



GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MINUTES

Thursday, December 11, 2014
6:00 PM – High School Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Board Vice-President Melodye Eldeen called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the High School Conference Room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Anita Crawford, Melodye Eldeen, Thomas Rumsey, Laura Sakala (Board President Dennis Schaperjahn arrived at 6:10 PM during the Executive Session portion of the meeting.)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Jay Anderson, Joan Slagle

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, second by Anita Crawford to move into executive session at 6:04 PM for a specific personnel matter.

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

REGULAR SESSION

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, second by Melodye Eldeen to move out of executive session and into regular session in the High School Library 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; 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; Lions Club Representatives; Galway School employees, community members, parents, students.

RESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBER

Laura Sakala, Board of Education Member, announced that she is resigning from her seat on the Board of Education effective December 12, 2014 which was tabled until the next meeting (see notes below). She stated that she took on a full-time job and felt that it is in the best interests of her and her family that she takes this route. She commented that she enjoyed working on the Board and thanked everyone for their support. Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, Second by Anita Crawford to accept her resignation. Board President Dennis Schaperjahn asked if she would be willing to remain on the Board for another month and she agreed. The motion to accept her resignation was tabled to the next meeting

All voted aye to table the motion to the next meeting. Motion passed. 5-Yes 0-No

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Were noted.

AWARDS

Lions Club Citizenship Awards were presented to Rowan Smith, Emily South and Kathleen Milton who arrived later in the meeting. Congratulations were extended to each of them.

PRESENTATIONS

Student Senate officers gave a presentation to the Board describing what Student Senate is all about and the activities they participate in. A question and answer period followed. Board Member Thomas Rumsey asked that students inform the board of any requests they may have so they can be considered when planning for next year's school budget.

Amy Derwin, Library Media Specialist, gave a presentation to the Board on a MakerSpace in the High School Library. MakerSpaces are creative do-it-yourself spaces where students can gather to create, invent, and learn. It is in-part being funded through Brita Donovan's DASA training money.

Linda Jackowski, Director of Pupil Services, presented the 2013-14 Annual Report and District Plan for Special Education to the Board which included various statistical data from the CSE and CPSE committee. Questions and answers followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - NoneDISTRICT COMPONENT UPDATES

Mr. Healey provided information to the Board regarding P-TECH (Pathways in Technology Early College High School) and what it entails for Galway students. P-TECH is a new type of school that brings together the best elements of high school, college and the professional world. It enables students to begin their college and professional lives more quickly and with more support than the typical school-to-work pathway. Graduates of P-TECH have the opportunity to earn an associate degree and leave the school with the skills and knowledge they need in order to continue their studies or step seamlessly into competitive jobs in the Information Technology (IT) industry.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

CSArch continues to work on a building condition survey as pre-planning is taking place for a future Capital Project. The Policy Committee will be meeting to go back over the Attendance Policy and begin the review the 2nd group of policies from the NYSSBA.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent spoke about various topics earlier in the meeting.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

CONSENT AGENDAFINANCIAL REPORTS

10/1/14 – 10/31/14	Treasurer's Monthly Report
December 8, 2014	Budget Status Report
10/1/14 - 11/30/14	Student Activity Accounts Treasurer's Report

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PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS / RESIGNATIONS / OTHER

NAME		TITLE	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Brian Collins		Tutor	\$22 per hour	2014-15 School Year
Amy Roe		Fitness Center Supervisor	\$21 per hour	2014-15 School Year
Jeanine Flinton		Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator	\$405 per year	2014-15 School Year
Lorraine Diamond		JSA Volunteer Chaperone	-	2014-15 School Year
Laurel Dunn	Meredith Lapati	Odyssey of the Mind Volunteer Coach	-	2014-15 School Year
Nichole Evans	Shawn McElhinney			
Christine Gauss	Ethel Rubley			
Ray Hampson	Amy Wnuk			

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

NAME		TITLE	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Mary Baker	Francine Hoffman	After School ELA/Math and Homework Lab	\$42 per hour	2014-15 School Year
Beth Brewster	Bradley Johnson			
Stephanie Cash	Jennifer Martell			
Mariann Gribben	Lucinda Ormiston Kristin Ostrander			

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Discussion took place regarding Student Activity Accounts. The Board asked that Advisors of inactive accounts report to the Board with specific information on the funds in these accounts. These accounts have remained inactive and Auditors have cited the District on numerous occasions for not closing inactive accounts. They also asked what the role of the teacher advisor is and if any activities are taking place with these accounts, in particular, fundraisers and the need for them.

The Board asked about the status of the Grades K12 Math Action Plan indicating steps being taken to improve math scores. Discussion took place regarding clarification of the information they would like to see. Mr. Shine has a draft that will be provided to them.

SPOTLIGHT ON ACADEMICS

Principal updates were provided electronically by Mr. Healey and Mrs. McDougall which now include links, video clips, audio clips, and links to resources.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, second by Melodye Eldeen to approve the following:

Policy	4526	Acceptable Use	Add language and bring back to Board for a 2 nd Reading/Adoption
Policy	4741	Class Rank & Grade Weighting	2 nd Reading/Adoption took place
Regulation	4741R	Class Rank & Grade Weighting (Regulation)	2 nd Reading/Adoption took place
Policy	4742	Valedictorian & Salutatorian Recognition	2 nd Reading/Adoption took place
Policy	4770	Graduation Requirements	Remove Item #1 and bring back to Board for a 1 st Reading

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

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, second by Laura Sakala to approve the following:

Approve a Transportation Contract in the amount of \$462.15 between the Galway Central School District and the WSWHE BOCES effective September 29, 2014 – May 29, 2015 and authorize the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education President to sign on behalf of the District.

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

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, second by Laura Sakala to approve the following:

Approve a Junior State of America (JSA) trip to Washington, DC to attend the annual Winter Congress on Friday, February 6, 2015 – Sunday, February 8, 2015 at zero cost to the District.

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

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, second by Laura Sakala to accept the following donations from the Galway Community Education Foundation with thanks and appreciation:

\$2,910 for a grant request from Jeanine Flinton for Project Lead the Way

\$ 200 for a grant request from the Elementary Building Team for the School Store

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Laura Sakala, second by Thomas Rumsey to move into executive session at 9:05 PM for CSE/CPSE Recommendations.

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

CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion was made by Laura Sakala, second by Melodye Eldeen to approve CSE/CPSE recommendations for the following students: 6562, 2222, 5041, 5423, 3810, 6062, 3514, 3808, 3473, 3452, 5041

All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion Passed 5 - Yes 0 - No

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Melodye Eldeen, second by Thomas Rumsey to adjourn at 9:15 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