

Galway Central School District
Board of Education Work Session

MINUTES

Thursday, October 10, 2013

6:30pm – High School Library

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Thomas Rumsey, Board of Education President, at 5:35pm in High School Conference Room.

Motion was made by Tom Rumsey, seconded by Jay Anderson to move into executive session to discuss contract negotiations and a school safety issue at 5:36pm.

Board Members Present: Thomas Rumsey, President, Melodye Eldeen, Laura Sakala, Jay Anderson. Joan Slagle arrived at 6:22pm.

Board Members Absent: Dennis Schaperjahn.

Motion was made by Jay Anderson, seconded by Tom Rumsey, to move into regular session at 6:26pm in the High School Library.

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

Recess

Mrs. McDougall, Elementary Principal, proposed a recess/lunch schedule with K-3 students having a 30 minute recess and grades 4-6 with a 20 minute lunch/20 minute recess. To achieve this proposal the District would have to hire 3 additional aides for 3 hours and add 1 hour to an existing aide position.

Additional Aide Coverage

Motion was made by Laura Sakala, seconded by Jay Anderson, to approve the addition of three teacher aides to provide the necessary supervision and coverage for recess to occur as follows:

Three teacher aides 3 hours per day each 10:30-1:30pm M-F

Aye: 5

No: 0

Motion Carried

NYS School Boards Association Policy Services Presentation- Jessica Goldstein

Ms. Goldstein, Senior Policy Consultant for NYSSBA, presented. She explained the Essential Policy Manual contract service, which would be customized to reflect our Board policies. They would basically be taking what we currently have and review, add, and delete information as necessary. Some of the policies are required by law, some are non-essential. Several sections would be reviewed at a time. Laura Sakala and Melodye Eldeen would be the designees from the Policy Committee to act as a liaison between the Board and NYSSBA. Ms. Goldstein would like to see the policy before the Board adopts it. She hopes to have the

first few sections to the Board to review by the end of November. It will take approximately 1 ½ years for completion. The District will be provided with a CD of all policies for the website

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Laura Sakala, seconded by Melodye Eldeen, to approve the following personnel items from the consent agenda:

Accept the resignation of David Fredette from his Math Teacher position effective June 30, 2013.

Appoint Natasha Weiss as Internal Claims Auditor for approximately 3-5 hours every two weeks at a rate of \$20/hour for the 2013-14 school year.

Approve the probationary appointment of Lucille Murphy to the 12-month Management-Confidential position of Payroll Clerk effective October 28, 2013 at a salary of \$37,000 per year pro-rated from her start date of October 28, 2013 for the 2013-14 school year. This appointment is pending successful completion of civil service requirements for this position.

Aye: 5 No: 0 Motion Carried

Additional Special Education Aide

Motion was made by Melodye Eldeen, seconded by Jay Anderson to approve the addition of one Special Education Teacher Aide for 5 hours per day in order to fully meet IEP requirements, provide more consistency with aide/student coverage, to support the elementary school nurse with attendance data, support the developmental K classroom and support the K inclusion classroom.

Aye: 5 No: 0 Motion Carried

Board of Education Member Vacancy Update

Three petitions have been picked up; only one has been turned in. The deadline to turn petitions in is October 15, 2013.

Revised Goals

Motion was made by Jay Anderson, seconded by Joan Slagle to adopt the 2013-14 Board of Education Goals.

Aye: 5 No: 0 Motion Carried

Mr. Rumsey and Mr. Shine thanked all those who helped compile the goals. They would like to add who is responsible for carrying out the goals and sub goals. They would like to have the goals publicized via the school newsletter and website. Mr. Rumsey asked the administrators, when reporting to the Board, to describe how their presentation may be tied to the goals.

Email Archiving Laws & Regulations

Mr. Shine stated that we are, and have been out of compliance regarding email archiving. The District's servers do not have the capability to accommodate the retention of these files. To be compliant, Mr. Shine contracted with BOCES for offsite back up, for a fee of \$1500. These files must be retained for a 7 year period.

Discussion of Board Policy 4513 and Regulation 4513R – Library Materials Selection

Discussion of Board Policy 4810 - Teaching about Controversial Issues

There was discussion of freshman honors class reading materials. The topics of three consecutive books seem to be rather "dark". One was about a mass shooting and two included rape. Mr. Rumsey was wondering what the process was for selecting materials and if there is some way to choose books that vary in topic. There is a new freshman English teacher this year who did not choose some of these books. Parents were required to sign a permission slip prior to the students reading the material, but Mr. Rumsey stated that most parents do not Google each title and may not be aware of the content. Mr. Healey will be meeting with the English department on staff development day (10/11/13) to discuss a process on how books will be selected in the future in the best interest of our students.

Miscellaneous Discussions

Jay Anderson will help install an irrigation system for the greenhouses. Mike Healey explained that community member, Amy David, has done a phenomenal job helping to get the greenhouses back in shape. They have been weeded, fertilized and planted. Mike Healey received a grant from Target for the seeds. Dennis Schaperjahn rototilled. Tom Rumsey suggested that once the plants begin growing and the cleanup has been completed, Mr. Healey invite the Docksider Trust members to tour the greenhouse to see the progress to date. He would like to get the news out there for this exciting endeavor.

Melodye Eldeen said that homecoming was very nice and Mrs. Donovan did an amazing job coordinating all the events. Laura Sakala said the fireworks were spectacular.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Melodye Eldeen, seconded by Laura Sakala to adjourn at 8:10pm.

Aye: 5

No: 0

Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara A. Agresta

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District Clerk