



GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
**MINUTES**

Thursday, February 25, 2016

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### CALL TO ORDER

Jay Anderson, Board of Education Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 5:50 PM in the High School Conference Room in the absence of Melodye Eldeen, Board of Education President.

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jay Anderson, Anita Crawford, Linda Jackowski, Dennis Schaperjahn, Joan Slagle

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT - Melodye Eldeen, Thomas Rumsey

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, second by Joan Slagle to go into executive session at 5:50 PM for a specific personnel matter and to discuss GTA contract negotiations.

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

### REGULAR SESSION

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, 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. 5-Yes 0-No

OTHERS PRESENT – Shannon C. Shine, Superintendent of Schools; Tim Hilker, School Business Administrator; Lucas LaBarre, Dean of Students/AD; Galway School Employees; Community Members; Representative from CS Arch

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA – were noted

### PRESENTATION

Ski Club students were not able to attend the meeting. The Ski Club Presentation was postponed to a future board meeting.

## PRESENTATION (Continued)

A Budget Forecast update 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. This information is available on the District's website. The Board wants to ensure that the community is kept fully informed while planning for the 2016-17 school budget and upcoming capital project.

The Board asked that the Budget Development Calendar be placed on the District's website and that budget information/presentations be kept current and posted where they can easily be found on the site. Mr. Hilker will look into this.

## PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

## DISTRICT COMPONENT UPDATES

### BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities Committee - Mr. Shine gave a power point presentation on the upcoming Capital Project. A representative from CSArch was present to address questions. 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 along with preliminary costs and the impact on taxpayers. There will be Community Informational Forums on the Capital Project on March 1 and March 8 from 6-7 PM in the High School Auditorium. Residents were encouraged to attend one of them to learn more about the capital project.

Detailed information on the project, including a revised photo gallery with additional photos added, will be posted on the District's website with paper copies available at the community forums and the district office. Various revisions to the presentation were suggested that will be incorporated into a revised presentation prior to the first community forum.

Discussion of the Board of Education and Superintendent calling various community groups/businesses to personally invite them to attend the community forums took place. It was agreed that this was a good idea. Phone calls will be made to invite them and to ask that they spread the word about the forums so that we can get as many people to attend as possible to learn about the project that they will be voting on in May, 2016.

Policy Committee – A second reading/adoption of Board Policy #4810 appears later in the meeting for approval.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

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.) Mr. Rumsey has stated at prior Board meetings that he will not seek re-election. Melodye Eldeen has not announced if she will seek re-election for another term of office on the Board.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

CONSENT AGENDA			
FINANCIAL REPORTS / BOARD MEETING MINUTES			
January, 2016	Treasurer’s Report - Student Activity Accounts		
October, 2015	District Treasurer’s Report		
November, 2015	District Treasurer’s Report		
February 11, 2016	Revised Board Meeting Minutes – Includes additional information added to the Board Member Comment section of the minutes.		
APPOINTMENT			
NAME	DESCRIPTION	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Camilla Colangelo	Modified Track Coach	Level A \$1,350	03/14/16

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

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dennis Schaperjahn stated that he will be attending the next PTSA meeting. PTSA President, Nadine DesPres commented that she will be sending PTSA information to the District Clerk to forward to the Board to keep them informed of PTSA activities. She thanked everyone for their support and for attending their meetings.

Appreciation was extended to the Administrative Staff, the District’s Crisis Team and others following the recent loss of one of our students.

Neal Evans gave an update on sports activities as the winter sports season winds down.

### SPOTLIGHT ON ACADEMICS

The Principals Update was postponed to the March 10<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Dennis Linda Jackowski

Following a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, adopt Board of Education Policy #4810-Teaching About Controversial Issues.

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

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Anita Crawford to move into executive session at 8:10 PM for CSE/CPSE recommendations.

All voted aye to approve the motion. 5 – YES 0 – NO Motion Passed

### REGULAR SESSION

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Linda Jackowski to move out of executive session and return to regular session at 8:30 PM.

All voted aye to approve the motion. 5 – YES 0 – NO Motion Passed

### CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion was made by Linda Jackowski, seconded by Dennis Schaperjahn to approve CSE/CPSE recommendations for the following students: 6668, 6216, 5291, 5552, 5061, 5283, 4657, 6612, 6185.

All voted aye to approve the motion. 5 – YES 0 – NO Motion Passed

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Linda Jackowski, seconded by Dennis Schaperjahn to adjourn at 8:35 PM.

All voted aye to approve the motion. 5 – YES 0 – NO Motion Passed

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda M. Casatelli*

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District Clerk

### 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