



Galway Central School District
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday, June 26, 2014

6:30 PM

High School Library

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM and conducted by Board of Education Vice-President Dennis Schaperjahn in the absence of the Board President, Thomas Rumsey.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dennis Schaperjahn, Vice-President, Jay Anderson, Anita Crawford, Melodye Eldeen, Laura Sakala, Joan Slagle

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Board President Thomas Rumsey

OTHERS PRESENT

Superintendent of Schools, Shannon C. Shine

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Jay Anderson, second by Dennis Schaperjahn to move into executive session for specific personnel matters at 5:30 PM.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 6 yes 0 no

REGULAR SESSION

Motion was made by Melodye Eldeen, second by Jay Anderson to move out of executive session and into regular session at 6:30 PM in the high school library.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 6 yes 0 no

OTHERS PRESENT FOR REGULAR SESSION

Shannon C. Shine, Superintendent of Schools; Tim Hilker, School Business Administrator; Michael Sherman, Operations, Maintenance and Transportation Department Supervisor; Michelle McDougall, Elementary School Principal; Lin Jackowski, Director of Pupil Services; School Attorneys Beth Bourassa and Robert Schofield; students, employees, parents and community members.

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Additional personnel appointments were added and the appointment of Dawn Ross as a summer school bus monitor was removed from the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Kris Darlington, Galway Physics/Science Teacher was named Master Teacher. In April of this year, responding to the call to strengthen our nation's K-12 STEM educational base, Governor Cuomo established a New York State Master Teacher Program in partnership with The State University of New York and Math for America. The program creates a state-wide network of the highest-performing STEM teachers who are dedicated to sharing their expertise with peers and attracting the brightest minds to a career in STEM and STEM education. 23 Capital District Area teachers were chosen for this honor, to participate in the four year Master Teacher Program and our own Mr. Kris Darlington, Galway Central School District's Chemistry/Physics Teacher, is one of them. Mr. Darlington was honored and presented with a token of appreciation selected by Mrs. Donovan, Associate Jr./Sr. High School Principal, who was not able to be present at the meeting. Mr. Shine, Superintendent of Schools, talked about what defines a Master Teacher (see below) and congratulated him on this very prestigious honor. Mr. Darlington accepted the award and thanked those that helped him to be the teacher that he is today.

Definition of a Master Teacher:

There are three areas of ability and commitment to growth that are essential to successful participation in the Master Teacher community: content knowledge, pedagogy, and a deep understanding of students. Master Teachers are strong classroom teachers with clear goals for further developing their breadth and depth in each of these areas:

1. Knowledge of content: Master Teachers have been exposed to and grappled with ideas that are central to their discipline at advanced levels. Like any STEM professionals, however, they view their knowledge as incomplete and are continuously developing and growing.
2. Knowledge of pedagogy: Master Teachers cultivate a deep understanding of professional knowledge within their profession and they strive to incorporate best practices into their repertoire. They continually evaluate, refine, and adapt their practice to better meet the needs of their students.
3. Knowledge of students: Master Teachers possess a deep knowledge of their students' communities, families, backgrounds, cultures, and values. Master Teachers see a student's family and community as resources and partners in their efforts to inspire students personally and academically.

Governor Cuomo quoted "We want the best possible teachers in every New York classroom educating our children. As part of the state's work to transform our education system and put students first, we are committed to investing in great teachers to educate our students and create a highly-trained workforce to drive our future economy. This program will reward those teachers who work harder to make the difference and whose students perform better as a result."

Gabrielle Urban and Renée Rossi, Galway High School students gave a presentation on the Junior State of America (JSA) organization. Founded in 1934, JSA is a not-for-profit organization for students with an interest in politics and democracy. They are recognized by over 500 high schools throughout the United States with more than 500,000 active and blatant members. Their most unique facet is that students organize everything from annual conventions to events that allow students to become more aware of modern day politics. All elected officials are voted in by fellow members through elections that closely mirror official elections. Although JSA is a national organization, its roots are based in local chapters which come together with other chapters to plan regional events. Students experience simulated debates, learn vital skills of problem solving, valuable leadership skills and lifelong tools to use in various professional settings. Students learn about current issues where they can freely express their opinions and political stance. The impact upon its members is an extremely important and meaningful one. Currently Galway's chapter has approximately 20 active members and in 2012 was awarded Chapter of the Year at their Spring State Convention in Connecticut.

PRESENTATIONS (Continued)

Galway JSA is one of the top 10 chapters in the nation. Numerous members from the Galway chapter have served on the Northeastern State Cabinet and have attended JSA summer school programs at the Universities of Princeton and Georgetown. JSA is an extremely fulfilling experience that contributes to the continuous success of the members. The position of Galway JSA has not been filled yet for the 2014-15 school year.

Student of the Month Awards were presented to students and congratulations were extended to each of them. The Education Foundation was thanked for sponsoring these awards.

Galway School Attorney Robert Schofield provided the District with preliminary guidance and information on the town's plan to build a new Galway Public Library on land recently acquired by them and the legalities involved as it pertains to the District. Discussion took place and several questions were asked regarding the collection of taxes, financial bonding of the funds, liabilities, etc. Plans are in a very preliminary stage at this point. Further discussion will take place as more information becomes known. The District intends to communicate with the town on a regular basis as the library would be a resource for our students and community members.

SPOTLIGHT ON ACADEMICS

A hiring process update was provided to the Board by each of the Building Principals regarding the teachers being appointed later in the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Jay Anderson, second by Anita Crawford to approve the following consent agenda with the appointment of Dawn Ross as a summer school bus monitor removed from the agenda and the additional appointments that were added to the revised agenda.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 6 yes 0 no

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Accept the May, 2014 Student Activity Accounts Treasurer's Report.

PERSONNEL

Approve the appointment of **Mallory O'Reilly as an Elementary Reading Teacher** effective September 1, 2014 for a three year probationary period effective September 1, 2014 – June 30, 2017 in the tenure area of Remedial Reading. She will be placed on Step M1 of the GTA salary schedule - \$45,065 per year.

Approve the appointment of **Keira Nevins as an Elementary Reading Teacher** effective September 1, 2014 for a three year probationary period effective September 1, 2014 – June 30, 2017 in the tenure area of Remedial Reading. She will be placed on Step M1 of the GTA salary schedule - \$45,065 per year.

Approve the appointment of **Kelly Lemay a Special Education Teacher** effective September 1, 2014 for a three year probationary period effective September 1, 2014 – June 30, 2017 in the tenure area of Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions-General Special Education tenure area. She will be placed on Step M1 of the GTA salary schedule - \$45,065 per year.

Approve the appointment of **Gina Bikowicz as a part-time (.5) K-6 Special Education Teacher** effective September 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 at Step M1 of the GTA salary schedule - \$45,065 @ .5 = \$22,532.50 per year.

Approve the appointment of **Bradley Gregg as a K-6 Elementary Music Teacher** effective September 1, 2014 for a two year probationary period effective September 1, 2014 – June 30, 2016 in the tenure area of Music. He will be placed on Step M1 of the GTA salary schedule - \$45,065 per year.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

Approve the appointment of **Kristin Mars as a Math 7-12 Teacher** effective September 1, 2014 for a three year probationary period effective September 1, 2014 – June 30, 2017 in the tenure area of Mathematics. She will be placed on Step M1 of the GTA salary schedule - \$45,065 per year.

Rescind the appointment of Bonnie Lawrence from her Cleaner position effective June 13, 2014.

Accept the resignation of Lynn Goodness from his Cleaner position effective June 26, 2014.

Accept the **resignation of Paulina O'Hara from her Bus Monitor position** effective June 30, 2014 in order to accept a Cleaner position in the District.

Appoint **Paulina O'Hara as a Cleaner** effective July 1, 2014 at a rate of \$11.11 per hour.

Appoint **Deborah Neahr and Karen Moffatt as 2014 Summer Art Fair Co-Advisors** at a rate of \$29 per hour for up to four hours to be shared between them.

Appoint **Daniel Mulroy as a Distance Learning Teacher** during the 2013-14 school year at a rate of \$1,200 for two (2) semesters.

Appoint **Charles Diamond as a Distance Learning Teacher** during the 2013-14 school year at a rate of \$1,200 for two (2) semesters.

Appoint the following to **Summer Curriculum Work** for two full days on August 13 and 14, 2014 at a rate of \$29 per hour:

Laura Moore Jennifer Martell Katie DiBlasi Edie Frisbie Jessica Dolan

Appoint the following to the **2014 Extended School Year (ESY) Summer School** program being held on July 7 through July 31, 2014 (Monday through Thursday) from 8:30-11:30 AM:
Special Ed Program

Scott Smith	Teacher	\$42/hour
Melody Baker	Teacher Aide	Regular Teacher Aide hourly rate of pay
BOCES	OT, PT, Speech	

Literacy Program

Laura Moore	Teacher	\$42/hour
Dave Nettleton	Teacher	\$42/hour
Gina Bikowicz	Teacher	\$42/hour
Mallory O'Reilly	Teacher	\$42/hour
Keira Nevins	Teacher	\$42/hour
Dawn Ross	Teacher Aide	
Carol Sniezyk	Nurse	Regular hourly rate of pay

Appoint the following **2014 Summer School Transportation Staff**:

<u>Drivers</u>	<u>Monitors</u>	<u>Substitute Drivers</u>
Cheryl Austro	Mary Bezio	David Gomula
Jennifer Bailey	Nadine DesPres	April Hall
Shirley Lang	Deborah Hanna	Michelangelo Romano
Kathy Nelli	Beverly Staulters	William Slovack
Robert Marshall	Deborah Ruddy	
Julie Thornton-Russell		
Albert VanDeusen		
Vickie Weaver		

End of Consent Agenda

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by Laura Sakala, second by Melodye Eldeen to approve **Private School Transportation Requests** for the 2014-15 School Year that were tabled from the last board meeting and explained by Mr. Michael Sherman, Transportation Supervisor.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 6 Yes 0 No

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, second by Jay Anderson to table the appointment of a School Attorney and the 2nd reading/adoption of **Public Use of School Facilities Policy #1500 and Public Use of School Facilities Regulation #1500R** until the next meeting due to a large crowd present that may want to address the board regarding another matter.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 6 Yes 0 No

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michelle Urban, community resident, commented that tabling the **Public Use of School Facilities Policy #1500 and Public Use of School Facilities Regulation #1500R** further delays the planning that is needed for various groups to use the facilities that are already behind. Approval of the policy and regulation has been going on for over a year and to please proceed forward as soon as they can.

A large crowd of community members, parents, students and others were present to address the Board of Education regarding allowing students that completed the required number of credits to graduate but could not pass the required regents exam to walk across the stage on Graduation Day with their classmates. New York State now requires that all students graduate with a Regents Diploma. There are no longer local diplomas. Galway School Board Policy #4770 states that students must also pass the required Regents Exams.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Jay Anderson, second by Anita Crawford to move into executive session at 7:46 PM to discuss matters pertaining to specific students, which are made confidential by law, and to obtain legal advice from counsel for the District. Also, to discuss a specific personnel matter.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 6 Yes 0 No

Dennis Schaperjahn, Board Vice-President asked that those present please stay to hear the outcome of executive session regarding graduation.

REGULAR SESSION

Motion was made by Jay Anderson, second by Anita Crawford to return to regular session at 8:37 PM.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 6 Yes 0 No

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, second by Laura Sakala to permit only those who met diploma requirements to participate in graduation.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 6 Yes 0 No

Dennis Schaperjahn, Board Vice-President, stated that there is nothing he can say except that we have a policy and we have to follow that policy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Jay Anderson, second by Melodye Eldeen to move into executive session at 8:40 PM for CSE/CPSE recommendations.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 6 Yes 0 No

CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion was made by Joan Slagle, seconded by Jay Anderson to approve CSE/CPSE recommendations for the following students: 2778, 2999, 6409, 6291, 3167, 6486, 5477, 5532, 6338, 6333, 3033, 3028, 3842, 6411, 6015, 5316, 3817, 6051, 6027, 3810, 6037, 3848, 6401, 5120, 6293, 6290, 3167, 4659, 5413, 3513, 5324, 5170, 4657, 6509, 3506, 5423, 5049, 2599, 3633, 5039, 5017, 3775, 3843, 3195, 5268, 5213, 4611, 5266, 6420, 6402, 6274, 6062, 5326, 3629, 6309, 6156, 6282, 6486, 5336, 3454, 3201, 3777, 5421, 3631, 4615, 3598, 6344, 5041, 3616, 5109, 5404, 3767, 5107, 5055, 3485, 6271, 6070, 5315, 6433, 2835
All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 6 Yes 0 No

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Jay Anderson, second by Melodye Eldeen to adjourn at 10:15 PM.
All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 6 Yes 0 No

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Casatelli

Linda. M. Casatelli, District Clerk