

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

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, February 20, 2014**

6:30pm – High School Library

**Board Members Present:** Thomas Rumsey, President, Dennis Schaperjahn, Vice President, Melodye Eldeen, Laura Sakala, Anita Crawford.

**Board Members Absent:** Jay Anderson, Joan Slagle.

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

Motion to move into executive session at 5:31pm was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Laura Sakala, to discuss CSEA negotiations, GTA grievances, and a personnel retirement request.

Aye – 5

No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion to move into regular session was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Anita Crawford, at 6:29pm.

Aye – 5

No – 0

Motion Carried

**Others in Attendance:** Shannon Shine, Superintendent, Scot Carpenter, Network and Technology Coordinator, staff member.

**Voice-Over Internet Protocol Telephone System Proposal**

The District is in need of a new phone system and PA system. Going through BOCES was found to be the most cost efficient approach, since it is BOCES aidable. A “walk through” was done. They will come back with definite numbers and a proposal for the Board to look at and make a decision as warranted.

Motion made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Anita Crawford to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign a Proposal for Architecture and Engineering Services relating to the old bus garage in the amount of \$7,400.

Aye – 5

No – 0

Motion Carried

Motion made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Laura Sakala to authorize the Board President to sign a Health & Welfare Services Contract with Scotia Glenville Central Schools in the amount of \$7,185.51 for 9 students who reside in the Galway Central School District and attend non-public schools in Scotia-Glenville Central School District.

Aye – 5

No – 0

Motion Carried

## Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Melodye Eldeen, to approve the following consent agenda.

Aye – 5

No - 0

Motion Carried

- Appoint Deborah Baldwin as a five hour per day Teacher Aide effective February 24, 2014 at a rate of \$8.67 per hour. Deborah was previously a substitute in the District.
- Appoint Jennifer Newell as a five hour per day Teacher Aide effective February 24, 2014 at a rate of \$8.67 per hour. Jennifer was previously a substitute in the District.
- Appoint Cathy Malakauskas as a Substitute Custodian/Cleaner at a rate of \$11.11 per hour effective February 21, 2014. Cathy is also a Teacher Aide in the District.
- Appoint Diane Sartin as a Distance Learning Instructor for two semesters in the 2013-14 school year at a stipend of \$1,200 for both semesters pro-rated to \$900. Section 34.9 of the GTA contract indicates that Unit members teaching a course through the Distance Learning Program shall receive an annual additional stipend of \$1,200 per year or \$600 per semester. Diane will be compensated for  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the \$1,200 stipend due to her being on a leave of absence until December 4, 2013.
- Approve a paid/unpaid medical leave of absence for Sara Immel from her Elementary Teacher position per the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 effective on or around March 17, 2014 until on or around May 21, 2014 for a total of approximately 10 weeks. This medical leave will run concurrently with her sick time.
- Approve a medical leave of absence for Charmaine Hutcheson from her Elementary Teacher position effective at 11 AM on December 3, 2013 until approximately March 19, 2014. She will be using her available sick days during this period of time.
- Appoint Ethel Rubley as a Long-Term Substitute Elementary Teacher effective at 11:00 AM on December 3, 2013 until approximately March 19, 2014 at Step M1 of the GTA Salary Schedule pro-rated, per Article 4.40 of the School Alliance of Substitutes in Education Agreement.

## End of Consent Agenda

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### Board Member Comments

Mrs. Sakala shared, on behalf of the Policy Committee that the first third of the policy book draft has been completed and the Committee is in the process of reviewing it. NYSSBA policy service is doing a great job looking at what we have and need and making the appropriate updates where necessary.

Mr. Schaperjahn expressed his enthusiasm for this year's Science Fair. He said it wasn't so much the projects that impressed him, even though the topics were exciting, but the way the students explained and presented them to the spectators. The students were very knowledgeable. There was a great turnout. Mr. Schaperjahn extended kudos to all those who helped to organize the Science Fair.

Mrs. Crawford was very impressed with the students at the Science Fair as well. The students were very involved and interacted with the audience. The Race to the Core spaghetti dinner was very organized; the high school students were very helpful. It was very family oriented. The teachers were very supportive making sure that parents understood everything at each station. The children enjoyed being "tour guides". It felt very "community like".

Mr. Rumsey said the Junior State of America student group recently returned from a conference in Washington, DC. He would like to have the president of the group come and present to the Board as to what they do when they participate in these conferences. It's a great program and the students do a wonderful job. He would like to see more recognition for these types of clubs.

Mr. Shine stated that it wasn't possible to have a Lobby Guard demo at one of the Board meetings; however, there is a demo on their website. The Board members still need to discuss the pros and cons of this investment. They will wait for the two absent Board members to return before making any decision.

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Laura Sakala to adjourn at 7:40pm.

Aye – 5

No - 0

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Barbara A. Agresta*  
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District Clerk