



# GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION MINUTES

Thursday, May 14, 2015  
6:30 PM – High School Library

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## CALL TO ORDER

Board of Education President Dennis Schaperjahn called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the High School Conference Room.

## BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

## BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, second by Anita Crawford to move into executive session at 6:00 PM for specific personnel matters.

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

## REGULAR SESSION

Motion was made by Anita Crawford, second by Thomas Rumsey 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

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## OTHERS PRESENT

Tim Hilker, Business Administrator, community members, employees, students, family and friends of those being honored later in the meeting.

## ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Were noted

## AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent Shine formally announced that Galway Central School District Science Teacher, Mr. Paul Levin, has been named a New York State Master Teacher. Responding to the call to strengthen our nation's K-12 Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) educational base, Governor Cuomo established the New York State Master Teacher Program in partnership with The State University of New York and Math for America. Master Teachers are appointed to a four year term of service. 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. Mr. Levin is one of those outstanding teachers.

So what defines 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 their knowledge of content, pedagogy and students.

### AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS (Continued)

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Congratulations were extended to him by everyone including Mr. Levin's family, friends and peers who attended the meeting to honor him. A gift was presented to him and a short reception followed.

Mr. Kris Darlington, Science Teacher, was named a Master Teacher last year. The Galway Central School District is very proud to have two Master Teachers in the District teaching our students.

Galway Lions Club Citizenship Awards were presented to Brad Hoffman, Justin Kozlowski and Doreen Riccio. These awards are designed to recognize Galway students who demonstrate good citizenship and are positive members of the school community. Some of the criteria used in selecting a student for this award are:

- Does the student exhibit care and consideration for those around them
- Is the student a good citizen in the school and community
- Is the student involved in activities in school and outside of school that are service-oriented in nature.
- Does he or she go out of their way to be helpful to others
- Is the student basically a good person

Each student was congratulated and presented with a Certificate and a \$50 check from the Lions Club in honor of a job well done. Parents of the students were also congratulated and the Lions were thanked for sponsoring these awards.

Mr. Healey provided a Spanish update and plans going forward. The Board stressed the importance of communication and asked that Mr. Healey ensure that all parents and those involved are informed and communicated with in the future.

The Board asked for some sort of Communications Audit to be undertaken by the District's Communication Specialist, Tara Sullivan, regarding how well (or poorly) we communicate and to help develop a "communication template" (a checklist or something similar) to help ensure we are on track with future communications regarding initiatives or changes. This will be available for the Board to review at the next meeting.

### APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Melodye Eldeen, second by Thomas Rumsey to approve the following portion of the Consent Agenda:

#### FINANCIAL REPORTS

April, 2015	Student Activity Accounts Treasurer's Report
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#### MINUTES

April 23, 30 and May 7, 2015	Board Meeting Minutes
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All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 6-Yes 0-No

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, second by Anita Crawford to approve the following portion of the Consent Agenda:

PERSONNEL

Accept the resignation of Barbara Trask from her Special Education Teacher position for retirement purposes effective June 30, 2015 with thanks and appreciation for her 40 years of dedicated service to the Galway Central School District.

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

The Board commented that Mrs. Trask is an outstanding teacher who has helped many students in the District. In challenging situations Mrs. Trask would always keep control of her classroom and handle difficult situations very well. She has done a great job at Galway and is a top notch teacher who will be missed. She was thanked for her dedicated years of service and wished well on her upcoming retirement. Mr. Anderson asked about a buyout incentive for Mrs. Trask. Mr. Shine stated that there was no buyout incentive for Mrs. Trask as he would have needed to know about her retirement ahead of time and has already talked to her about this.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by Melodye Eldeen, second by Jay Anderson to approve the appointment of the following Election Workers for the 2014-15 school year at a rate of \$10.00 per hour:

Ruth Gerardi	Chief Inspector
Chris DeCristofaro	Chief Inspector
Ardeth Deay	Election Inspector
Anna Szabo	Election Inspector
Doris Tretiak	Election Inspector
Christine DeLucia	Election Inspector
Mary Ann Denison	Election Inspector
Joy Pinnell	Election Inspector
Beth Nanartowich	Election Inspector
Phyllis Sleeper	Election Inspector
Janet VanRijsewijk	Election Inspector
Maureen Sauter	Election Inspector
Cathy Malakauskas	Election Inspector
Linda Pike	Election Inspector

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

OTHER

Various comments were made by those in attendance. Mr. Gary Barrow, Music Teacher, was congratulated on being named Saratoga County Teacher of the Year.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, second by Jay Anderson to adjourn at 7:55 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