



## GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION

# MINUTES

Thursday, March 10, 2016  
6:30 PM – High School Library

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### CALL TO ORDER

Jay Anderson, Board of Education Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM in the High School Conference Room in the absence of Melodye Eldeen, Board of Education President.

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jay Anderson, Linda Jackowski, Dennis Schaperjahn, Joan Slagle  
(Thomas Rumsey and Anita Crawford arrived later in the meeting during the executive session portion of the meeting.)

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Melodye Eldeen, Thomas Rumsey, Anita Crawford  
(Thomas Rumsey and Anita Crawford arrived later in the meeting during the executive session portion of the meeting.)

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, second by Joan Slagle to go into executive session at 5:30 PM for a specific personnel matter and to discuss GTA contract negotiations.

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

Note: Thomas Rumsey and Anita Crawford arrived during executive session.

### REGULAR SESSION

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, 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; Michelle McDougall, Elementary School Principal; Brita Donovan, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessments; Galway School Employees; Community Members;

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA – were noted

## PRESENTATIONS

A STAR Reading and Math Mid-Year update was provided by Michael Healey, Jr./Sr. High School Principal and Brita Donovan, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessments. Discussion followed with several comments made and questions asked. Jay Anderson requested that next year a comparison from the prior school year be included in their update to the Board. Mr. Rumsey stated that where student improvement needs to be made, the district needs to look at what resources are needed and have that information translated back so the costs can be incorporated in the school budget.

A Budget 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 the Gap Elimination Act (GEA), State Aide Proposal, Revenue Budget Summary, Elementary and Jr./Sr. High School Budgets, Special Education Budget, Student Support Services, Instructional Services, Professional Development Budget, Expenditure Budget, Open Items, Expenditure Budget, Bus Proposition, Capital Project information, and Important Dates. Discussion following. Revisions will be made as a result of those discussions and presented to the Board once again at the next meeting. It was determined that the purchase of a SUV would meet the needs of the district long-term rather than purchasing two mini vans. The Bus Proposition that will appear on the May 17, 2016 Election Ballot will be presented at the next Board meeting for review and approval along with options for the tax levy to consider.

It appears that the NYS Senate is also on board for complete elimination of the Gap Elimination Act (GEA) in the short term (one year, not two or more). This is good news for Galway's 2016 - 2017 budget as it would result in a projected budget increase of \$372,620 to our school. The bills have not yet passed, but it is reasonable to be optimistic when both the Assembly and the Senate have only included language for elimination of the GEA with no alternatives on the table, so it is unlikely it would be removed before passage.

The District is waiting for the release of the NYS Budget from the Governor's Office which is due by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Thomas Rumsey, Second Dennis Schaperjahn to approve the Consent Agenda below with the appointment of the Girls and Boys Varsity Soccer Coach appointments removed and voted on separately.

FINANCIAL REPORTS/BOARD MEETING MINUTES	
December, 2015	District Treasurer's Report
March 3, 2016	Budget Status Report
February 25, 2016	Board Meeting Minutes

RESIGNATION / OTHER		
NAME	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Judy Kenyon	Rescind Bus Driver Appointment.	02/24/16

APPOINTMENTS			
NAME	TITLE	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Jessica Askew	Substitute Bus Monitor	\$9.00/hour	03/11/16
Mary Bezio	Substitute Bus Driver	\$16.01/hour	03/07/16
Jessica Stark	Teacher Aide	\$9.00/hour	03/11/16
Kristi Schneider	Teacher Aide	\$9.00/hour	03/11/16

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

APPROVAL OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Thomas Rumsey, Second Dennis Schaperjahn to approve the following appointment that was removed from the Consent Agenda:

APPOINTMENT			
NAME	TITLE	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Deborah Wilday	Girls Varsity Soccer Coach	Level D \$5,400/year	08/15/16

Two Board members were in favor of the appointment and four were not. The motion was defeated upon a roll call vote as shown below. Deborah Wilday was not appointed to this position.

Anita Crawford	YES	Jay Anderson	NO
Thomas Rumsey	YES	Linda Jackowski	NO
		Dennis Schaperjahn	NO
		Joan Slagle	NO

Motion Anita Crawford, Second Dennis Schaperjahn to table the following appointment that was removed from the Consent Agenda:

APPOINTMENT			
NAME	TITLE	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Rob Martin	Boys Varsity Soccer Coach	Level B5 \$3,600/year	08/15/16

All Board members were in favor of tabling the appointment with the exception of Thomas Rumsey who was not. Upon a roll call vote, the motion passed. 5-Yes 1-No  
The appointment was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion Linda Jackowski, Second Dennis Schaperjahn to accept the following donations with thanks and appreciation:

Deborah Culkin	\$ 10.00	To be used in the elementary school
PTSA	\$ 50.00	To be used in the elementary school
Target	\$ 566.81	To be used in the elementary school
Art To Remember, Inc.	\$2,491.00	To be used for elementary art supplies

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

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

A 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the following policies and regulations took place.

TITLE	NUMBER
Student Focused District Policies	5000
Rights of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504	5020.3
Student Complaints	5030
Compulsory Attendance Ages	5130
School Admissions	5150
Homeless Children	5151
Homeless Children REGULATION	5151R
Admission of Non-Resident Students	5152
Admission of Foreign Exchange Students	5152.1
Admission of Foreign Exchange Students REGULATION	5152.1-R
Student Dismissal Precautions	5162
Student Dismissal Precautions REGULATION	5162R
Closed Campus	5181
Student Organizations	5210
School-Sponsored Student Expression	5220
Student Personal Expression	5225
Student Personal Expression REGULATION	5225R
Student Activity Funds Management	5252
Interscholastic Athletics	5280
Interscholastic Athletics REGULATION	5280R

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

Thirty-one component school districts of the WSWHE BOCES will nominate candidates for five vacancies on the WSWHE BOCES Board of Education to appear on the election ballot on April 19, 2016. Each term of office is for three years beginning July 1, 2016. Districts can nominate up to five of the candidates shown below.

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Linda Jackowski  
To nominate the following candidate for a three-year term of office on the WSWHE BOCES Board of Election: Linda King - Lake George  
All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion Passed YES – 6 NO - 0

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Thomas Rumsey  
To nominate the following candidate for a three-year term of office on the WSWHE BOCES Board of Election: Naomi Marsh - Cambridge

Motion Linda Jackowski, Second Dennis Schaperjahn  
To nominate the following candidate for a three-year term of office on the WSWHE BOCES Board of Election: John Rieger - Schuylerville  
All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion Passed YES – 6 NO - 0

Motion Thomas Rumsey, Second Linda Jackowski  
To nominate the following candidate for a three-year term of office on the WSWHE BOCES Board of Election: Cheryl Smith - Galway  
All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion Passed YES – 6 NO - 0

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Linda Jackowski  
To nominate the following candidate for a three-year term of office on the WSWHE BOCES Board of Election: Jeffrey Smith - Hudson Falls  
All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion Passed YES – 6 NO - 0

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Thomas Rumsey  
TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 10, 2016 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT CLASSIFYING A CERTAIN PROJECT AS AN UNLISTED ACTION AND DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO BE LEAD AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF A COORDINATED REVIEW PURSUANT TO THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT:

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

*WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York, as amended, and the regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York promulgated thereunder (collectively referred to hereinafter as “SEQRA”), the District is required to make a determination whether the “action” (as said quoted term is defined in SEQRA) to be taken by the District may have a “significant impact on the environment” (as said quoted term is utilized in SEQRA) and the Project constitutes such an action; and*

*WHEREAS, to aid the District in determining whether undertaking the Project may have a significant impact upon the environment, the District has prepared a short Environmental Assessment Form (the “EAF”) with respect to the Project, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, with a copy of the EAF on file at the office of the District; and*

*WHEREAS, the District has examined the EAF in order to classify the Project;*

*WHEREAS, the voters of the District have not approved the Project; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:*

*Section 1. Based upon an examination of the EAF for the Project, the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR §617.7(c), and based further upon the District’s knowledge of the Project and the area surrounding the Project site, and such further investigation of the Project and its environmental impacts as the District has deemed appropriate, the District makes the following findings and determinations with respect to the Project pursuant to SEQRA.*

*(A) The Project consists of the components described above in the first and second WHEREAS clauses of this resolution; and*

*(B) While the majority of the components comprising the Project constitute Type II actions, some components, including the site work associated with athletic fields qualifies the Project as an “Unlisted Action” (as said quoted term is defined in SEQRA); and*

*(C) As a consequence of the foregoing, the District hereby declares its intent to act as “Lead Agency” (as said term is defined in SEQRA) with respect to a coordinated agency review of the Project pursuant to SEQRA; and*

*(D) The District’s counsel shall arrange for publication and distribution of its notice of intent to be “Lead Agency” and is hereby authorized to take such actions as are necessary and appropriate to assist the District in fulfilling the requirements under SEQRA for the Project.*

*Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.*

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

### BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Last week's capital project open forum resulted in positive feedback from the community. Community members commented that Mr. Shine did a good job at informing them of the project. They were pleased to see photos of the project included in the presentation so they could actually see the major repairs, etc. needed in the school building. (Photos and detailed information is available on the District's website.) They appreciated that the Board and Mr. Shine made personal phone calls to community groups inviting them to the forum and asking for their support in getting the word out about the open forum. The Board is making every attempt to be ensure that the community is fully informed when they go to the polls to vote on Election Day, May 17, 2016.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Anita Crawford to move into executive session at 8:10 PM for a specific personnel matter and to discuss GTA Contract Negotiations.

All voted aye to approve the motion. 6 – 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 8:40 PM.

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

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Linda Jackowski, seconded by Dennis Schaperjahn to adjourn at 8:45 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda M. Casatelli*

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District Clerk