



GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSESSION
MINUTES

Thursday, February 11, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Board President Melodye Eldeen called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM in the High School Conference Room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jay Anderson, Melodye Eldeen, Linda Jackowski, Thomas Rumsey, Dennis Schaperjahn, Joan Slagle

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT - Anita Crawford

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made Linda Jackowski, second by Thomas Rumsey to go into executive session at 5:00 PM for a specific personnel matter and to discuss GTA contract negotiations.

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

REGULAR SESSION

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, second by Linda Jackowski 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; Galway School Employees; Representatives from CS Arch and Turner Construction.

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA – were noted

AWARDS

Joan Slagle, Board Member, was presented with a NYS School Boards Association (NYSSBA) Board of Excellence Award. This award acknowledges the time and effort of school board members who strive to expand their knowledge and skills by attending the NYSSBA Annual Convention, regional workshops, etc. Congratulations were extended to her.

PRESENTATION

A preliminary Budget Forecast that factored in a potential capital improvement project was provided by Tim Hilker, School Business Administrator. Highlights included a review of the following: Budget Process Objectives, History of the Property Tax Levy, Property Tax Levy Limit, Property Tax Freeze Rebate, State Aid Proposal, Total Impact of GEA, Expenditure Budget, Bus Proposition, Capital Project & Solar PPA, Capital Project Update and Upcoming Budget Development Dates. Further information is forthcoming as the budget process moves forward. Information is also available on the District’s website.

A potential Capital Improvement Project Update was provided by CS Arch and Turner Construction. Discussion of the following categories took place: Health, Safety and Accessibility; Infrastructure; Energy Saving Measures; Community and Stakeholder Input. A proposed budget and timeframe of the improvement project was presented. It included detailed preliminary costs, funding sources and a project schedule of completion dates for various phases of the project. Discussion of the importance of communicating the project to district residents took place. The Board wants to ensure that all District residents are thoroughly informed. Residents are encouraged to attend upcoming Board meetings to learn details, provide input and ask questions.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA	
FINANCIAL REPORTS / BOARD MEETING MINUTES	
September, 2015	District Treasurer’s Report
February 4, 2016	Budget Status Report
January 21, 2016	Board Meeting Minutes

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

RESIGNATIONS/OTHER		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Amanda Thomas-Riley	Resignation from Bus Driver position.	03/03/16
Christine Swart	Resignation from Teacher Aide position.	02/12/16
Nicole Funk	Extend Substitute Teacher appointment from January 4, 2016 to June 30, 2016.	01/05/16
Marcella Carbone	Extend Substitute Teacher appointment from January 4, 2016 to June 30, 2016.	01/05/16

SPRING COACH APPOINTMENTS			
NAME	TITLE	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Mark Kalinkewicz	Varsity Baseball	Level D \$5,580/year	03-07-16
Sean Kennedy	Junior Varsity Baseball	Level A5 \$1,980/year	03-07-16
Michael Smith	Modified Boys Baseball	Level A1 \$1,350/year	03-14-16
Paula Canell	Varsity Softball	Level D \$5,580/year	03-07-16
Stuart Wilday	Modified Softball	Level D \$4,050/year	03-21-16
William Brooks	Varsity Track	Level C1 \$4,680/year	03-07-16
Geoffrey Maliszewski	Varsity Track	Level D \$5,580/year	03-07-16
Ruthann Daino	Modified Track	Level C5 \$3,150/year	03/14/16

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

OTHER APPOINTMENTS			
NAME	TITLE	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
William Smith	Substitute Cleaner Substitute Bus Monitor	\$12.47/hour \$ 9.00/hour	02-04-16 02-04-16
Kenneth Stewart	Sub. Cafeteria Worker	\$ 9.00/hour	02-12-16
Amanda Colonel	After School ELA/Math and Homework Lab	\$42.00/hour	01-20-16
Bradley Johnson Mariann Gribben Carol Remscheid	Elementary Chaperone (Camp Chingachgook)	\$81.00/night	05-24-16
Trisha Smith Nadine DesPres Deborah Todd Abigail McAvery Amy David	Tutor	\$22.00/hour	2015-16 School Year
Amanda Grimm	Cook	\$10.00/hour	02-12-16
Joseph Gatchell	Assistant Food Service Helper	\$9.04/hour	02-12-16
Kristi Schneider	Substitute Cafe. Worker Substitute Teacher Aide	\$9.00/hour \$9.00/hour	02-12-16 02-12-16

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

NEW BUSINESS

A 1st reading of Policy #4810-Teaching About Controversial Issues took place.

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Linda Jackowski to:

Authorize a budget transfer of \$55,712 from budget code A2250.490-09-0000 to A2630.490-09-0000 to cover the purchase of Project Lead the Way computers previously discussed and approved by the Board of Education.

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

Motion Thomas Rumsey, Second Jay Anderson to:

Approve a Health and Welfare Services Contract with the South Colonie Central School District for 1 student residing in the Galway School District that attends a nonpublic school in the South Colonie School District in the amount of \$654.78.

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

Motion Jay Anderson, Second Thomas Rumsey to:

Approve a Marine Biology Club trip to Connecticut on Saturday, April 16, 2016 to visit Mystic Seaport and Aquarium to learn about marine organisms, promoting awareness of marine habitats and studying what can be done to preserve those habitats.

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

Motion Thomas Rumsey, Second Jay Anderson to:

Approve a Retirement Incentive Memorandum of Agreement between the Galway Central School District and the Galway Unit of the CSEA and hereby authorize the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education President to sign the Agreement on behalf of the District.

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

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Linda Jackowski to:

Approve a Substitute Teacher Memorandum of Agreement between the Galway Central School District, the Galway Unit of the School Alliance of Substitutes in Education and Ethel Rubley and hereby authorize the Superintendent of Schools and/or Board of Education President to sign the Agreement on behalf of the District.

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

Motion Jay Anderson, Second Dennis Schaperjahn to:

Accept a \$1,000 donation from Walmart for Miles for Education to be used in the elementary school

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

Motion Linda Jackowski, Second Dennis Schaperjahn to:

Approve a Robotics Team trip to Syracuse, NY on Sunday, March 6, 2016 to attend the Northern New York State VEX Robotics Competition and authorize the District to provide bus transportation. This trip validates the students' hard work and provides an invaluable experience for the entire group as it promotes their collaboration, critical thinking, and STEM skills.

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

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

The Board talked about various options to get information to the community so they are informed of the upcoming capital improvement project. The facilities committee is going to work on a communication plan and report back to the board with this information.

The facilities committee toured the elementary school to look at various areas of the building that were discussed at their recent committee meeting. Board members Joan Slagle and Dennis Schaperjahn participated in the tour. While touring the building, they stopped by Carol Remscheid's elementary school classroom. Joan Slagle said that she was very impressed with Mrs. Remscheid's curriculum work and ability to find innovative ways to teach and challenge her students. Her classroom was attractive and filled with enthusiastic students. Mrs. Slagle wants everyone to recognize that we have some terrific people working here at Galway School. The Board of Education agreed. Mrs. Remscheid was congratulated on a job well done.

Mr. Shine noted that there are two vacancies on the Board of Education when voters go to the polls in May, 2016. (See attached for details.)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Jay Anderson to adjourn at 8:20 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

Attachment- [Two Vacancies on the Board of Education – Nominating Petitions Available](#)

Two Vacancies on the Board of Education – Nominating Petitions Available

Galway Central School has two vacancies on their Board of Education. Each are four year terms of office that begin on July 1, 2016 and end on June 30, 2020. These seats are currently held by Melodye Eldeen and Thomas Rumsey whose terms expire on June 30, 2016. At the end of a term, a Board member wishing to continue public service must be re-elected to another term. New York State Law does not limit the number of terms a member may serve.

The Galway Central School District Board of Education is composed of seven unsalaried citizens. Board of Education work sessions are generally held on the second Thursday of the month. Board meetings are usually on the fourth Thursday of each month. There are also special meetings called from time to time. The schedule of meetings is established prior to the beginning of each school year and is available on the District's website and calendar.

The Board of Education is an agency of the State of New York and is charged with governing the School District, not with day-to-day administration. Within the powers delegated by law, the Board is the policy-making, or legislative branch of the School District. The Superintendent of Schools is the executive officer charged with responsibility for administering the schools within Board policy.

The Board of Education is responsible for the general supervision of the schools. Although its members may not act individually, collectively they are responsible for all things done in the District. The Board exercises this responsibility by proper organization, delegation, and direction through policies adopted.

A meeting of the Board of Education must be conducted in a specified manner because laws and regulations require legal actions and the following of formal procedures. Meetings are for the transaction of the business of the school district. Board members, as elected officials, exercise their legislative authority. All formal actions of the Board must be conducted at a work session or meeting of the Board of Education. A vote of the majority of the Board is needed to pass resolutions.

Individuals seeking election to the Board of Education at the May 17, 2016 annual school election must submit a petition to the District Clerk, Linda Casatelli, with a minimum of 25 signatures from district residents. Completed petitions must be submitted to the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM on Monday, April 18, 2016. To obtain a petition, or to ask questions, please contact the District Clerk, Linda Casatelli, at (518) 882-1033 Ext. 3224.

To qualify for membership on a school board, an individual:

- Must be able to read and write
- Must be a qualified voter of the district, that is, a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years or older; and not a convicted felon or adjudged an incompetent; (Note: a convicted felon is barred from running for a seat on the Board of Education if his/her maximum prison sentence has not expired or if he/she has not been pardoned or discharged from parole).
- Must be and have been a resident of the district for at least one year, but need not be a taxpayer
- May not have been removed from any school district office within the preceding one year, or the preceding three years in the case of New York City community school board members removed for malfeasance or criminal conviction while serving as a member of a community school board
- May not reside with another member of the same school board as a member of the same family
- May not be a current employee of the school board
- May not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office