



GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
PUBLIC HEARING - SMART SCHOOLS BOND ACT

**MINUTES**

Thursday, January 21, 2016

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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jay Anderson, Anita Crawford, Melodye Eldeen, Linda Jackowski, Thomas Rumsey, Dennis Schaperjahn

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT** - Joan Slagle

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made Dennis Schaperjahn, second by Jay Anderson to go into executive session at 6:00 PM to discuss GTA contract negotiations and specific personnel matters.

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

**REGULAR SESSION**

Motion was made by Jay Anderson, second by Dennis Schaperjahn 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. 6-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, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessments; Michelle McDougall, Elementary School Principal; Jennifer Hall, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Lucas LaBarre, Dean of Students/Athletic Director; community members; Galway School students and employees.

**ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA** – were noted

**PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing took place for the purpose of outlining the proposed budget for educational technology and infrastructure spending of funds allotted to the District as part of the NYS Smart Schools Bond Act. Presentations have taken place at recent Board meetings with information being made available on the District's website. The investment plan was approved later in the meeting during the New Business section of the meeting.

### AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of the NYSSBA Board of Excellence Award will take place at the next meeting.

Mr. LaBarre, Dean of Students/Athletic Director, presented a Hiring/Evaluation of Coaches Procedure update. All coaches, including volunteers and those paid, must complete New York State's established standards for all coaches, volunteers, etc. before they can coach. He stated that this can be costly for a beginning coach and hopes that some sort of assistance can be provided in the future to help offset these costs. Discussion of Galway's practices took place. A draft Interview Rubric and Evaluation Form was reviewed with input sought from the Board and those involved. The District believes that a quality coaching staff is an essential part of a quality Athletics program and that standard recruiting and hiring practices help ensure that quality candidates are secured as coaches in the District.

### PUBLIC COMMENT - None

### DISTRICT COMPONENT UPDATES - None

### BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities Committee – Input from the three Capital Improvement Project community forums was shared with the Facilities Committee and the district's architect and design firm, CSArch. The committee has been meeting every two weeks to discuss infrastructure and safety items that need attention. The goal is to take care of what we have so that regular maintenance items don't become costly problems down the road. There have been multiple meetings with CSArch and Turner Construction, the District's construction management firm. At the January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, CSArch presented a "wish list" of infrastructure and safety items along with rough cost estimates for the work. The Facilities Committee went through the proposal line-by-line to discuss the merits of each item as compared to its cost, asked questions, and began the process of determining which items to keep and which ones to leave off. The majority of items on the list attend to infrastructure needs of the facility, such as plumbing, flooring, roofing, air handling units, and fixtures. A smaller portion relates to athletics and the arts, while another segment addresses the safety of the bus loop on the Elementary side of the building. Some items that were suggested at the community forums have been incorporated into the list, such as chemical storage in the science wing, replacement of the vacuum system in the wood shop, and irrigation of the athletic fields. Information on the financial impact of the project will be presented at the next board meeting.

Policy Committee – The committee continues to work on the review of all District Board of Education Policies. Input from the Shared Decision Making Teams on Board Policy #4810-Teaching About Controversial Issues will be reviewed by the Policy Committee. A discussion and 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the policy will take place at the February 11<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Various items were discussed throughout the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion Jay Anderson, Second Dennis Schaperjahn to accept the Consent Agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA			
FINANCIAL REPORTS / BOARD MEETING MINUTES			
December, 2015	Treasurer’s Report - Student Activity Accounts		
January 7, 2016	Board Meeting Minutes		
RESIGNATION(S) / OTHER			
NAME	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATE	
Tim Hilker	Resignation from School Business Administrator position with thanks and appreciation.	03-31-16	
Shirley Lang	Terminate employment from Bus Driver position.	01-11-16	
Donna Hoffman	Terminate employment from Assistant Food Service Helper position.	12-22-15	
APPOINTMENTS			
NAME	DESCRIPTION	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Russell Brush	Bus Driver	\$16.01	01/20/16
Judith Kenyon	Bus Driver	\$16.01	02/24/16

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

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Jay Anderson recently attended a PTSA meeting. He said it was a benefit for the students and parents to be there and encouraged people to attend their meetings.

The Board thanked Tim Hilker, School Business Administrator, for the great job he has done for Galway. Mr. Hiker accepted employment in the Saratoga Springs School District and will be leaving at the end of March. The Board stated that Mr. Hilker has been instrumental in getting Galway on track financially and will leave behind a huge gap to fill. Congratulations and best wishes were extended to him.

## SPOTLIGHT ON ACADEMICS

Brita Donovan reported on the Academic Stakeholder Advisory Council that consists of parents, teachers, administrators and two Board members. The mission of the Council is to improve educational opportunities and to strengthen the relationship between the school and community as informed advisors to the Board of Education. 2012 Academic Stakeholder Council recommendations from each of the Building Levels and District-wide were reviewed and made available to the Board. A selection of topics to consider for 2017 were discussed with further information made available following their next meeting in March.

## NEW BUSINESS

Motion Anita Crawford, Second Dennis Schaperjahn to:

Approve the Galway Central School District's Smart Schools Bond Act Investment Plan outlining the proposed budget for educational technology and infrastructure spending of funds allotted to the District as part of the New York State Smart Schools Bond Act.

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

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Thomas Rumsey to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District hereby approves the agreements with SolarCity as presented in connection with the District's K-Solar Program solar energy project, and hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute all required project contracts, subject to review and approval by District legal counsel.

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

## PUBLIC COMMENT

An update of sports activities was provided by Neal Evans. Everyone was encouraged to attend sporting events to show support of our students.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Jay Anderson to move into executive session at 7:30 PM for CSE/CPSE recommendations.

All voted aye to approve the motion. 6 – YES 0 – NO Motion Passed

## REGULAR SESSION

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, seconded by Dennis Schaperjahn to move out of executive session and return to regular session at 7:50 PM.

All voted aye to approve the motion. 6 – YES 0 – NO Motion Passed

CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Jay Anderson to approve CSE/CPSE recommendations for the following students: 6685, 5153, 3796, 6749, 5118 and 6750.

All voted aye to approve the motion. 6 – YES 0 – NO Motion Passed

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second 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