



GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MINUTES
Thursday, March 26, 2015
6:30 PM – High School Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Board President Dennis Schaperjahn called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM in the High School Conference Room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dennis Schaperjahn, Thomas Rumsey, Jay Anderson, Anita Crawford, Melodye Eldeen, Joan Slagle

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

OTHERS PRESENT

Shannon C. Shine, Superintendent of Schools; Tim Hilker, School Business Administrator; Michael Healey, Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Brita Donovan, Associate Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Michelle McDougall, Elementary School Principal; Linda Jackowski, Director of Pupil Services; Galway School employees, community members, parents, students.

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Were noted.

AWARDS

Lions Club Citizenship Awards were presented to four Galway students by their Building Principal. These awards are designed to recognize students who demonstrate good citizenship and are positive members of the school community. Each student was presented with a certificate and a \$50 check from the Lions Club. Congratulations were extended to each of them and the Lions were thanked for sponsoring these awards.

PRESENTATIONS

Student members of SADD and the Marine Biology Club gave presentations describing what their organization is all about. They talked about things they participate in and the various fundraisers they have that help fund many worthwhile causes. The Board thanked them for the information they provided and asked that they try to recruit more members next year.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

DISTRICT COMPONENT UPDATES

A 2015-16 Budget Development Update was provided by Tim Hilker, Business Administrator. The District is waiting for the release of the NYS Budget from the Governor's Office which is due by April 1st. It will provide much needed information to Galway and schools across the State. Further discussion of the 2015-16 school budget will take place at a Special Board Work Session on Tuesday, April 14th beginning at 6:00 PM in the high school library.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Shine will be providing an update to the Facility Committee and Board as soon as it becomes available.

The Policy Committee met on March 4th. They are continuing their review of District policies. Several policies appears later in the meeting for discussion and a 1st reading.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent spoke about various topics earlier in the meeting. Election information for the upcoming May 19, 2015 School Budget Vote was provided for informational purposes. (See attached)

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, second by Melody Eldeen to approve the following Consent Agenda.

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

CONSENT AGENDAFINANCIAL REPORTS

03/26/15	Approval of a Budget Transfer from A9060.800-00-0000 to A2250.490-09-0000 in the amount of \$170,500 to cover special education placement costs.
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MINUTES

03/12/15	Approval of Board of Education Meeting Minutes
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PERSONNEL

Accept the resignation of Sally Crawford from her Assistant Food Service Helper position effective March 20, 2015.
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Appoint Marcia Page to the After School ELA/Math and Homework Lab at a rate of \$42/hour for the 2014-15 school year.

Appoint Mary LeClaire as a Bus Monitor effective March 18, 2015 at a rate of \$8.75/hour.

<u>Rescind the resignation</u> of Charmaine Hutcheson from her Elementary Teacher position for retirement purposes effective <u>October 9, 2015</u> .

<u>Approve a paid medical Leave of Absence</u> for Charmaine Hutcheson from her Elementary Teacher position effective <u>January 14, 2015 – April 24, 2015</u> .
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<u>Accept the resignation</u> of Charmaine Hutcheson from her Elementary Teacher position for retirement purposes effective <u>April 27, 2015</u> with thanks and appreciation for her many years of service to the District.

The Board commented that Charmaine Hutcheson does a great job and goes above and beyond with everything she does. It was stated that she has accomplished some amazing things in the District and is also a wonderful person and a class act.

Appoint Ethel Rubley as a Long-Term Substitute Elementary Teacher for Charmaine Hutchinson effective January 14, 2015 – June 25, 2015 at Step M1 of the GTA Salary Schedule pro-rated, per Article 4.40 of the School Alliance of Substitutes in Education Agreement.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

The Board thanked the administrators, in particular Mr. Healey, for the presentations and information they recently provided. They commented that week's open forum resulted in positive feedback from the community and stressed the importance of communication.

SPOTLIGHT ON ACADEMICS

Mrs. McDougall gave a presentation on Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) K-6 and Mrs. Donovan presented a Curriculum Mapping Update (CCLS Alignment) to those present which were followed by discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey second by Jay Anderson to approve the following:

Adopt the 2015-16 Galway School Calendar.

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

A discussion of the following policy will take place at the next Board meeting:

Discussion Attendance

Policy 5100

A 1st reading of the following policies took place. They will be presented for a 2nd Reading/Adoption at the next meeting:

1 st Reading	Student Learning Standards & Instructional Guidelines	Policy 4000
1 st Reading	Curriculum Management	Policy 4200
1 st Reading	Display of the Flag	Policy 4311.1
1 st Reading	Aids Instruction	Policy 4315.1
1 st Reading	Programs for Students with Disabilities	Policy 4321
1 st Reading	Provision of Special Education Services	Policy 4321.1
1 st Reading	School-Wide Pre-Referral Approaches & Interventions	Policy 4321.2
1 st Reading	Independent Educational Evaluations	Policy 4321.4

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

Approve a health class trip to the Body Worlds PULSE Exhibition in New York City on Monday, May 4, 2015. They will leave the high school at 6:45 AM and return at approximately 6:00 PM.

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

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey second by Anita Crawford to approve the following:

Approve a Class of 2015 trip to Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum in New York City on Friday, May 8, 2015 and to Six Flags Great Adventure Park in New Jersey on Friday, May 29, 2015.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - none**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, second by Melodye Eldeen to move into executive session at 9:26 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 Melody Eldeen, second by Joan Slagle to approve CSE/CPSE recommendations for the following students: 5037, 3028, 6035, 5152, 3462, 4660, 3004, 3845, 5147, 5277, 3033, 2602, 3068, 3069, 3081, 5177, 3513, 6486, 5118, 5055, 5154, 5113, 5268, 6517, 5327, 6516, 5336, 5324, 3767, 5421, 6533, 3631, 3616, 6344, 3848, 5213, 3404, 3236, 4611, 3195, 3868, 5036, 3843, 3167, 5120, 5316, 3865, 5107, 3817, 3197, 3193, 3203, 3777, 3276

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Joan Slagle, second by Melody Eldeen to adjourn at 9:40 PM.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda M. Casatelli

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District Clerk

May 19, 2015 ELECTION INFORMATIONGALWAY SCHOOL ELECTION DAY

The annual Galway Central School District Election will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 between the hours of 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM in the Galway High School Gym, at which time polls will be opened to vote by electronic voting machine.

GALWAY SCHOOL VOTER REGISTRATION – MAY 1, 2015

Personal registration for Galway Central School District residents who are interested in registering to vote will be held on May 1, 2015 from 8 – 3:30 P.M. in the Office of the District Clerk located in the Jr./Sr. High School. Residents can also register by contacting their local Board of Elections office throughout the year.

GALWAY SCHOOL ABSENTEE BALLOTS AVAILABLE

Absentee ballots are available to registered voters of the Galway Central School District who will not be able to vote on Election Day. An absentee ballot application must be submitted before a ballot can be obtained. For further information or to obtain an application please go to the Galway School Website at www.galwaycsd.org, or contact District Clerk, Linda Casatelli, at 882-1033 Ext. 3224 or lcasatel@galwaycsd.org

VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

There are three vacancies on the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District. Two are four-year terms of office and the other is a two-year term.

The four-year terms are effective July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2019 and are currently held by Anita Crawford and Dennis Schaperjahn.

The two-year term is effective immediately following the Annual Election on May 19, 2015 until June 30, 2017. It is to complete a four-year term of office held by Lauralyn Sakala who resigned effective January 9, 2015 and whose seat remained vacant until the May 19, 2015 Annual Election resulting in a two-year vacancy.

All seats are “at large” which means that each nominee is eligible for every vacancy rather than only for a specific seat. The candidate with the lowest number of votes on Election Day will fill the two-year term followed by the four-year terms.

NOMINATING PETITIONS AVAILABLE FOR PROSPECTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

To qualify for membership on a school board, an individual:

1. Must be able to read and write.
2. Must be a qualified voter of the district, that is, a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years or older; and not a convicted felon or adjudged an incompetent. (Note: A convicted felon is barred from running for a seat on a school board if his or her maximum prison sentence has not expired or if he or she has not been pardoned or discharged from parole.)
3. Must be and have been a resident of the district for at least one year prior to the election, but need not be a taxpayer.
4. May not have been removed from any school district office within the preceding one year, or the preceding three years in the case of New York City community school board members removed for malfeasance or criminal conviction while serving as a member of a community school board.
5. May not reside with another member of the same school board as a member of the same family.
6. May not be a current employee of the school board.
7. May not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office.

If you are interested in running for a seat on the Board you will need to file a petition with the District Clerk, Linda Casatelli, no later than 5:00 P.M. on Monday, April 20, 2015. Nominating petitions are available in the Clerk's Office located in the Jr./Sr. High School or by calling that office at (518) 882-1033 Ext. 3224.

The petition must be signed by at least 25 eligible district voters and must carry the name and address of the candidate seeking a seat on the Board. Each eligible voter signing the petition must include his/her name and full address. Prospective candidates are urged to use the petition forms provided by the District and to obtain more than the minimum number of signatures required in the event that one or more signatures is challenged.

If you have any questions, regarding being a Board member please contact any current Board member or the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Shannon C. Shine at (518) 882-1033 or via email at sshine@galwaycsd.org.

Petitions must be returned to the office of the District Clerk, Linda Casatelli, no later than 5:00 P.M. on Monday, April 20, 2015.