

Galway Central School District
BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION & PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
MINUTES

Thursday, May 8, 2014
6:30 PM
High School Library
(Executive Session at 5:30 PM)

CALL TO ORDER

The Work Session was called to order at 5:32 PM in the High School Conference Room.

ALL BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT

Thomas Rumsey, President, Dennis Schaperjahn, Vice President, Melodye Eldeen, Joan Slagle, Laura Sakala, Jay Anderson, Anita Crawford.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, second by Melodye Eldeen to move into Executive Session at 5:33 PM to discuss Management-Confidential salary and benefits; student discipline and specific personnel matters.

(Mr. Shine and Mr. Healey were present. Mr. Healey left after discussion of student discipline and Mr. Hilker joined for Management-Confidential discussion and personnel.)

All voted aye to approve the motion. 7-Yes 0-No

REGULAR SESSION

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, second by Anita Crawford to move out of Executive Session and into Regular Session at 6:29 PM.

All voted aye to approve the motion. 7-Yes 0-No

Present were all Board Members; Shannon C. Shine, Superintendent of Schools; Tim Hilker, School Business Administrator; Andrew McPherson, Board Member Candidate; Cathy Brown, Community Member

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, second by Jay Anderson to:

Accept the resignation of Barbara Agresta from her District Clerk position effective May 5, 2014 whose term of office was for the 2013-14 school year.

All voted aye to approve the motion. 7-Yes 0-No

Mr. Rumsey commented that he thought that Barbara did a great job and enjoyed working with her.

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, second by Melodye Eldeen to:

Upon administration of an oath of office, appoint Linda Casatelli as District Clerk to the Galway Central School District Board of Education effective May 6, 2014 – July 10, 2014 at a stipend of \$1,000.

All voted aye to approve the motion. 7-Yes 0-No

Motion was made by Melodye Eldeen, second by Dennis Schaperjahn to:

Accept a \$17,000 donation from PTSA for Auditorium/Stage Lighting with thanks and appreciation.

All voted aye to approve the motion. 7-Yes 0-No

REGULAR SESSION (Continued)

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, second by Melodye Eldeen to appoint the following election workers for the 2013-14 school year at a rate of \$8.00 per hour:

Dick Harris	Nancy Harris	Maureen Sauter	Deborah Neahr
Cathy Malakauskas	Phyllis Sleeper	Janet VanRijsewijk	Jeanie Tate
Pauline Muth	Marge Staulters	Doris Tretiak	Linda Pike

All voted aye to approve the motion. 7-Yes 0-No

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Jay Anderson, seconded by Dennis Schaperjahn to accept the following Consent Agenda:

- Accept the resignation of Paul Weeden from his Cleaner position effective June 27, 2014 for retirement purposes with thanks and appreciation for his years of service in the district.
- Accept the resignation of Alicia Rysewyk from her Teacher Aide position effective May 9, 2014.
- Appoint Scott Smith and Eric Fana as Elementary Chaperones (Camp Chingachgook) at a rate of \$81/night for the 2013-14 school year.

All voted aye to approve the motion. 7-Yes 0-No

OTHER

The District’s current school attorney’s contract expires this year. The Board will be appointing a law firm to represent the district at the Organizational Meeting of the Board in July. A discussion of law firm proposals will continue once they receive input from the administration.

“Fast Fact” flyers containing the information below will be posted in area businesses, throughout the building, at various events, etc. providing detailed information of the \$687,000 Bus Bond Proposition being presented to voters:

Total Proposition	\$687,000
State Aid	- 283,731
Local taxpayer share	\$403,269

Local “net” taxpayer cost spread over 5 years is \$80,654 per year

Benefits and Details

- Replace one bus involved in a fire (2012) \$114,000
- Replace one bus totaled in an accident (2014) \$87,000
- Buy four buses already in the fleet which are coming off of lease at a combined cost of \$106,800
- Purchase one wheelchair bus \$66,500
- Purchase two 20-passenger buses at a combined cost \$95,000
- Purchase two 72-passenger buses at a combined cost \$227,900
- Maintain a safe and reliable fleet of buses for student transportation

Various comments were made by the Board. It was stated that this year was the best budget process used by the District. The board appreciates that the district is looking at increasing the amount of budget information provided to them and the community and that it will be in an understandable format. The board likes the District’s focus on academics and that we are placing more information about our students on our website. The board would like to get students back that may have left the district in the past because we didn’t meet their needs and that possibly we could reach out to those parents who would be pleased with the improvements in our district. The Board asked if absentee ballots for the May 20th vote were provided to those attending Camp Chingachgook this year. District Clerk, Linda Casatelli, replied that everyone was informed of absentee ballots being available and many picked up ballots enabling them to vote.

The district continues to with architects regarding the use of the old bus garage for cold storage, etc.

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

Mr. Tim Hilker, School Business Administrator, gave a presentation of the Proposed Budget for the 2014-15 school year which is available on the District's website. Budget information is also included in the District Newsletter and School Report Card that is mailed to the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The board responded to a question asked by Andrew McPherson, community member, regarding the purchase of school buses.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Melodye Eldeen, Second by Dennis Schaperjahn to move into executive session at 7:40 PM to discuss Management-Confidential salary and benefits; student discipline and specific personnel matters.

All voted aye to approve the motion. 7-Yes 0-No

REGULAR SESSION

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, Second by Anita Crawford to move out of executive session and into regular session at 8:38 PM.

All voted aye to approve the motion. 7-Yes 0-No

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Laura Sakala, Second by Anita Crawford to adjourn at 8:38 PM.

All voted aye to approve the motion. 7-Yes 0-No

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Casatelli

Linda M. Casatelli, District Clerk