



Galway Central School District
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION
MINUTES

Thursday, September 11, 2014
6:30 PM – High School Library

CALL TO ORDER

Board President Dennis Schaperjahn called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Thomas Rumsey, Laura Sakala

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Jay Anderson, second by Melodye Eldeen to move into executive session at 6:02 PM to discuss Superintendent contract negotiations.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 5-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.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 5-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; Community Members

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Were noted by Superintendent Shine.

UPDATE OF CHARLTON TAX BILLS

Mr. Hilker reported that some tax bills sent to Charlton residents were printed incorrectly due to an input error. The equalization rate was off by one digit causing home values to appear 10 times greater than they should be. There were no tax consequences. The error was corrected and a letter with a revised tax bill was sent to those affected. The District will take every precaution to prevent this occurring in the future.

LIBRARY BOND UPDTAE

A Library Bond update took place. Mr. Shine is going to arrange for a representative from our school attorney's office to attend a board meeting to provide further information to the Board and address the numerous questions they have.

APPROVAL OF 2014-15 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Following discussion of issues and on-going concerns, the Board approved the 2014-15 Professional Development Plan. They understand that progress will be made and that adjustments will occur as time goes by and things come up.

Motion was made by Melodye Eldeen, second by Jay Anderson to approve the 2014-15 Professional Development Plan.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 5-Yes 0-No

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Melodye Eldeen, second by Anita Crawford to approve the Consent Agenda.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 5-Yes 0-No

CONSENT AGENDA

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Budget Status Report - Fiscal Year End June 30, 2014

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

RESIGNATIONS/OTHER

NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Sara Korona	Reading Teacher Resignation	09/01/14
Elizabeth Orzel	Teacher Aide Resignation	08/27/14
Maureen Mierzwa-Latza	Rescind SADD Advisor Appointment	09/02/14

APPOINTMENTS

NAME	TITLE	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Anna Leslie Harmon	READING TEACHER STEP M2 3 YEAR PROBATIONARY PERIOD EFFECTIVE 09/02/14 – 09/01/17 TENURE AREA OF REMEDIAL READING CERTIFICATIONS: LITERACY (GR 5-12) INITIAL EFFECTIVE 3/26/14 – 1/31/19 LITERACY (BIRTH-GR 6) INITIAL EFFECTIVE 3/26/14 – 1/31/19	\$45,511 per year	09/02/14
Joseph Culbert	JV Wrestling Coach Level C1	\$4,500 per year	2014-15
Maureen Mierzwa-Latza	SADD Co-Advisor (\$997 Stipend Shared)	\$498.50 per year	09/02/14
Christine Bornt	SADD Co-Advisor (\$997 Stipend Shared)	\$498.50 per year	09/02/14
Jennifer Cernak	Teacher Aide (worked only one day)	\$8.67 per hour	9/4/14-9/5/14
Amy Roe	Teacher Aide	\$8.67 per hour	09/02/14
Kristyn Akin	Mentor for Kristin Mars (1 st year)	\$29 per hour	09/02/14
Gary Barrow	Mentor for Bradley Gregg (1 st year)	\$29 per hour	09/02/14
Kristin Darlington	Mentor for Micaela Ethier (1 st year)	\$29 per hour	09/02/14
Karen Decker	Mentor for Stephen Hall (2 nd year)	\$29 per hour	09/02/14
Jessica Dolan	Mentor for Mallory O'Reilly (1 st year)	\$29 per hour	09/02/14
Joanne Donnan	Mentor for Eric Fana (2 nd year)	\$29 per hour	09/02/14
Francine Hoffman	Mentor for Scott Smith (2 nd year)	\$29 per hour	09/02/14
Jennifer Martell	Mentor for Keira Nevins (1 st year)	\$29 per hour	09/02/14
Maureen Mierzwa-Latza	Mentor for Amy David (1 st year)	\$29 per hour	09/02/14
Kristin Ostrander	Mentor for Daniel Mulroy (2 nd year)	\$29 per hour	09/02/14
Janis Palsgraf	Mentor for Gina Bikowicz (1 st year)	\$29 per hour	09/02/14
Elaine Vandenburg	Mentor for Jackie Redick (1 st year)	\$29 per hour	09/02/14
Deborah Wilday	Mentor For Sean Kennedy (Portion 1 st /2 nd yr.)	\$29 per hour	09/02/14
Marjorie Mickan	Substitute Bus Driver	\$16.01 per hour	09/02/14

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Joan Slagle asked that the Board meetings be held in the LGI room instead of the High School Library. It was decided to not change locations at this time since Board meeting information for the school year, including where meetings are held, is already posted on our website, school calendar, etc. but will consider her request. She also asked that Board meetings not be held on the same evening of an Open House.

Anita Crawford is excited about Project Lead the Way in the elementary school and asked to be kept current with information regarding the project. She was pleased with opening day of school and liked seeing everyone in the halls ready to start school.

Melodye Eldeen stated that opening day of school went well and thanked everyone involved. She said that it is encouraging to see improvement in our math scores.

Jay Anderson requested that Mr. Shine publish the letter he recently wrote regarding ELA and Math 3-8 results and comparisons in the next district newsletter for the community to read. He asked for information regarding 1st and 2nd year teacher evaluations.

Dennis Schaperjahn asked when High School Open House invitations were sent because some people did not get them, some got them the day before, etc. The District will look into School Messenger or other means to make sure parents are informed well in advance next year, including placing Open House information on student schedules. He commented that opening day went well and that our new school attorney gave a great presentation to the faculty and staff. He thanked everyone for being in the halls ready for opening day of school.

The Board asked for mentor accountability information and teacher mentor handbooks. Co-Curricular presentations to the Board will take place during the school year. The Board would like to see summaries of department actions plans which will be provided at the October 16th Board meeting. A signup sheet that lists school events was given to the Board. They will email the events they want to attend to the District Clerk so the signup sheet can be updated and kept current. It will also be stored on the district's Google Drive. Updated copies will be given to the Board as the list is revised.

BOARD POLICIES

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, second by Jay Anderson to table the 1st Reading of Board of Education Policy Series 0000, 1000, 2000, and 3000 to the next meeting allowing additional time for review.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 5-Yes 0-No

ELA AND MATH 3-8 RESULTS AND COMPARISON

Mr. Shine reported that ELA and Math 3-8 Results and Comparisons were recently released. News accounts noted very slight statewide gains in mathematics and no movement (around a tenth of a percent) statewide in ELA. Our results represented a slight decrease in ELA performance and a significant increase in math performance, mirroring the projected scores as revealed by the STAR testing. Please see attachments for further details.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A community resident was pleased that our math scores are improving and that we are making progress. It was requested that gender gap information be part of the action plan if possible. Another resident talked about the proposed public library and the impact on taxpayers in Charlton who are already paying for three libraries which include Galway, Burnt-Hills Ballston Lake and Ballston Spa. It was suggested that the Board send a hand written note to people who are thanked by them at Board meetings because not everyone reads minutes to know about it. It was asked that Board meeting handouts be available to the public by providing paper copies or displaying them on a screen at meetings so they can follow along with what the board is discussing. The topic of having School Elections held at the Town Hall or other location instead of the high school auditorium lobby was brought up. Parking, space and ease of entering and exiting the building would be better for district voters. Some felt that we want to have voters come to our school, see the building and all that we are doing. This can be discussed and looked into further with the Board of Elections who determines voting sites.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Melodye Eldeen, second by Jay Anderson to adjourn at 8:12 PM.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 5-Yes 0-No

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda M. Casatelli

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District Clerk

ATTACHMENTS - ELA AND MATH 3-8 RESULTS AND COMPARISONS