

GALWAY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEETING

Thursday, December 19, 2013

6:00pm Executive Session

6:30pm Regular Meeting

MINUTES

Executive Session

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

Board Members Absent: None.

The meeting was called to order by Thomas Rumsey, Board of Education President at 6pm in the High School conference room.

Motion was made by Jay Anderson, seconded by Dennis Schaperjahn to move into executive session at 6:01pm to discuss disciplinary actions and the Board candidates which were interviewed at the December 12th meeting.

Aye: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Melodye Eldeen, seconded by Laura Sakala to move back into regular session at 6:38pm.

Aye: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried

Regular Session

Others in Attendance: Shannon Shine, Superintendent, Michelle McDougall, Elementary Principal, Michael Healey, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Brita Donovan, Associate Jr./Sr. High School Principal/Athletic Director, Lin Jackowski, Director of Pupil Services, faculty members, and community members.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

AWARDS

The Lions Club Citizenship Awards were presented by Lions Club President, Mr. Ken Perez and Citizenship Committee Chair, Mr. Dick Sleeper. The award recipients were Joshua Hoyt, 5th grade, Julianne LaBreche 8th grade and Caroline Conti a 10th grade student. Each student was presented with a certificate and a check for \$50. Mr. Sleeper added that these awards are not based on academics, but the true meaning of being a good citizen both in and out of school. The students were congratulated by the Board members and their principals.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Jay Anderson, to accept the following consent agenda.

Aye: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Accept Budget Status Report
Accept Budget Transfers if Applicable

PERSONNEL

Accept the resignation of Margaret Staulters from her 5 hour per day Teacher Aide position effective January 6, 2014.

Terminate the employment of Natasha Weiss as Claims Auditor effective November 21, 2013 for the 2013-14 school year.

Appoint Barbara Sleight as Claims Auditor for the 2013-14 school year at a rate of \$25 per hour effective December 9, 2013.

Appoint Gordon Bezio as Snow Removal Supervisor for the 2013-14 school year at a \$1.00 per hour increase to his regular hourly rate of pay as a Groundskeeper. This increase only applies when performing this function and not regular Groundskeeper duties.

Appoint David Oliver as a Substitute Bus Driver effective January 6, 2014 at a rate of \$16.01 per hour.

End of Consent Agenda

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Eldeen thanked the faculty and staff for working hard and making the holiday season a great time for the students. She also thanked Mrs. McDougall and Mrs. Jackowski for last week's presentation and AIS effort that they have been working so hard on.

Mr. Anderson extended his wishes for a safe holiday. He hopes this Board will make a difference and thanked his fellow Board members, as well as the community, for their support of our school.

Mrs. Sakala mentioned a petition on our school website where Nicole Clarke, parent of two elementary students, is looking for support to get New York State to restore education aid promised to public schools years ago, but never delivered. The petition urges Gov. Cuomo, our legislators, and the Board of Regents to make good on their promise, initiated in 2008, of providing \$1.6 billion in education aid to public schools. She encourages all to click the link to show support. She also wished everyone a happy holiday.

Mr. Schaperjahn thanked everyone for all they do and extended his holiday wishes to all.

Mr. Rumsey said the holiday competition in the high school is a great way to get kids involved and excited. He thanked the administrators for building a sense of community in our schools. In January, he would like the administrators and Transportation Director Mike Sherman, to view bus tapes to make sure that if students are sitting 3 in a seat, that there is enough room with students wearing their winter garb. He would like Mr. Sherman to attend a meeting to report on this.

Mr. Rumsey would like to track substitutes working more than 30 hours per week so that that the district doesn't get hit with large insurance bills in response to the affordable health care act that will begin in January.

SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION

Mrs. McDougall, Elementary School Principal, presented an Academic Summary for the elementary school students. She described the overall distribution report by grade. She explained how the report is used as a quick check in identifying students that are exceeding expectations and help to determine their strengths for Encore time and accelerated opportunities. Students who score above 75% and exceed the standard score expected, are placed in an Encore group for enrichment. Those who score 75% and have not exceeded the standard score, need to be closely monitored to make sure they maintain the expectations. The students who score above 50% need a small grouping with 7-10 students in the Encore class. Those students below 50% need urgent intervention during Encore time in a small group setting with 5-7 students and an AIS provider or special education teacher. These students are recommended for after school learning lab support. These students will have a very specific researched based intervention. The State Standards Report breaks down each classroom by student, identifying how the teacher is progressing toward meeting the Common Core Learning Standards. The students were assessed in October and they will be again in January when they return from the holiday recess. At this time, Mrs. McDougall will meet with the teaching staff to discuss the results and adjust support to make certain that all students are provided with the proper support to assure that they are making academic gains. There are currently 92 students in the academic support lab which is held after school.

Mr. Rumsey would like reports on the data and asked the Board be kept informed so that if she feels that they need more assistance, the Board will make that decision.

Mr. Healey reported that in the Junior High School, students have been found to be weak in number sets with the STAR reports confirming this. He feels that the Junior High is in need of after school support for math. They currently have ELA support. He is also looking to support writing in grades 7-12.

Mrs. Eldeen asked how closely aligned the new math for K-2 is to the Common Core. Mrs. McDougall, as well as those teachers who piloted the program, said it was very closely aligned and were pleased with their students' performance.

NEW BUSINESS

Health and Welfare Services Contracts

Authorize the Board President to sign a Health & Welfare Services Contract with Corinth Central School District in the amount of \$696.67 for 2 students who reside in the Galway Central School District and attend non-public schools in the Corinth Central School District.

Authorize the Board President to sign a Health & Welfare Services Contract with Saratoga Springs City School District in the amount of \$4843.10 for 10 students who reside in the Galway Central School District and attend non-public schools in the Saratoga Springs City School District.

Motion made by Laura Sakala, seconded by Jay Anderson.

Aye: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District hereby casts a vote in favor of nominating Gary DiLallo from the Shenendehowa School Board & Capital Region BOCES as Area 7 Director of the NYS School Boards Association.

Motion made by Joan Slagle, seconded by Melodye Eldeen.

Aye: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried

Approve the offering of a self-funded Skidmore College Elementary Enrichment Program to Galway Students in the 2013-14 school year and approve a \$25 per hour rate of pay for instructors.

The Skidmore College Elementary Enrichment Program is being offered again this year through the District's partnership with Skidmore College. The instructors offer a variety of classes and the menu of choices is open to all students depending on the class and appropriate grade. This is a self funded program. Parents pay for their child to participate and the district is reimbursed. The rate of pay for each instructor is \$25 per hour. This rate of pay was determined to be comparable with the rate established by BOCES. Our students paid this rate to attend the enrichment program at BOCES whereas they would not have to leave campus to attend the program here.

Motion made by Laura Sakala, seconded by Jay Anderson.

Aye: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried

Donations

Motion made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Melodye Eldeen, to accept the following donation with sincere thanks and appreciation, for the following items from the Galway Booster Club to be used in the Athletic Department. The Booster Club will be purchasing the items and donating them to the District at the approximate costs shown below.

\$ 920 netting for an outdoor batting cage
\$3,300 30 logo chairs including cart and cover for the gym

Aye: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried

The 1st Reading of the following Board Policies were read.

Policy #2510 New Board Member Orientation
Policy #5152 Admission of Non-Resident Students.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Laura Sakala, seconded by Melodye Eldeen to move into executive session at 7:31pm for the purpose of CSE/CPSE recommendations and high profile negotiations.

Aye: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried

CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion was made by Laura Sakala, seconded by Melodye Eldeen, to approve CSE/CPSE recommendation for the following students: 3028, 2835, 6185, 3454, 5039, 3167, 6338, 5423, 6037, 5450, 5569, 4652, 6344, 5109, 5573, 6409, 3280, 5404, 3012, 6290, 6269, 6051, 6050, 6037, 6035, 2782, 4657, 6402, 5235, 6401, 6274, 3368, 5324, 3562, 3562, 4615, 4615, 3033, 3033, 6282, 5093, 5573, 6333.

Aye: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried

REGULAR SESSION

Motion made by Jay Anderson, seconded by Dennis Schaperjahn, to move out of executive session at 8:46pm.

Aye: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried

ADJOURNEMENT

Motion made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Joan Slagle, to move out of executive session at 8:47pm.

Aye: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara A. Agresta

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District Clerk