



GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 20, 2014
(Replaces the November 13th meeting that was postponed.)
5:30 PM – High School Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Board President Dennis Schaperjahn called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM in the High School Conference Room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

President Dennis Schaperjahn, Anita Crawford, Laura Sakala, Joan Slagle (Vice-President Melodye Eldeen arrived at 5:45 PM)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Jay Anderson, Thomas Rumsey

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Anita Crawford, second by Joan Slagle to move into executive session at 5:32 PM for a specific personnel matter, CSE/CPSE recommendations and specific student data (live with real students).

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

Melodye Eldeen arrived at 5:45 PM.

The meeting moved to the Large Group Instruction Room in the Joseph Henry Elementary School at 6:05 PM. Joining the Board of Education were Michelle McDougall, Elementary School Principal; Michael Healey, Jr./Sr. High School Principal and Brita Donovan, Associate Jr./Sr. High School Principal.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of Education moved to the High School Library to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

Motion was made by Melodye Eldeen, second by Anita Crawford 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. 5-Yes 0-No

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; Galway Friends of Music representatives; Gary Barrow, Music Teacher; Galway School employees, community members, parents, students.

CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion was made by Joan Slagle, second by Melodye Eldeen to approve CSE/CPSE recommendations for the following students: 5569, 73106, 6502, 6504, 6533, 6525, 6516, 6455, 5027, 5404, 6001, 6581, 4657, 6344, 3473, 6212, 6290, 3587, 4611, 5416, 3203, 2835, 4660, 3780, 3490, 6571

All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion Passed 6 - Yes 0 - No

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Were noted by Superintendent Shine.

AWARDS

None

PRESENTATIONS

The Jazz Band and Chamber Singers performed a musical presentation. Mr. Barrow, Music Teacher, and spoke to the Board later in the meeting regarding music department scheduling concerns and the possibility of adding back a second instrumental music teacher position next year that was cut two years ago.

Trisha Smith from Galway Friends of Music (GFOM) gave a presentation that included a brief introduction of their three primary concerns:

1. The need for better communication between administration, guidance, teachers, students, and parents to avoid rushing at the end of summer or initial weeks of the school year.
2. Scheduling issues for music courses, especially students having to choose between band/chorus and another track (i.e. PLTW or Honors classes) or being unable to take them at all due to required classes (i.e. Jr. High Math/ ELA labs or Sr. High Health).
3. Their desire to replace a full time teacher lost by the music department when a teacher resigned. This will provide more opportunities for classes needed by High School music students, allow for a band teacher in the Elementary building (easier to work with Elementary schedule), and also allow students to once again start band/instruments in 4th grade.

Two parents shared their experiences this year with scheduling and communication issues. A brief conclusion took place with Trisha Smith sharing her personal experiences of her children as they struggled to stay in music classes and prepare for college. In closing, the Board was referred to a document prepared by Mr. Barrow, Music Teacher, and given to the Board proposing how an additional music teacher would benefit the District. Mr. Barrow stated that he is available at anytime to answer questions and discuss the matter further with the Board. Mr. Schaperjahn thanked everyone for coming and stated that discussions will be taking place on this matter as the Board begins developing next year's school budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

DISTRICT COMPONENT UPDATES

A discussion took place with Mr. Hilker regarding the process of closing out the last capital project and what to do with remaining funds. He was commended on doing an excellent job as there was a huge amount of work involved in closing this project that required a great deal of time and a high level of attention to detail.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

CSArch continues to work with the Facility Committee regarding a future Capital Project. Engineers recently completed a walk-through of the building. A building inspection will take place in Mid-December.

Mr. Shine reported that the review of District policies is on target and that we are waiting to receive the 2nd group of policies from the NYSSBA to review. Various policies are being submitted to the Board later in the meeting as discussion items and for 1st readings.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Extra-Curricular student presentations will take place at Board Meetings throughout the school year allowing the Board to hear from students and ask questions.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Melodye Eldeen, second by Joan Slagle to approve the Consent Agenda.
All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 5-Yes 0-No

CONSENT AGENDA

FINANCIAL REPORTS

7/1/14 - 09/30/14	Treasurer's Monthly Report
7/1/14 - 11/10/14	Budget Status Report

MINUTES

October 16, 2014	Board Meeting Minutes
November 12 , 2014	Board Meeting Minutes

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS / OTHER

NAME	TITLE	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Nicole Lucas	Rescind Teacher Aide Appointment	\$8.67/hour	11/21/14
Karin Bombard	Teacher Aide	\$8.67/hour	10/01/14
Bonnie Lawrence	Substitute Bus Monitor	\$8.50/hour	10/27/14
Katherine Keller	Substitute School Secretary	\$14 per hour or her regular teacher aide hourly rate of pay. The \$14 per hour rate of pay only applies when the Substitute School Secretary works 3 hours and 45 minutes per day (1/2 of a secretary's work day) or more.	10/6/14
Walter Talmadge	Substitute Cafeteria Worker	\$8.86 per hour	11/21/14
Paulina O'Hara	Cleaner (Increase to Substitute Cleaner rate of pay.)	\$11.11 to \$12.47 per hour	7/1/14
John Bardascini	Cleaner (Increase to Substitute Cleaner rate of pay.)	\$11.11 to \$12.47 per hour	7/1/14
Camilla Colangelo	School Secretary (Increase to Substitute School Secretary rate of pay + 1% per CSEA contract.)	\$13.36 to \$14.14 per hour	7/1/14
Christine Bornt	Dignity Act Coordinator	-	2014-15 School Year
Andrew Huszсар	Dignity Act Coordinator	-	2014-15 School Year
Terri Atwell	Fitness Center Supervisor	\$21 per hour	2014-15 School Year

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NAME	TITLE	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Kristin Akin Regina Culbert Jo-Anne Curtis Karen Decker Charles Diamond Micaela Ethier Anne Harmon Carrie Herron Christopher Kirvin Kristin Mars Lynn Prehn Jesse Radosti Jacqueline Redick	After School ELA/Math and Homework Lab	\$42 per hour	2014-15 School Year

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Joan Slagle provided an update of the NYSSBA Convention she recently attended. Melodye Eldeen thanked Mrs. McDougall for the valuable information provided to her. The Board thanked Mr. Barrow, Music Teacher, for his hard work. They stated that he does a remarkable job and is very much appreciated. Mr. Barrow is also a past Teacher of the Year at Galway. The board commented on various activities they attended.

SPOTLIGHT ON ACADEMICS

Principal updates were provided by Mr. Healey and Mrs. McDougall. A Mentoring Program update was provided by Mrs. Donovan.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by Melodye Eldeen, second by Laura Sakala to table the 1st reading of the following Policy to the next meeting:

Policy #4526 Acceptable Use

Motion was made by Laura Sakala, second by Melodye to have a 1st reading of the following Policy:

Policy #4741 Class Rank and Grade Weighting

Motion was made by Laura Sakala, second by Anita to have a 1st reading of the following Regulation:

Regulation #4741R Class Rank and Grade Weighting

Motion was made by Melodye Eldeen, second by Laura Sakala to have a 1st reading of the following Policy:

Policy #4742 Valedictorian & Salutatorian Recognition

Preliminary discussions took place on the following policies. Further discussion will take place at the next Board meeting.

Policy #4700 Graduation Requirements

Policy #5100 Attendance

A class size discussion took place per the request of Laura Sakala. Mrs. Sakala stated that elementary classes are substantially larger now than they were and that we need to look at increasing high school class sizes. She said it is not feasible to have, for example, 12 kids in an English class. Mr. Shine and Mr. Healey responded by stating that class sizes are looked at every year. There is more involved when looking at class sizes in the high school than in the elementary school. Not only the size of a class is looked at, but also how the District can make more electives and advanced/honors classes available to students so they can take these classes. Scheduling efficiencies are closely looked at as we want the best opportunities available for our students at Galway.

Motion was made by Melodye Eldeen, second by Laura Sakala to accept the donation of a Yamaha Xeno Trumpet, Serial #001231, with accessories from Donald Boucher, 3 Katherine Drive, Burnt Hills, NY 12027 to be used in the Music Department with sincere thanks and appreciation.

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

Motion was made by Laura Sakala, second by Melodye Eldeen approve to approve a Private School Transportation Request for one student from Donnan Road in Galway, NY to Waldorf High School in Saratoga Springs, NY effective approximately January 5, 2015 until the end of the 2014-15 school year at no additional cost to the district.

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

Motion was made by Melodye Eldeen, second by Laura Sakala to award a Transportation Bid to Durrin, Inc., 124A Ingersoll Road, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 to transport one student from Middle Grove to Langan School in Albany in the amount of \$146.00 per day; \$2.00 per mile for additional miles over and beyond the original contract for any additional students added to the run. Bids were openly read in public on Thursday, October 23, 2014. There were no other bids received.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. McDonald, English Teacher, invited the Board to a GTA sponsored book discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Melodye Eldeen, second by Laura Sakala to adjourn at 9:40 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