

**GALWAY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**MEETING**  
**Thursday, March 27, 2014**  
**5:30pm Executive Session**  
**6:30pm Regular Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

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

Meeting was called to order by Dennis Schaperjahn, Vice President, at 5:30pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Jay Anderson, seconded by Melodye Eldeen, to move into executive session at 5:31pm to discuss arbitration, contractual issues and retirement incentives.

Aye: 6                      No: 0                      Motion Carried

Mr. Rumsey, Board President, arrived at 5:40pm.

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Joan Slagle, to return to regular session at 6:16pm.

Aye: 7                      No: 0                      Motion Carried

Dennis Schaperjahn, left at 6:30pm.

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

Earl Keeler, Korean Veteran, thanked Mr. Healey for the "Tell America" Program presentation. The objective of the "Tell America" Program is to give students a better understanding of the Korean War and its consequences. The program also enhances understanding of the war and its significance in their lives. There were 9 Korean Vets who told war stories and shook hands with the students. The students seemed to appreciate the stories, as did the veterans telling them. On behalf of the Board of Education, Mr. Rumsey thanked Mr. Keeler, for his service to our country.

**The Lions Club Citizenship Awards**

The Lions Club Citizenship Awards were presented to the following students: Rowan Smith, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Justin Kozlowski, 7<sup>th</sup> grade and Lindsey Carlsen, 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Hall Restrictions for Students**

Mr. Healey, High School Principal, presented on this new movement. He has been visiting other schools that are successful academically, looking for ways to ensure that students are successful, safe and prepared. Over the past 1 ½ years, he and Mrs. Donovan, Associate Principal, have been looking at cameras watching students leaving the classrooms during instructional time. Teachers have now been instructed that students are not to leave the class, except for emergencies.

An issue came up with students leaving class to go the bathroom. Bathrooms are being destroyed, there is cyber bullying going on, students being videoed taped by other students in the bathroom, etc. They have been experiencing problems with drugs, prescription drugs and other illegal substances brought into school. These instances were seen on the videos. Procedures have been adjusted and being looked into to make adjustments, where needed. This is being done in the student's best interest. Board members have received calls regarding this new policy. Mr. Healey encourages parents to call him directly. Mrs. Slagle is glad this is finally being addressed. She said it has been an issue for many years. Her only concern is making sure that those students who legitimately need to use the bathroom, be allowed to do so.

### **Budget Development Process**

*Please see attached presentation.*

*There was a brief intermission after the Budget Development Process.*

Mr. Anderson left at 7:45pm.

### **New Business**

Motion was made by Anita Crawford, seconded by Laura Sakala, to abolish the Management-Confidential position of Computer Network Manager effective June 30, 2014.

5-Ayes            0-No            Motion Carried

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

5-Ayes            0-No            Motion Carried

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- Accept Budget Status Report
- Accept the January, 2014 District Treasurer's Monthly Report
- Accept Budget Transfers if Applicable
- Accept February Student Activity Accounts Treasurer's Report

#### **MINUTES**

Accept the February 20, 27, March 13, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes.

#### **PERSONNEL**

Terminate the employment of Edward Pirrone from his position of Computer Network Manager due to this position being eliminated in the District effective June 30, 2014 with thanks and appreciation for his years of service in the District. Mr. Pirrone shall be placed on a preferred eligible list for a period of four years.

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the employment of Martha Janet Barron as a Bus Driver in the District is terminated effective March 27, 2014.

Approve the extension of a medical leave of absence for Charmaine Hutcheson from her Elementary Teacher position effective at 11 AM on December 3, 2013 until June 1, 2014. She will be using her available sick days during this period of time.

Appoint Michelangelo Romano as a Substitute Bus Driver effective March 21, 2014 at a rate of \$16.01 per hour.

*End of Consent Agenda*

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**New Business**

Motion made by Laura Sakala, seconded by Joan Slagle to adopt the 2014-15 School Calendar.

5-Ayes                  0-No                  Motion Carried

Motion made by Melodye Eldeen, seconded by Laura Sakala, to resolve that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign a Municipal Cooperative Renewal Agreement with New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (NYCLASS). This is an annual renewal.

5-Ayes                  0-No                  Motion Carried

Motion made by Laura Sakala, seconded by Anita Crawford, to approve a Senior Class Trip to Six Flags New Jersey on Thursday, May 22, 2014 and Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey on Thursday May 29, 2014.

*This is an annual and optional trip offered to the Senior Class. They will leave at 6 AM to Six Flags on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and return at 10:30 PM. The cost is \$95 including round trip bus transportation and entrance fee into the park. The trip to Point Pleasant Beach departs at 5:30 AM and returns at 11:30 PM. The cost is approximately \$85 including deluxe round trip motor coach and 1 meal voucher access to the boardwalk, arcade, and beach. Some of the 2014 class money will be used to decrease the cost of the trips for the students who participate. The dates chosen have taken into consideration the "A" day "B" day schedule so that students do not miss the same class twice.*

5-Ayes                  0-No                  Motion Carried

Motion made by Laura Sakala, seconded by Anita Crawford, to approve a Health & Welfare Services Contract with the Niskayuna Central School District in the amount of \$491.08 for 1 student who resides in the Galway Central School District and attends a non-public school in the Niskayuna Central School District.

5-Ayes                  0-No                  Motion Carried

Motion made by Laura Sakala, seconded by Melodye Eldeen, to accept the following donations:

- \$6,296.16 from the IIsababy Foundation for the Arts in Education program
- \$ 500.00 from Cornell University for a Kids Growing Food Mini Grant Award
- \$ 150.00 from the Galway Community Education Foundation for pep rally bracelets
- \$1,500.00 from the Galway PTSA for the purchase of a laminator in the Elementary School.
- \$ 125.00 from Kelly DeVall for Math Department supplies and authorize the Treasurer to increase Budget Code A2110.514.01
- \$6,000.00 from the Booster Club for team banners in the gym
- \$2,000.00 from the Whole Kids Foundation toward school gardens

5-Ayes                  0-No                  Motion Carried

*The Board of Education would like to thank all the organizations who have donated to our school.*

### **Board Member Comments**

Mrs. Slagle had concerns as to how much money we would be getting from the State this year. She appreciated the Budget Presentation.

Mrs. Crawford had the privilege of judging the Odyssey of the Mind competition this past weekend. This was her first experience with something like this and she was blown away with the Galway students. It was a great experience. She appreciated the teachers and all those who helped judge. She was very excited and proud to participate in the event.

Mrs. Eldeen judged the competition as well. She congratulated the students who participated. For a small school, Galway had quite a few teams in the competition. She thanked the High School administrators for looking into the hallway issues.

Mrs. Eldeen also commended the bus driver who acted appropriately after the bus crash earlier this week.

Mrs. Sakala thanked Mr. Shine for how quickly he informed the Board members regarding the bus accident so that they could dispel any misinformation that was out there. She thanked the Odyssey of the Mind members for doing an outstanding job. One of our OM teams received an "Omer" award which is given for overcoming difficult circumstances. The High School Drama production, "Annie Get Your Gun", is being held this weekend. Mrs. Sakala encourages everyone to come out and support our students who worked so hard.

Mr. Rumsey said the concert that was put on by Mr. Gary Barrow, was wonderful. Mr. Barrow always does a great job and the concerts are always very entertaining.

Mr. Rumsey noted that as far as the budget goes, we need to prioritize our "needs" and then our "wants".

Mr. Shine commented that the Board does not have to have the budget done by April 10<sup>th</sup>, that was being hopeful. The deadline is actually April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Crawford said that the Board needs to focus on the Board Goals when making decisions regarding the budget.

### **Public Comment**

Kathy Brown asked if there had been consideration to reinstate the band position that was previously cut. She was glad to see the math position was being adjusted.

Kristie Dabrowski, said that the budget regarding music and band was not as alarming as it was a few years ago, however, it is important to have these programs to help to inspire students. Mrs. Dabrowski commented that Mrs. McDougall, Elementary Principal, has done a great job reinstating many after school programs.

Loretta Martin thinks that students should be wearing their seatbelts on the school bus, especially in light of this week's bus accident. She asked if there was anything that could be done to mandate this.

Terry Ostrander, Co-Treasurer of the Galway Community Education Foundation, presented the Foundation's concern regarding the bio diesel project grant that was given back in 2010 for \$3000. The grant requestor left the District after the materials were purchased for this project and the materials have not been located at this time. If the materials cannot be located by April 15, 2014, they will be requesting a refund for the full amount of the grant.

Jeanine Flinton, had concerns on the restrictions of students who are not being allowed to go the library during study hall with the new "Hall Restriction Policy". Mr. Healey noted that National Honor Society students will be getting lanyards to allow them certain privileges which includes going to the library during study hall.

Janet van Rijsewijk, thanked Mr. Hilker and Mr. Shine for keeping the public informed with the Budget Presentations.

Motion was made by Laura Sakala, seconded by Melodye Eldeen to move into executive session at 8:50pm to discuss CSE/CPSE recommendations.

5-Ayes            0-No            Motion Carried

Motion was made by Laura Sakala, seconded by Anita Crawford to move out of executive session at 8:56pm.

5-Ayes            0-No            Motion Carried

Motion was made by Laura Sakala, seconded by Anita Crawford to accept the following CSE/CPSE recommendations:

3247, 2870, 2782, 5416, 5482, 4638, 3320, 2765, 3865, 3865, 6057, 5011, 6210, 6055, 3485, 3767, 6420, 6433, 6164, 6169, 3085, 3248, 4652, 3183, 5076, 3004, 2659, 5415, 5416, 3490, 3065, 3072, 3404, 3326, 3179, 5566, 5552, 5061, 3236, 3473, 3276, 5277, 6209.

5-Ayes            0-No            Motion Carried

Motion was made by Melodye Eldeen, seconded by Tom Rumsey to adjourn at 8:57pm.

5-Ayes            0-No            Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

*Barbara A. Agresta*

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District Clerk