



GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION

## MINUTES

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2016  
6:30 PM – HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President Melodye Eldeen at 5:45 PM in the High School Conference Room.

All Board members were present except for Thomas Rumsey.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Jay Anderson, Second Anita Crawford to go into executive session at 5:45 PM for a specific personnel matter.

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

### REGULAR SESSION

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Jay Anderson to return to regular session at 6:30 PM in the High School Library.

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

### ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - were noted

### PRESENTATIONS

Brita Donovan presented the Academic Stakeholder Council Annual Report and thanked council members for their hard work and dedication this past school year. The Board was asked to look at our Core Values and District Goals and provide their input for next year. Presentations were also provided by Elementary Grade Level Leaders and Secondary Department Heads on the 2015-16 school year. Everyone was congratulated and thanked for a job well done.

### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Jay Anderson, Second Anita Crawford to approve the following Consent Agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA	
FINANCIAL REPORTS / BOARD MEETING MINUTES	
May 5 & 17, 2016	Board Meeting Minutes

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

RESIGNATION			
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE	
Jennifer Coombs	Elementary Teacher	06/30/16	
Eugene Brazee	Cleaner	06/20/16	
Valerie Bellon Halligan	Accept the resignation of Valerie Bellon Halligan from her Teacher Aide position for retirement purposes effective June 30, 2016 with thanks and appreciation for her 18 years of service in the District.		
APPOINTMENTS			
NAME	TITLE	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Karen Decker	Modified Cross Country Coach	Level B8 \$2,250/Year	08/15/16
Mary Banks	Teacher Aide	\$9.00/hour	09/08/16

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

**PERSONNEL**

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Linda Jackowski

That upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Benjamin Jacaruso who has Mathematics 7-12 Professional Certification, and who has previously attained tenure and had an APPR rating of Highly Effective or Effective in his final year of prior tenured service is hereby appointed to the position of Math Teacher in the tenure area of Mathematics for a three year probationary period commencing on September 1, 2016 and anticipated to end on August 31, 2019. He will be placed on Step M5 of the GTA salary schedule.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion Jay Anderson, Second Linda Jackowski

To approve the Management-Confidential handbook for the 2016-17 school year.

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

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Linda Jackowski

To approve a Junior Class trip to Salem, MA on Thursday, October 13, 2016 to see the play "Cry Innocent", to visit the House of Seven Gables & to see various other sites in the area.

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

Discussion of the proposed 2016-17 Board Meeting Schedule took place.

## NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

Motion Jay Anderson, Second Dennis Schaperjahn

To adopt the attached 2016-17 Board Meeting Schedule.

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

Motion Joan Slagle, Second Dennis Schaperjahn

To adopt the following State Environmental Quality Review Act resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District ("Board") is proposing to undertake a project consisting of the installation of an approximately 806 KW photovoltaic (PV) solar array on a District-owned parcel of property of approximately 61.43 acres and located at 5366 Parkis Mills Road in Galway, County of Saratoga, New York, together with the development of a related access drive ("the Project"); and

WHEREAS, the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and the regulations thereunder require the Board to undertake a review of the potential environmental impacts, if any, associated with the project before approving same; and

WHEREAS, this project is an Unlisted action within the meaning of SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, Part 1 of a Short Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared and reviewed in connection with the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, Part 1 of the Short Environmental Assessment Form was transmitted to the New York State Education Department (NYSED), the New York Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE), together with notification of the Board's desire to act as lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed Project; and

WHEREAS, all involved agencies have either consented to Board acting as lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed Project, or have failed to raise any objection thereto within thirty (30) calendar days; and

WHEREAS, 6 NYCRR Section 617.7 requires a lead agency to issue a written determination of significance with respect to any proposed Unlisted action; and

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the nature and scope of the proposed Project, as set forth in the Short Environmental Assessment Form prepared with respect to such action, and makes the following determinations:

1. The proposed action involves the installation of an approximately 806 KW photovoltaic (PV) solar array on a District-owned parcel of property of approximately 61.43 acres and located at 5366 Parkis Mills Road in Galway, County of Saratoga, New York, together with the development of a related access drive.
2. Upon consideration of the action, review of the Short Environmental Assessment Form, the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c), and all other supporting information, the Board identifies the following relevant areas of environmental concern, as set forth hereafter, and analyzes whether the proposed action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
3. The proposed project does not involve, and therefore will not result in, any substantial adverse change in existing air quality, ground or surface water quality or quantity, traffic or noise levels, or a substantial increase in solid waste production, or a substantial increase in potential for erosion, flooding, leaching, or drainage problems. The proposed project will involve the physical disturbance of .5 acres or less. While there are wetlands located on the parcel, any encroachment and/or impact on such wetlands associated with the improvement of the existing access drive will be minor and subject to appropriate review and/or permitting by NYSDEC and/or USACOE. Other than temporary, short term noise associated with construction activities, the project will not result in any increase to existing noise levels.
4. The proposed project does not involve, and therefore will not result in, the removal or destruction of large quantities of vegetation or fauna, a substantial interference with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species, impacts on any significant habitat area, substantial adverse impacts on a threatened or endangered species of animal or plant, or the habitat thereof, or other significant adverse impacts to nature resources. The project will result in the clearing of up to 2 to 3 acres of presently forested land in order to accommodate the siting of the P/V system. No threatened or endangered species of plant or animal is known to inhabit the project area.
5. The project is not located within a designated Critical Environmental Area.
6. The proposed project will not create a material conflict with the community's current plans or goals as officially approved or adopted.
7. The proposed project will not result in the impairment of the character or quality of any important historical, archeological, or aesthetic resources, or of existing community or neighborhood character. Prior to performing any work, the project will be submitted for review by the New York State Historic Preservation Office regarding any potential impacts to historic and/or archaeological resources, if any, and any recommendations received will be incorporated into final project planning. The proposed project is not within a scenic vista nor does it contain a designated scenic resource and, thus, will not impact any such resource.

## NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

### State Environmental Quality Review Act Resolution (Continued):

8. The proposed project will not result in any major, adverse, change in the use of either the quantity or type of energy. The proposed project is intended to result in a beneficial impact to the environment by reducing the use of conventional energy, and reducing the pollution and emissions associated therewith.

9. The proposed project will not result in the creation of a hazard to human health.

10. The proposed project does not involve, and therefore will not result in, a substantial change in the use, or intensity of use, of land including agricultural, open space, or recreational resources, or in its capacity to support such uses.

11. The proposed action will not result in the encouragement or attraction of a large number of people to the site as compared to the number of people that would come absent the action.

12. The proposed action will not result in a material demand for other actions, will not result in changes to two or more elements of the environment which together would result in a substantial adverse impact, and will not cumulatively result in a substantial adverse impact when considered with any related actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action is an Unlisted action within the meaning of 6 NYCRR 617.2(a)(k); and it is further

RESOLVED that the Board hereby declares itself lead agency with respect to the environmental review of the proposed project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that upon consideration of the foregoing, the Board finds and concludes that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse impacts to the environment; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby issues a Negative Declaration with respect to the proposed action.

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

## BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

The board commented on recent activities they attended. The topic of the Board of Education voting on the Social Studies Teacher vacancy in the district was brought up. It was decided that this topic will appear on the next Agenda for board consideration. After prom gifts will be given to the Board at the next meeting in appreciation of their support of the after prom. The concert that takes place during the school district's annual election each year will begin earlier allowing more time for those attending the concert to vote.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, second Jay Anderson to go into executive session at 7:50 PM for CSE/CPSE recommendations.

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

## REGULAR SESSION

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

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

## CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion Linda Jackowski, second Jay Anderson to approve CSE/CPSE recommendations for the following students: 6812, 6808

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda M. Casatelli*

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District Clerk

Attachment: 2016-17 Board Meeting Schedule (See next page.)

JULY 2016 – AUGUST 2017  
 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

BOARD MEETINGS & WORK SESSIONS BEGIN AT 6:30 PM IN THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
 EXCEPT WHERE NOTED BELOW

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
July 14	Organizational Meeting 6:00 PM
August 4	Work Session
August 25	Meeting
Saturday, August 27	Board Retreat 9–3:00 PM Scotch Church Meeting Room
September 8	Work Session
September 22	Meeting
October 13	Meeting
October 27	Work Session
Wednesday, November 9	Meeting
December 8	Meeting
January 5	Work Session
January 19	Meeting
February 2	Work Session
February 16	Meeting
March 9	Work Session
March 23	Meeting
Wednesday, April 12	Work Session (Adopt Budget)
April 25	Meeting 8:00 AM HS Conference Room (BOCES Vote)
May 4	Work Session / Budget Hearing
May 16	Meeting / Budget Vote 10-8 PM HS Gym
June 8	Work Session
June 22	Meeting
Thursday, July 13, 2017	Organizational/Regular Meeting 6:00 PM
Saturday, August 5, 2017	Board Retreat 9–3:00 PM Location TBD
August 10, 2017	Work Session
August 24, 2017	Work Session