



GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
and
PUBLIC HEARING-TRANSFER OF FUNDS

MINUTES

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016
6:30 PM – HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Melodye Eldeen, Board of Education President, at 5:30 PM in the High School Conference Room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jay Anderson, Melodye Eldeen, Linda Jackowski,, Dennis Schaperjahn

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Jay Anderson, Thomas Rumsey

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, second by Linda Jackowski to go into executive session at 5:30 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 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. 4-Yes 0-No

OTHERS PRESENT

Shannon C. Shine, Superintendent of Schools; Joseph Natale, Interim School Business Administrator; Jennifer Hall, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Michelle McDougall, Elementary School Principal, Brita Donovan, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessments; Lucas LaBarre, Dean of Students/Athletic Director; Employees and Community Members

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA – were noted

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing took place regarding the transfer of \$300,000 from the Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund. A public hearing is required in order to lower the reserve fund. By lowering the reserve fund the district will be able to lessen the tax impact of the capital project on taxpayers in the district. It was presented later in the meeting for board approval. Following the budget hearing, the Board continued with the board meeting agenda items.

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS

Michelle McDougall and Brita Donovan introduced the Evans family and spoke about their recent journey entitled Ainsley's Angels - Power to Push. From July-September, 2015 Shaun, Nichole, Shamus and Simon Evans traveled from Seattle, Washington to the Bronx in New York City as a result of nine year old Shamus' vision. Shamus is a Galway School student who was born with cerebral palsy, which limits his primary means of mobility to a wheelchair. He came up with the idea to run across the nation as a way to promote involvement for children with special needs. Shaun ran over 3200 miles and was pulled by Shamus for over 2000 of those miles in running chairs depending on road and weather conditions. Nichole and Simon acted as navigators and pit crew for the summer long mission. The Evans family traversed through 15 states as they made their way from coast to coast. They operated out of the Ainsley's Angels RV and towed a trailer loaded with Advance Mobility Freedom chairs to donate to families across America. During the course of the summer, they were able to donate nearly 30 chairs while promoting inclusion and made memories that will last a lifetime. The district is very proud of their accomplishments and wanted to give something back to the family. A large personalized sign was custom made in their honor which will be displayed on school grounds near the outdoor track in their honor for everyone to see.

Everyone involved in this year's Odyssey of the Mind Competition were thanked for their hard work and congratulated on a job well done. Refreshments followed in the high school cafeteria.

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) students gave a presentation to NJHS. They provided information on what NJHS is all about and the many things they are involved in throughout the year. The board expressed thanks and appreciation to them for sharing their information and making them aware of the great things that they do which they may not have known about. They were asked to come back at some point for an update.

Mr. LaBarre, Athletic Director, provided an update on the District's Coach Hiring and Evaluation Process which was followed by a question and answer period. He was thanked for his hard work and dedication to the District.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA - None

DISTRICT COMPONENT UPDATES - None

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facility Committee - The vote on the upcoming Capital Project will be held on May 17, 2016 from 10:00 - 8:00 PM in the Jr./Sr. High School Gym.

Policy Committee - Recent policies approved by the Board are in the process of being placed on the District's website. Meetings will be scheduled to review the next section of policies from the NYSSBA and the District's Code of Conduct.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Information on the upcoming election was provided. (see attached) A budget and capital project newsletter is in the process of being printed and mailed to the community.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Linda Jackowski, Second Dennis Schaperjahn to approve the following:

CONSENT AGENDA			
FINANCIAL REPORTS / BOARD MEETING MINUTES			
February, 2016	District Treasurer's Report		
March 24 & April 7, 2016	Board Meeting Minutes		
RESIGNATION / OTHER			
NAME	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATE	
Mary Bezio	Resignation from Bus Monitor position in order to accept a Bus Driver position in the District.	April 18, 2016	
APPOINTMENT(S)			
NAME	DESCRIPTION	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Jo-Anne Curtis	Elem. Chaperone-Camp Ching	\$81.00/night	2015-16 School Yr.
Mary Bezio	Bus Driver	\$16.01/hour	April 18, 2016
Alex Rockwell	Bus Driver	\$16.01/hour	April 18, 2016
Bob Hartman	Volunteer Asst. Baseball Coach	-	04/11/16
Neil Evans	Volunteer Asst. Baseball Coach	-	04/11/16
James Smith	Volunteer Asst. Varsity Softball Coach	-	04/22/16
Geoffrey Maliszewski	Varsity Cross Country Coach	Level D \$5,400/year	08/15/16
Lynn Prehn	Varsity Golf Coach	Level D \$5,400/year	08/15/16
Ethel Rubley	Modified Volleyball Coach	Level D2 \$3,960/year	08/15/16
Trevor Tripp	Boys Modified Soccer Coach	Level A2 \$1,260/year	08/15/16

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

PERSONNEL - Tenure

Motion Jay Anderson, Second Dennis Schaperjahn to approve the following:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District, hereby amends the probationary appointment of Lindsey Carlson as follows:

That the Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Lindsey Carlson to a three (3) year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions - General Special Education commencing September 1, 2015 and ending August 31, 2018.

This resolution corrects the previous appointment whereby Ms. Carlson was incorrectly appointed to the tenure area of Remedial Reading. This appointment will also transfer all of her seniority to the Special Education tenure area.

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

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Linda Jackowski to approve the following:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District, hereby amends the probationary appointment of Mallory O'Reilly as follows:

That the Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Mallory O'Reilly to a three (3) year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Elementary Education, commencing September 1, 2014 and ending August 31, 2017.

This resolution corrects the previous appointment whereby Ms. O'Reilly was incorrectly appointed to the tenure area of Remedial Reading. This appointment will also transfer all her seniority to the Elementary Education tenure area.

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

Motion Jay Anderson, Second Dennis Schaperjahn to approve the following:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District, hereby amends the probationary appointment of Keira Nevins as follows:

That the Board of Education hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Keira Nevins to a three (3) year probationary appointment in the tenure area of Elementary Education, commencing September 1, 2014 and ending August 31, 2017.

This resolution corrects the previous appointment whereby Ms. Nevins was incorrectly appointed to the tenure area of Remedial Reading. This appointment will also transfer all her seniority to the Elementary Education tenure area.

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

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Linda Jackowski to:

Approve a recommendation to award tenure to Allison Reynolds effective September 14, 2016 in the tenure area of Remedial Reading.

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

PERSONNEL - Tenure (Continued)

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Linda Jackowski to:

Approve a recommendation to award tenure to Scott Smith effective August 31, 2016, 2016 in the tenure area of Special Education.

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

Motion Jay Anderson, Second Linda Jackowski to:

Approve a recommendation to award tenure to Bradley Gregg effective August 31, 2016 in the tenure area of Music.

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

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Linda Jackowski to:

Approve a recommendation to award tenure to Laura Moore effective August 31, 2016 in the tenure area of Special Education.

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

Motion Jay Anderson, Second Dennis Schaperjahn to:

Approve a recommendation to award tenure to Eric Fana effective August 31, 2016 in the tenure area of Technology.

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

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

The Board thanked those that presented earlier in the meeting. Comments were made about the play that recently took place and the great job they did. They talked about the many good things happening at galway and upcoming activities such as the prom, field day etc. and thanked those involved for helping make those things happen.

Jay Anderson introduced Michelle Bombard who was in the audience. Her name appears on the May 17, 2016 election ballot as a candidate for a 4-year term of office on the Board of Education. He stated that the 2016-17 budget will be presented to the Board later in the meeting for approval. Mr. Anderson also stated that it has not been determined if William Brooks' Social Studies teacher position will be filled next year and that it is not included in the budget. (Mr. Brooks is retiring from his Social Studies teacher position at the end of the school year). He stated that although the position is not included in the budget, it does not mean that it can't be added if needed. Two teachers commented about the need for the position and asked that they not eliminate it.

SPOTLIGHT ON ACADEMICS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Linda Jackowski to:

Adopt the following resolution dated April 21, 2016 of the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District authorizing the transfer of funds to the Capital Reserve Fund:

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2016, the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District (the "School District") duly adopted a resolution authorizing a public hearing (the "Public Hearing") pursuant to Section 6-r of the General Municipal Law regarding the transfer of \$300,000 from the Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund; and

WHEREAS, notice of the Public Hearing was published in the School District's official newspaper at least five days before the date of the Public Hearing;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education held the Public Hearing on the date hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to transfer \$300,000 from the Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education also desires to transfer \$513,601 from unappropriated/unrestricted fund balance to the Capital Reserve Fund;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The School District is hereby authorized to transfer: (A) \$300,000 from the Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund; and (B) \$513,601 from unappropriated/unrestricted fund balance to the Capital Reserve Fund.

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

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

Motion Jay Anderson, Second Dennis Schaperjahn to:

Adopt the 2016-17 School District Budget in the amount of \$20,159,607.

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

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Linda Jackowski to:

Approve the order in which the following propositions appear on the May 17, 2016 election ballot:

PROPOSITION #1: Shall the proposed budget of expenditures for the Galway Central School District for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$20,159,607, and for the purposes shown in the statement of estimated expenditures adopted by the Board of Education, be approved and the amount thereof be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, after first deducting monies available from State Aid and other sources as provided by law?

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

PROPOSITION #2: Shall the Board of Education be authorized to: (1) renovate and reconstruct various School District buildings, undertake site work, reconstruct athletic fields, construct storage buildings, and acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings are to be used, at a maximum cost of \$26,700,000; (2) expend \$1,750,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund to pay a portion of the costs of such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid and the amounts expended from the Capital Reserve Fund; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the School District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$24,950,000, and the levy of a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due, be approved?

PROPOSITION #3: Shall the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District be authorized to: (1) acquire a school bus and school vehicles at a maximum aggregate cost of not to exceed \$195,000; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District and/or enter into installment purchase agreements at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$195,000, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

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

Motion Jay Anderson, Second Dennis Schaperjahn to:

Approve the order in which the following Board Member candidates appear on the election ballot on May 17, 2016 as determined by a random drawing held on April 19, 2016: Michelle Bombard
Melodye Eldeen

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

Motion Jay Anderson, Second Linda Jackowski to:

Adopt the 2016-17 Real Property Tax Report Card.

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

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Linda Jackowski to:

Approve a Health and Welfare Services Contract with the City School District of Albany for two (2) students residing in the Galway School District that attend a nonpublic school in the City School District of Albany in the amount of \$1,452.10.

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

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Jay Anderson to:

Approve an Agreement between the Galway Central School District Board of Education and the Town of Galway relative to the terms and conditions by which the Town of Galway may utilize certain District facilities and grounds in furtherance of its youth programs and the District may utilize the recreation fields owned by the Town for the purposes of District events and interscholastic sports and authorize the Board of Education President and Superintendent of Schools to sign the Agreement on behalf of the District.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Jay Anderson, second Linda Jackowski to go into executive session at 7:45 PM for CSE/CPSE recommendations.

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

REGULAR SESSION

Motion Jay Anderson, second Dennis Schaperjahn to return to regular session at session at 8:45 PM.

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

CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion Linda Jackowski, second Jay Anderson to approve CSE/CPSE recommendations for the following students: 6054, 5291, 6274, 3167, 5093, 5055, 3631, 6185, 6184, 2599, 3633, 5037, 5036, 6212, 5566, 6039, 5170, 73106, 3616, 6344, 3848, 6612, 6611, 6533, 5569, 6405, 6309, 6033, 6050, 6032, 6684, 3868, 5041, 3629, 6746, 5049

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Jay Anderson to adjourn at 8:50 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Casatelli

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District Clerk

**GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS AND BUDGET VOTE/ELECTION**

PUBLIC HEARING – APRIL 21, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing of the qualified voters of the Galway Central School District, Galway, New York, will be held in the High School Library of said District on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 6:30 PM prevailing time, with respect to the transfer of \$300,000 from the Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund as indicated in the following resolution approved by the Board of Education at the March 24, 2016 Board of Education Meeting:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District (the "School District") desires to authorize the transfer of \$300,000 from the Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund; and

WHEREAS, Section 6-r of the General Municipal Fund requires that any such transfer shall be made only by resolution of the Board of Education adopted after a public hearing held on at least fifteen days prior published notice in the official newspaper of the School District;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT that the Board of Education shall hold a public hearing on April 21, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. with respect to the transfer of \$300,000 from the Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund and that notice of such public hearing shall be published in the School District's official newspaper at least fifteen days before the date specified for such public hearing; and

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

PUBLIC HEARING – MAY 5, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing of the qualified voters of the Galway Central School District, Galway, New York, will be held in the High School Library of said District on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 6:30 PM prevailing time, for the presentation of the budget document. The budget will be available for review seven days before the hearing in the District Office of the Galway Central School District.

BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION - MAY 17, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Annual School Election of the qualified voters of the Galway Central School District will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 between the hours of 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM prevailing time, in the Galway High School Gym, at which time polls will be opened to vote by electronic voting machine upon the following:

PROPOSITION #1: *Shall the proposed budget of expenditures for the Galway Central School District for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$20,159,607, and for the purposes shown in the statement of estimated expenditures adopted by the Board of Education, be approved and the amount thereof be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, after first deducting monies available from State Aid and other sources as provided by law?*

PROPOSITION #2 - Shall the Board of Education be authorized to: (1) renovate and reconstruct various School District buildings, undertake site work, reconstruct athletic fields, construct storage buildings, and acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings are to be used, at a maximum cost of \$26,700,000; (2) expend \$1,750,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund to pay a portion of the costs of such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid and the amounts expended from the Capital Reserve Fund; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the School District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$24,950,000, and the levy of a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due, be approved?

PROPOSITION #3 - Shall the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District be authorized to: (1) acquire a school bus and school vehicles at a maximum aggregate cost of not to exceed \$195,000; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District and/or enter into installment purchase agreements at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$195,000, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

BOARD OF EDUCATION VACANCIES

To elect two members to the Board of Education to fill two vacancies. Each vacancy is a four-year term of office that begins on July 1, 2016 and ends on June 30, 2020. The two candidates that will appear on the election ballot are Michelle Bombard and Melodye Eldeen. Melodye Eldeen is seeking re-election to another term of office on the Board of Education.

STATEMENT OF MONEY REQUIRED TO FUND BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2016-17 may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours beginning Tuesday, May 3, 2016 in the District Office of Galway School.

PETITIONS FOR SEAT ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION / BOARD VACANCY INFORMATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District, Linda Casatelli, at her office located in the Galway Jr./Sr. High School, 5317 Sacandaga Road, Galway, NY no later than 5:00 P.M. on Monday, April 18, 2016. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District; be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District; must state the residence of each signer, and must state the name and residence of the candidate. The petition shall describe the length of the term of office and contain the name of the last incumbent. All seats are "at large" which means that each nominee is eligible for every vacancy rather than only for a specific seat.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots are obtainable during school business hours from the District Clerk. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM on Election Day on May 17, 2016.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS – MAY 3, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that personal registration of voters is required. Anyone who wishes to vote must register if they are not a registered voter. Personal registration for district voters who have not voted in school or town elections during the past four years will be held on May 3, 2016 from 8 – 3:30 P.M. in the Office of the District Clerk located in the Galway Jr./Sr. High School. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law and has voted at an annual or special district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years, he/she is eligible to vote at this election; if a voter is registered and eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he/she is also eligible to vote at this election. The Board of Registration will meet for the purpose of registering all qualified voters of the district pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law at the Galway Central School District, on May 3, 2016 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M., and to add any additional names to the Register to be used at the aforesaid election, at which time any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such Register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of said Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such election for which the register is prepared. The register so prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law will be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the School District at Galway School, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District beginning on May 3, 2016 between the hours of 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, prevailing time, on weekdays, and each day prior to the day set for the election except on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays and at the polling place on the day of the vote.

FILING OF REFERENDA OR PROPOSITIONS

notice is hereby given, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with 2035 and 2008 of the Education law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with the Board of Education at the Administration Building of Galway School, located in the Board of Education Room of the Jr./Sr. High School no later than 30 days before the Annual Budget Vote at 4:00 P.M. prevailing time; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence of each signer. However, the School board will not entertain any petition to place before the power of the voters to determine, or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditures of monies is required by the proposition.

*Linda Casatelli
District Clerk, Board of Education
Galway Central School District*