



# GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION MINUTES THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2015

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## CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Board President Dennis Schaperjahn, the meeting was called to order by Board Vice-President Melodye Eldeen at 5:38 PM in the Central Office Conference Room.

## BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Board Members Present: Melodye Eldeen, Laura Sakala, Thomas Rumsey, Anita Crawford, Jay Anderson, Joan Slagle

Note: Laura Sakala resigned from her seat on the Board of Education effective January 9, 2015 later in the meeting.

## BOARD MEMBER ABSENT

Absent: Dennis Schaperjahn (arrived at 5:43 PM during executive session).

## OTHERS PRESENT

Others Present: Shannon C. Shine, Superintendent of Schools

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, second by Jay Anderson to move into executive session for specific personnel matters at 5:39 PM.

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

Dennis Schaperjahn arrived during Executive Session at 5:43 PM.

Motion was made by Laura Sakala, second by Thomas Rumsey to move out of Executive Session and into Regular Session at 6:30 PM in the High School Library to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

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

## REGULAR SESSION - OTHERS PRESENT

Shannon C. Shine, Superintendent of Schools; Tim Hilker, School Business Administrator; Teachers; Members of the Public

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Was recited.

## ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Were noted.

## BUDGET PROCESS UPDATE

Mr. Hilker, School Business Administrator, reported that preliminary budget meetings and discussions have been taking place with various departments and administrators with more formal meetings planned for the upcoming weeks. Discussion took place regarding propositions that may appear on the ballot in May, all of which are preliminary at this time. More information will be presented at the February 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting as the budget process moves forward. Although the budget is in a very preliminary state, it appears that the District may be close to a zero tax levy increase this year.

**BOCES BOARD MEMBER ELECTION**

Motion was made by Melodye Eldeen, second by Jay Anderson to approve the following:

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District cast a ballot to elect Daniel Freebern, 1257 Valentine Pond Road, Adirondack, NY 12808 to a seat on the WSWHE BOCES Board of Education to fill the remainder of a seat expiring June 30, 2017.

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

**HEALTH & WELFARE SERVICES CONTRACT**

Motion was made by Jay Anderson, second by Joan Slagle to approve the following:

A Health and Welfare Services Contract with the Saratoga Springs City School District for nine students residing in the Galway Central School District that are attending schools in the Saratoga Springs City School District in the amount of \$4,334.76 (\$481.64 per student).

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCES/RESIGNATIONS**

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, second by Joan Slagle to approve an Unpaid Leave of Absence for Carrie Herron from her Math Teacher position effective January 19, 2015 until on or about February 1, 2016, whenever the semester change would be.

All voted no to approve the motion Motion did not pass. Leave of Absence was denied.

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, second by Laura Sakala to accept the resignation of Carrie Herron from her Math Teacher position effective January 19, 2015 with regret and appreciation added to the motion.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 7-Yes 0-No Resignation was accepted.

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, second by Laura Sakala to approve an Unpaid Leave of Absence for Jim Reynolds from his Science Teacher position effective January 19, 2015 until on or about February 1, 2016, whenever the semester change would be.

All voted no to approve the motion Motion did not pass. Leave of Absence was denied.

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, second by Laura Sakala to accept the resignation of Jim Reynolds from his Science Teacher position effective January 19, 2015 with regret and appreciation added to the motion.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 7-Yes 0-No Resignation was accepted.

When discussing the above leave of absence requests and resignations, the Board commented that both teachers have done a great job with the kids. They wished that the teachers were present at the Board meeting to say a few words so they could understand the purpose of the leave of absences before making a decision. Since they were not present, the Board stated that they had to go with what little information they have and look at what's best for our students. They said to leave in the middle of the school year, with no clear reason, is not good. It is very disruptive, especially at this time of transition, with so much happening. It will affect students over the course of two school years, so two classes of students will be disrupted. It is not fair to our students to leave at this time, in the middle of a school year. The transition will be tough for them and we are going to have to scramble. They stated that it is not often that you will see every board member agree on a motion as such, and all of our Board members were in favor of denying the leave requests and accepting the resignations of these teachers. They said that this is unusual and you usually don't see that, but our Board puts students first. They wished them the best in the future.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, second by Jay Anderson to approve the following Consent Agenda containing approval of Board meeting Minutes and Personnel Appointments.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 11, 2014

## PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

NAME	TITLE	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Laura Moore	Elementary Chaperone	\$25 per hour	2014-15 School Year
Eric Fana	Tutor	\$22 per hour	2014-15 School Year
Carol Remscheid Deborah Hutchinson Jennifer Suydam Katherine Huszar	After School ELA/Math and Homework Lab	\$42 per hour	2014-15 School Year

BOARD POLICIES

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, second by Jay Anderson to table the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Adoption of Board Policy #4526 Acceptable Use until the next Board meeting and to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Board Policy #4770 Graduation Requirements. Both will appear on the next Board Meeting agenda for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Adoption.

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

COOPERATIVE BID

Discussion of participation in a Cooperative Bid with Onondaga-Cortland-Madison (OCM) BOCES for the purchase of electricity took place of whether or not the District should commit to anything at this time. Mr. Hilker will provide Mr. Rumsey with literature he received for review and it will be brought back to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.

TRIPS

Motion was made by Joan Slagle, second by Thomas Rumsey to approve a Journalism Club trip to New York City for students involved in EMC<sup>3</sup>, Eagles Media Center, to attend an annual Columbia Scholastic Press Association Conference on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 through Friday, March 20, 2015 at zero cost to the district.

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

Motion was made by Jay Anderson, second by Thomas Rumsey to approve a trip to Syracuse, NY for three students to attend a Future Farmers of America Leadership Conference on Saturday, January 24 and Sunday, January 25, 2015 at zero cost to the district.

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

PARTICIPATION IN COOPERATIVE BIDS

Motion was made by Melodye Eldeen, second by Laura Sakala to approve the resolution below.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 6-Yes 0-No (Thomas Rumsey left at 7:30 PM and returned at 7:40 PM following the vote on this bid.)

WHEREAS, it would be in the joint interest of the Galway School District and New York/Long Island Cooperative Members listed below to participate in cooperative bids for the purchase of various supplies, services, materials and equipment, as advertised by and awarded by the Clarkstown Central School District acting as the Lead Agency, as provided by General Municipal Law Section 119-0 and,

WHEREAS, each BOARD retains the legal authority to contract with the successful vendor(s) and shall not be bound by purchase contracts or other agreements made by the other BOARD(S), therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the BOARD OF EDUCATION of the Galway Central School District hereby agrees to participate with the named school districts below in such cooperative bids and authorizes Tim Hilker, Business Administrator, to sign an agreement on behalf of the Galway Central School District.

<b>CATTARAUGUS CTY</b>	Great Neck	<b>ONTARIO COUNTY</b>	Schuylerville	South Country	Bronxville
Salamanca City	Herricks	Bloomfield	South Glens Falls	South Huntington	Byram Hills
<b>CAYUGA</b>	Hewlett/Woodmere	Canandaigua	<b>SCHOHARIE COUNTY</b>	West Babylon	Chappaqua
Auburn	Hicksville	<b>ORANGE COUNTY</b>	Cobleskill-Richmondville	<b>ULSTER COUNTY</b>	Dobbs Ferry
Port Byron	Island Park	Minnisink Valley	Middleburgh	New Paltz	Eastchester
Southern Cayuga	Island Trees	Newburgh	<b>SENECA COUNTY</b>	Saugerties	Edgemont
<b>COLUMBIA</b>	Jericho	Pine Bush	Seneca Falls	Wallkill	Harrison
New Lebanon	Lawrence	<b>PUTNAM COUNTY</b>	<b>SCHENECTADY CTY</b>	<b>WARREN COUNTY</b>	Hastings On Hudson
<b>DUTCHESS CTY</b>	Levittown	Brewster	Mohonasen	Bolton	Hendrick Hudson
Arlington	Locust Valley	Carmel	<b>SUFFOLK COUNTY</b>	Glen Falls	Irvington
Dover Plains	Long Beach City	Haldane	Amityville	Hadley-Luzerne	Katonah-Lewisboro
Poughkeepsie	Malverne	Mahopac	Babylon	Lake George	Mt. Pleasant
Pawling	Manhasset	<b>RENSSELAER CTY</b>	Bay Shore	Warrensburg	New Rochelle
Red Hook	Massapequa	Averill Park	Bayport Blue Point	<b>WASHINGTON CTY</b>	North Salem
<b>ESSEX COUNTY</b>	Merrick	Lansingburgh	Center Moriches	Argyle	Peekskill
Ticonderoga	Mineola	Troy	Central Islip	Ft. Edward	Pelham
<b>NASSAU COUNTY</b>	North Merrick	<b>ROCKLAND CTY</b>	East Hampton	Greenwich	Portchester
Bellmore	North Shore	Clarkstown	Elwood	Hartford	Pleasantville
Bellmore-Merrick	Oyster Bay/E. Norwich	Nanuet	Half Hollow Hills	<b>WAYNE COUNTY</b>	Rye City
Bethpage	Plainedge	North Rockland	Hampton Bays	Gananda	Rye Neck
East Meadow	Plainview	Nyack	Huntington	North Rose-Wolcott	Somers
East Williston	Port Washington	Pearl River	Lindenhurst	Palmyra-Macedon	Tarrytown
Elmont	Roslyn	Ramapo	Middle Country	<b>WESTCHESTER CTY</b>	Yorktown
Farmingdale	Seaford	South Orange town	Miller Place	Ardsley	
Franklin Square	Valley Stream S.D.	<b>SARATOGA CTY</b>	Mt. Sinai	Bedford Hills	
Freeport	Valley Stream H.S.D.	BH-BL	Patchogue-Medford	Blind Brook	
Garden City	Wantagh	Corinth	Port Jefferson	Boces So. W. Chester	
Glen Cove	Westbury	Saratoga Springs	Shoreham-Wading	Briarcliff Manor	

## OTHER

A brief review of the K-12 Math Action Plan and District RTI Reference guide took place. It will be brought up again at the next Board meeting for discussion and feedback with Administrators present.

The board opened the meeting to those present for public comment. A comment was made regarding the importance of early student intervention. The board was thanked for their efforts and for approving student trips earlier in the meeting. A question was brought up as to whether new policies are on our website. Mr. Shine explained that as new policies are approved, they are posted on our website and an INDEX is updated to reflect the approved policies.

## BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, second by Thomas Rumsey to accept the resignation of Laura Sakala from her seat on the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District effective January 9, 2015.

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

Laura Sakala's term of office was to expire in June, 2017. At the last Board meeting she stated that she took on a full-time job and felt that it is in the best interests of her and her family that she takes this route. She thanked everyone for their support and stated that she enjoyed serving on the Board and plans to remain active as a parent of a student in Galway. The board thanked her for her service, and did not want to see her go, but wished her the best.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, second by Dennis Schaperjahn to adjourn at 8:20 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

*Linda M. Casatelli*

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District Clerk