

Galway Central School District  
**Board of Education Work Session**

**MINUTES**

Thursday, August 15, 2013  
(Rescheduled from August 8, 2013)  
6:30pm – High School Library

**Board Members Present:** Thomas Rumsey, President, Dennis Schaperjahn, Nancy Lisicki, Melodye Eldeen, Joan Slagle, Laura Sakala.

**Board Members Absent:** Jay Anderson.

**Others in Attendance:** Bill Scott, Interim Superintendent, Lin Jackowski, Director of Pupil Services, Mike Healey, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Michelle McDougall, Elementary Principal, Brita Donovan, Associate , Jr./Sr. High School Principal/Athletic Director, community members.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited.

**1. Dockstader Trust Greenhouse Sustainable Farming Project**

Dusty Rhodes, a Dockstader Trust representative spoke to the Board regarding two grants that were awarded to the school for the Greenhouse Sustainable Farming Project, as an enrichment project. There were 2 separate grants, one for \$5706 and one for \$3806 to purchase materials to build greenhouses and for equipment needed for this project. A 5-year contract was signed in conjunction with these grants. The first year everything was fine, however, after the teacher who had implemented the project left the District, the greenhouses have become over run, one is in need of repairs, some equipment is missing, and according to the contract, the grant money must be returned if the operation is not in use for 5 years or less. Mr. Rhodes asked that the District find someone to take over the project and have it up and running within 6 months, or the money needs to be refunded to the Trust. Mr. Schaperjahn offered to get some help and clean it up.

It was suggested that some type of inventory control policy be developed for equipment, especially that purchased with grant money. The Board would like to receive a yearly report, for 5 years when a staff member applies and accepts a grant to hopefully eliminate something like this happening in the future.

**2. Request of Brett Sherman, Life Scout Troop 5**

Brett Sherman, Life Scout from Galway Troop 5, met with Mr. Scott regarding his proposed Eagle Scout project. Brett was unable to attend the Board meeting, so Mr. Scott presented the proposal for him. He would like to build a “Ga-Ga” Ball pit at the elementary school. This is a team building game that students participate in when they go to Camp Chingachgook as 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Mr. Scott noted that anytime something is built on school grounds without an architect, the insurance company would have to approve it because it could become a liability issue. He gave Brett the name of the school insurance company to contact to inquire about the project. The Board thought it would be a good idea; however, they will table the decision until Brett contacts the insurance company.

**3. Extra-Curricular Handbook Review**

The Galway Central School Extra-Curricular Handbook for Students and Parents was reviewed. Several changes were suggested, one being that academic ineligibility should not be held against students for the Junior Prom or Senior Class trip since those events are so costly.

Mrs. Slagle would like the Jr./Sr. High School Student Senate to begin to create a extra-curricular handbook since they are the governing members of the school.

**4. Public Use of Facilities Policy**

Public Use of Facilities Policy was discussed. Laura Sakala and Nancy Lisicki have been working with Christine DeCristofaro, Buildings, Grounds and Transportation Secretary as well as Mike Sherman, Buildings, Grounds and Transportation Supervisor to revise the current policy. A new form is being drafted. There was discussion regarding custodial and kitchen staff fees, as well as weekend usage of the building. These topics will be discussed further. The current form will be used until the new one is completed and approved.

**5. Board Retreat Agenda**

The agenda for the Board Retreat, which will be held on August 16, 2013, was reviewed.

**6. Executive Session**

Motion was made by Nancy Lisicki, seconded by Laura Sakala, to move into executive session at 8:40pm for the purpose of collective bargaining negotiations.

Aye: 6                      No: 0                      Motion Carried

**7. Regular Session**

Motion was made by Nancy Lisicki, seconded by Laura Sakala, to return to regular session at 9:30pm.

Aye: 6                      No: 0                      Motion Carried

**8. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Joan Slagle, to adjourn at 9:32pm.

Aye: 6                      No: 0                      Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Barbara A. Agresta*  
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Clerk Pro-Temp