



GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MINUTES
Thursday, April 23, 2015
6:30 PM – High School Conference Room

[CALL TO ORDER](#)

Board President Dennis Schaperjahn called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM in the High School Conference Room.

[BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT](#)

Dennis Schaperjahn, Jay Anderson, Anita Crawford, Melodye Eldeen

[BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT](#)

Thomas Rumsey, Joan Slagle

[EXECUTIVE SESSION](#)

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

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 4-Yes 0-No

[REGULAR SESSION](#)

Motion was made by Anita Crawford, second by Jay Anderson to move out of executive session and into regular session at 7:10 PM in the High School Library.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 4-Yes 0-No

[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; Galway School employees, community members, parents, students.

[ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA](#) - None

[AWARDS](#)

Motion was made by Anita Crawford, second by Jay Anderson to accept a 2015 Utica National School Safety Excellence Award in the amount of \$500 commemorating Galway Central School District's efforts in keeping students, staff and visitors safe. The money will be used to further the District's safety efforts.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 4-Yes 0-No

[PRESENTATIONS](#) - None

[PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS](#) - None

[DISTRICT COMPONENT UPDATES](#)

A final 2015-16 Budget Update presentation took place by Tim Hilker, Business Administrator. The budget is being presented to the Board for approval later in the meeting following several months of budget preparation. The NYS deadline for Boards of Educations across the State to adopt their budget by formal resolution is April 24, 2015. Following the budget presentation, Board President Dennis Schaperjahn opened up the meeting to those in attendance for comment and questions. Various items were brought up and discussed including the Sr. Stenographer position being abolished that appears on the Board meeting agenda for approval later in the meeting. A Public Budget Hearing will take place on May 7, 2015 at 6:30 PM in the High School Library. The community is encouraged to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

At this point in the meeting, Board President Dennis Schaperjahn asked that the following be acted upon earlier in the meeting than anticipated.

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

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby abolishes the Senior Stenographer position, effective June 30, 2015.

All voted NO to approve the motion. Motion denied. 4-No 0-Yes The position of Senior Stenographer was not abolished.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The District is waiting for information from CSArch who will be guiding the District through a potential Capital Project. It is anticipated that the Facilities Committee will report to the Board in June once more information becomes available.

Board policies, including the District's Attendance Policy, continue to be reviewed. Several policies are being submitted later in the meeting for a 2nd reading/adoption.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Melodye Eldeen, second by Jay Anderson to approve the Consent Agenda containing the April 2015 Budget Status Report.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 4-Yes 0-No

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

SPOTLIGHT ON ACADEMICS

Mr. Healey, Jr./Sr. High School Principal gave a Spanish class presentation. The District received several inquiries from parents regarding our Spanish program, with a particular focus on 8th grade accelerated Spanish. Discussion took place on the timing of granting credits, the schedule/plan for 2015-16 and the ability of student access to college level Spanish by their senior year. Information will be posted on the District's website and the district will respond to all questions received from parents. Spanish teachers were present at the meeting. Discussion took place and many questions from those in attendance were addressed by Mr. Healey. A parent asked to be allowed input when the next master schedule is being developed. Additional or student-specific inquiries or concerns can be addressed to Mr. Healey or Ms. Morck, High School Guidance Counselor.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by Melodye Eldeen, second by Jay Anderson to adopt the following policies after a 2nd reading:

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

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 4-Yes 0-No

Motion was made by Melodye Eldeen, second by Anita Crawford to approve the use of one unused emergency school closing day to extend the 2015 Memorial Day Holiday to include Friday, May 22, 2015.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 4-Yes 0-No

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

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District adopt the 2015-16 School Budget in the amount of \$19,551,380.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 4-Yes 0-No

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

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

RESOLVED, that at the Annual District Meeting and Election of the qualified voters of Galway Central School District, in the County of Saratoga, New York (the "District"), to be held on May 19, 2015, a Budget Proposition in substantially the form as hereinafter set forth shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said District. Said Budget Proposition shall appear in the Notice of Annual District Meeting and Election to be held May 19, 2015, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include such Budget Proposition in said Notice by inserting therein substantially the following paragraphs:

Proposition #1: Shall the proposed budget of expenditures for the Galway Central School District for the 2015-2016 school year in the amount of \$19,551,380 and for the purposes shown in the statement of estimated expenditures adopted by the Board of Education, be approved and the amount thereof be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, after first deducting monies available from State Aid and other sources as provided by law?

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District approve the purchase of four (4) new school buses, and the purchase of used buses to replace two (2) with leases terminating on June 30, 2015.

RESOLVED, that at the Annual District Meeting and Election of the qualified voters of Galway Central School District, in the County of Saratoga, New York (the "District"), to be held on May 19, 2015, a Bond Proposition in substantially the form as hereinafter set forth shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said District. Said Bond Proposition shall appear in the Notice of Annual District Meeting and Election to be held May 19, 2015, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include such Bond Proposition in said Notice by inserting therein substantially the following paragraphs:

Proposition #2: Shall the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District be authorized to: (1) acquire school buses at a maximum aggregate cost of not to exceed \$410,000; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District and/or enter into installment purchase agreements at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$410,000, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

RESOLVED, that at the Annual District Meeting and Election of the qualified voters of Galway Central School District, in the County of Saratoga, New York (the "District"), to be held on May 19, 2015, a Capital Reserve Proposition in substantially the form as hereinafter set forth shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said District. Said Capital Reserve Proposition shall appear in the Notice of Annual District Meeting and Election to be held May 19, 2015, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include such Capital Reserve Proposition in said Notice by inserting therein substantially the following paragraphs:

Proposition #3: Shall the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District be authorized to (1) create a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of financing the construction of, and general improvements, reconstruction, renovations or additions to, the District's buildings and grounds, including site work and the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings are to be used; (2) fund said reserve to the ultimate amount of \$1,750,000; (3) annually deposit into the Capital Reserve Fund such portion of the unallocated fund balance, retirement contribution reserve fund, and/or unemployment insurance reserve fund, as determined by the Board of Education? The probable duration of the Capital Reserve Fund is ten (10) years.

Adopt Real Property Tax Report Card

All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 4-Yes 0-No

Motion was made by Jay Anderson, second by Melodye Eldeen to approve the following Board Member candidate names to appear on the May 19, 2015 Election Ballot in the order shown below as determined by a random drawing held on April 21, 2015. Nominating petitions were due on April 20, 2015.

Dennis Schaperjahn
Anita Crawford
Linda Jackowski

(There are three vacancies on the Galway Central School District Board of Education. Two vacancies are for a four year term of office to be effective July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2019. These seats are currently held by Dennis Schaperjahn and Anita Crawford. The other vacancy is to fulfill the term of office vacated by Laura Sakala in January 2015, which will take effect immediately following the election on May 19, 2015, and remain in effect through the end of the original term on June 30, 2017. All board seats are at-large. Thus, the successful candidate with the lowest number of votes shall be seated for the shorter term.)

All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 4-Yes 0-No

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were made and the Board was thanked for all they do.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Melodye Eldeen, second by Jay Anderson to move into executive session at 9:15 PM for CSE/CPSE Recommendations.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 4-Yes 0-No

CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion was made by Melodye Eldeen, second by Jay Anderson to approve CSE/CPSE recommendations for the following students: 3473, 6583, 5027, 3485, 6023, 6127, 6611, 6612, 3159, 3183, 5573, 6015, 2599, 6012, 6037, 3054, 3064, 3072, 3012, 3201, 5043, 5063, 6015, 6138, 5001, 3874, 3454, 5409, 4657, 3357, 3587, 2222, 6184, 6542, 5283, 6433, 2659, 6290, 5569, 5311, 6008, 6282, 3506, 3630, 3780, 6333, 6338, 3326, 6033, 6032, 3368, 6023, 5573, 6001, 3819, 5152, 5277, 73106, 5399, 3180, 6499, 3158, 3179

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 4-Yes 0-No

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Jay Anderson, second by Melodye Eldeen to adjourn at 9:30 PM.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 4-Yes 0-No

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda M. Casatelli

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District Clerk