

**GALWAY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MEETING**

**Thursday, February 27, 2014**

**5:30pm Executive Session**

**6:30pm Regular Meeting**

**MINUTES**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Jay Anderson.

The meeting was called to order by Thomas Rumsey, at 5:32pm.

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Melodye Eldeen, to move into executive session at 5:32pm to discuss CSEA contract negotiations and the superintendent evaluation.

Aye: 6            No: 0            Motion Carried

Motion was made by Melodye Eldeen, seconded by Laura Sakala, to move into regular session at 6:30pm.

Aye: 6            No: 0            Motion Carried

**Others in Attendance:** Shannon Shine, Superintendent, Michael Healey, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Brita Donovan, Associate Jr./Sr. High School Principal/Athletic Director, Lin Jackowski, Director of Pupil Services, Tim Hilker, School Business Official, faculty/staff members, and community members.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Comment on Agenda**

None.

**Update on the Sustainable Farm Project**

Mr. Healey spoke regarding the Sustainable Farm Project. Since October, a core group of volunteers including community members, school faculty, staff and Board members have been restoring the greenhouses and the surrounding areas. Amy David, community member, has been instrumental in the efforts. All four of the greenhouses have been repaired. Garlic, artichokes and other perennial crops have been planted. There were approximately 25 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who attended the project meetings so far. There is a student board of directors and a student public relations team to encourage more student involvement. Mr. Schaperjahn mentioned that there were 6<sup>th</sup> grade students who were interested in helping as well. Mr. Healey will contact them. They are looking into creating a sustainable water system. They are committed to organic growing methods and the use of non-GMO plant materials as much as possible. A letter has been sent to the Dockstader Charitable Trust to keep them abreast of the progress and how the grant money has been used. Mr. Healey noted they received a grant for \$500 from Cornell as recipient of the 2014 Kids Growing Food Garden Grant.

### **Lobby Guard Visitor management System**

Board members listed pros and cons regarding Lobby Guard, including the cost of implementing such a system. The Board members will look over the compiled list and will come back in two weeks with a decision on how, and if, to proceed with this.

### **Proposed Budget Update**

Mr. Hilker presented the 2014-15 proposed budget and a projected 3 year financial plan. *(Please see attached PowerPoint presentations)*. The District will be hosting a Community Forum meeting in early April.

### **Superintendent Report**

March 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for applications for the School Business Administrator vacancy. Mr. Shine noted that we are on track with the hiring process.

Board of Education goals-Administrator RTI/Data workshop will be held next Wednesday. Mr. Shine would like to create a comprehensive academic plan on how to achieve the Board goals and draw together to create a more cohesive plan for the district goals.

Regarding a new phone system, we need to decide how, and when, to commit and when to pay, as there are multiple year payment options. Mr. Hilker said we may be able to pay for it this year with a budget transfer. This does not include a PA system.

Mr. Shine extended congratulations to Mrs. Flinton, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and Mr. Schaperjahn, Board of Education Vice President, as being co-recipients of this year's PTSA Founder's Day Award.

### **Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Laura Sakala, seconded by Melodye Eldeen, to accept the following consent agenda.

Aye: 5                      No: 0                      Abstained: Dennis Schaperjahn                      Motion Carried

### FINANCIAL REPORTS

Accept the Budget Status Report from the January 23, 2014 Board Meeting.

Accept Treasurer's Reports for October–December 2013 from the January 23, 2014 Board Meeting.

Accept Budget Transfers if Applicable.

Accept January, 2014 Student Activity Accounts Treasurer's Report.

### MINUTES

Accept the January 23, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes.

### PERSONNEL

Appoint the following Spring Coaches for the 2013-14 School Year as shown below:

Stuart Wilday	Modified Softball	Level D	\$4,050
Paula Canell	Varsity Softball	Level C4	\$4,680
Jim Smith	Volunteer Softball	-	-
Steven Hall	Modified Baseball	Level A1	\$1,350

Sean Kennedy	JV Baseball	Level A1	\$1,980
Mark Kalinkewicz	Varsity Baseball	Level C3	\$4,680
Keith Burdick	Volunteer Baseball	-	-
Bob Hartman	Volunteer Baseball	-	-
Ruthann Daino	Modified Track	Level C2	\$3,150
Judith Horigan	Modified Track	Level C1	\$3,150
Geoffrey Maliszewski	Varsity Track	Level D	\$5,580
William Brooks	Varsity Track	Level B2	\$3,780
Dennis Schaperjahn	Volunteer Track	-	-

Appoint Tina Grolley and Jennifer Martell to the After School ELA/Math and Homework Lab for the 2013-14 school year at a rate of \$42/hour.

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*End of Consent Agenda*

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**Board Member Comments**

Mrs. Sakala commented on the Common Core Spaghetti Dinner. She was the “greeter” at the event. She said it was great to see how happy the students, parents and teachers were. There were many positive comments from the families. The Science Fair/Science Saturday was very successful with many great presentations like the robotics display and the 3D printer. Galway has a wrestler, Steven Culbert, going to States this weekend. Mrs. Sakala thanked Mrs. Donovan for “tweeting” about the students and sporting events. It’s great for those who like to keep up with athletic events.

Mr. Schaperjahn reminded everyone that the Energy Performance Presentation has been rescheduled for the March 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Mr. Schaperjahn commented on the School Business Administrator position. He wanted to clarify that the reason we are interviewing for the position is because currently this position is shared with Hadley-Luzerne through BOCES. Hadley-Luzerne has decided that they need a full-time school business administrator and BOCES will not have a half-time person to share with us anymore. The other point being is that it is a very involved position which requires a full-time person.

Mrs. Slagle thanked the administrators for all their input regarding the budget process.

Mrs. Crawford has been reviewing the policy book draft. She thanked the Board for having community involvement with the budget process.

Mrs. Eldeen thanked Mr. Healey for getting students involved in the sustainable farm project, especially for having a student board of directors, as these types of activities help create student leaders. She also extended thanks to Mr. Shine and the other administrators for taking time on a weekend to attend the Science Fair/Science Saturday.

Mr. Rumsey expressed his appreciation regarding the interaction from the community for the budget process.

### **Spotlight on Academics**

Before beginning his presentation on behalf of the Shared Decision Making Team (SDMT), Mr. Healey announced this year's Valedictorian, Andrew Wright and Salutatorian, Alana Phelps.

The SDMT reviewed other local school districts weighting practices and debated the benefits and drawbacks of a weighted GPA. They created a survey for stakeholder groups in the community. They have given the results of the survey to the Board to review and make a recommendation on how to proceed. If the Board would like to move forward with it, the SDMT will implement a plan for the fall of 2014 commencing with the freshman class.

### **New Business**

None.

### **Public Comment**

Vickie Weaver, said the Board should think of purchasing iPads as textbooks. Children can do so much on them; music, reading and many different educational activities. Teachers can train students how to use them educationally at school and rather than just playing games, they may be more interested in the educational apps at home.

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Anita Crawford, to move into executive session at 8:40pm for the purpose of CSE/CPSE recommendations.

Aye: 6          No: 0          Motion Carried

Motion made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Melodye Eldeen, to move out of executive session at 8:43pm.

Aye: 6          No: 0          Motion Carried

### **CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Joan Slagle, to approve CSE/CPSE recommendation for the following students: 4569, 2832, 3868,3598,6411 4652,6309, 6352, 3012, 3010, 3046, 3054, 3019, 3557, 3012, 3003, 4638, 3362, 3305, 3015, 4594, 3280, 3068, 3069, 3197, 2602.

Aye: 6          No: 0          Motion Carried

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Melodye Eldeen, to adjourn at 8:44pm.

Aye: 6          No: 0          Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

*Barbara A. Agresta*

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District Clerk