur Pagano, Teacher regarding a retirement incentive.

Aye: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Melodye Eldeen, to accept the resignation of Arthur Pagano from his English Teacher position effective June 30, 2014 for retirement purposes with thanks and appreciation for his 35 years of service to the District.

Aye: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Laura Sakala, seconded by Dennis Schaperjahn, to accept the resignation of Lisa Burroughs from her Bus Driver position effective March 28, 2014.

Aye: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Jay Anderson, to approve a Health & Welfare Services Contract with the Greater Amsterdam School District in the amount of \$4,563.12 for 8 students that reside in the Galway Central School District and attend a non-public school in the Greater Amsterdam School District.

Aye: 7

No: 0

Motion Carried

Motion made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Laura Sakala, to accept the following donations from the Galway Community Education Foundation with sincere thanks and appreciation:

\$1,000 deposited in the JSA Student Activity Account and used toward a Junior State of America trip to Stamford, CT.

\$1,000 deposited in the GTV Student Activity Account and used toward an EMC³ trip to New York City.

Aye: 7

No: 0

Motion Carried

Motion made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Laura Sakala to accept the following: WHEREAS, a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Galway Central School District and the CSEA for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2017 has been negotiated by representatives of both parties, subject to ratification and approval; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has been advised that by a majority vote on March 14, 2014, the CSEA membership ratified said agreement; and

WHEREAS that agreement has been presented to the Board of Education for review and approval;

Now, therefore, it is hereby RESOLVED that the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Galway Central School District and the CSEA for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2017 is hereby approved.

Aye: 7

No: 0

Motion Carried

Motion made by Laura Sakala, seconded by Jay Anderson, to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign a Cooperative Bidding-Disposal of Universal Waste Resolution with BOCES for the 2013-14 school year. *(Please see attached resolution).*

Aye: 7

No: 0

Motion Carried

Motion made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Laura Sakala, to appoint Casimer "Chuck" Dziegiel to the position of Bus Driver effective April 11, 2014 at a rate of \$16.01 per hour. Charles was previously a Substitute Bus Driver in the District.

Aye: 7

No: 0

Motion Carried

Motion made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Laura Sakala, to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District create a 12-month full-time position of School Business Administrator effective April 11, 2014 in the Galway Central School District. This will be a tenured position in the tenure area of School Business Administration, with a three-year probationary period.

Aye: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Jay Anderson, seconded by Melodye Eldeen, to move into executive session at 9:10pm.

Aye: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Jay Anderson, seconded by Melodye Eldeen, to move into executive session at 9:15pm for the purpose of discussing School Business Administrator candidates.

Aye: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Jay Anderson, seconded by Anita Crawford, to move out of executive session at 9:46pm.

Aye: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried

Adjournment

Motion made by Melodye Eldeen, seconded by Anita Crawford, to adjourn at 9:47pm.

Aye: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara A. Agresta
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District Clerk