



GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday, October 22, 2015
6:30 PM – High School Library

CALL TO ORDER

Board President Melodye Eldeen called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the High School Conference Room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Melodye Eldeen, Linda Jackowski, Dennis Schaperjahn, Joan Slagle, Anita Crawford

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT - Jay Anderson, Thomas Rumsey

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Anita Crawford, second by Dennis Schaperjahn to move into executive session at 6:00 PM for the purpose of receiving and reviewing the External Auditor's Report and for 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; Michael Healey, Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Brita Donovan, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessments; Michelle McDougall, Elementary School Principal; Jennifer Hall, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Lucas LaBarre, Dean of Students/Athletic Director, Galway students, Galway School employees and members of the community.

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA – were noted

AWARDS

In honor of National Board of Education Appreciation Week, the Board of Education was thanked for their hard work and dedication on behalf of the faculty, staff and students of the Galway Central School District.

PRESENTATIONS

Student Activity Clubs are scheduled to give a presentation at a Board Meeting during the 2015-16 school year. Student Senate was the first to give their presentation this year. Student Officers provided an overview of what Student Senate is all about, the leadership they provide and the activities they are involved in. An opportunity to address questions followed the presentation.

The school district's external auditors recently concluded their audit of the district's financial statements. West & Company LLP Partner Mr. Michael Rossi reported the findings to the audit committee. The firm audited the records of the Business Office and Extra Classroom Activity Accounts, tested financial data, and analyzed the financial condition of the district. West & Company reported the district made wise use of reserves and that the school's fund balance was in a strong position. The recently established Capital Reserve was a recommendation made by the auditor last year to offset a large portion of the taxpayer burden that a capital project might otherwise impose. It was stated that the favorable audit reflects the district's commitment to conservative budgeting practices and is a direct result of following the district's 3-Year Financial Plan. Those involved were thanked for their efforts on a job well done. The report was accepted later in the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

DISTRICT COMPONENT UPDATES - None

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities Committee – The committee continues work on a potential Capital Improvement Project. Residents are invited to participate in our upcoming Capital Project Community Forums on November 3rd and December 2nd from 6-7 PM in the Auditorium. The Board of Education would like community input as they gather information, ideas, and concerns in the categories of health, safety, accessibility, infrastructure, district improvements, and energy saving measures. Everyone's comments from each forum will be collected and brought to the Facilities Committee for discussion and consideration. The first Forum took place on October 1st. The Board listened to some good suggestions for improving educational space, allocating areas for storage, and fixing infrastructure. To see what questions, suggestions, and concerns were posed at the community forums, the community can visit our website at www.galwaycsd.org. Following this information-gathering phase, the Facilities Committee will evaluate the community's input and make a comprehensive recommendation to the Board of Education of how to address the needs of the facility. It is anticipated that if the Board wants to move forward with a capital improvement project, the months of January-March will be spent honing the scope of the project and identifying estimated costs and aid ratios. Residents can expect to receive additional communication from the district as the process moves forward, as well as specific dates and locations for additional stakeholder input. As capital projects take quite some time to receive state approval and to put out construction bids, it is anticipated that a public vote (referendum) may take place at the same time as the regular school budget vote on May 17, 2016. If the community supports the capital improvement project, construction would tentatively begin in the summer of 2017.

Policy Committee – The committee continues to work on the multi-year process of reviewing all Board policies. Several will be presented to the Board for a first reading at their next Board of Education meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Discussion took place regarding students who are homeschooled or attending private or parochial schools that reside in the District. The Board was in agreement with reaching out to those families to communicate the improvements at Galway over the past several years, such that if any students and families are not sure about coming to Galway CSD, that they might have an opportunity to see the positive changes that have taken place. A survey will also be sent to them asking for their help by way of anonymous feedback as to what factors have influenced their decision to homeschool or to use private or parochial schools and to get input as to what areas Galway School may need to improve in. The District will also reach out to area businesses asking for their help in promoting our school district by having copies of our “At a Glance” promotional brochure available to prospective families as they consider where they might settle in the area.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Linda Jackowski to accept the following Consent Agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA			
FINANCIAL REPORTS / BOARD MEETING MINUTES			
September 30, 2015	Student Activity Accounts Treasurer’s Report		
October 8, 2015	Board Meeting Minutes		
APPOINTMENTS			
NAME	DESCRIPTION	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Marjorie Mickan	Bus Driver	\$16.01/hour	10/19/15
Shannon McKeever	Teacher Aide	\$8.75/hour	10/16/15
Karli Smith	Teacher Aide	\$8.75/hour	10/16/15
Terri Atwell	Substitute Bus Monitor	\$8.75/hour	09/24/15
David Nettleton	After School ELA/Math & Homework Lab	\$42/hour	09/01/15
Carla Gload	After School ELA/Math & Homework Lab	\$42/hour	09/01/15
Nancy Christiansen	After School ELA/Math & Homework Lab	\$42/hour	10/19/15
Michael Sartin	Volunteer Modified, Jr. Varsity & Varsity Wrestling Coach	N/A	11/09/15

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

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Thanks were extended to Mr. Hilker and those involved for an excellent audit. Joan Slagle will report on the recent NYSSBA Annual Convention she attended at the next meeting. The Board will discuss reaching out to families of students who live in the district and don’t attend Galway School and to area businesses to help promote our school and possibly increase enrollment.

SPOTLIGHT ON ACADEMICS - None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Healey provided Extracurricular Overview Reports to the Board of Education for their review.

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

2. Following discussion, below is a schedule of PTSA meetings Board members will be attending:

2015-16 2015-16 PTSA MEETINGS 6:30 PM - LGI Room	
October 28	Anita Crawford
January 20	Jay Anderson
February 24	Dennis Schaperjahn
April 20	Linda Jackowski
May 18	Joan Slagle
June 22	Melodye Eldeen

3. Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Anita Crawford to:
 Approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the Galway Central School District and the Galway Teachers' Association agreeing to compensate Kathy Morck \$2,300 for a Career Exploration Internship Program (CEIP) during the 2015-16 year and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign the Agreement on behalf of the District.
 All voted aye to approve the motion. 5 – YES 0 – NO Motion Passed

4. Motion Linda Jackowski, Second Dennis Schaperjahn to:
 Approve a Transportation Contract between the Galway Central School District and the WSWHE BOCES in the amount of \$25,482.89 to be paid to the Galway Central School District for pupil transportation in the 2015-16 school year and to authorize the Board of Education President to sign the contract on behalf of the District.
 All voted aye to approve the motion. 5 – YES 0 – NO Motion Passed

5. Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Anita Crawford to:
 Accept the District's External Auditor's Report for 2014-15 school year records indicating compliance with State of New York procedures and regulations and that the audit report be filed with the Office of the Comptroller of NYS as required by law and that the Superintendent inform the general public and have a copy available for a period of 30 days in the Superintendent's Office daily during working hours
 All voted aye to approve the motion. 5 – YES 0 – NO Motion Passed

6. Motion Anita Crawford, Second Dennis Schaperjahn to:
 Accept a \$500 donation from Galway Players to be used to upgrade stage lighting in the high school auditorium with thanks and appreciation.
 All voted aye to approve the motion. 5 – YES 0 – NO Motion Passed

PUBLIC COMMENT

Neal Evans gave an update on Power to Push. He talked about how sports being offered by a school district could have an impact on student enrollments. Upcoming sports events were announced. A parent thanked the Board for their support of Down Syndrome which is dear to her heart. A student commented that since Galway School is the home of the "Golden Eagle" that we all need to take pride in our school and make sure everyone is using the correct eagle which is an eagle that is a solid gold color.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Linda Jackowski to move into executive session at 7:30 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 8:20 PM.

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

CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion was made by Joan Slagle, seconded by Linda Jackowski to approve CSE/CPSE recommendations for the following students: 6686, 6688, 6062, 5421, 5153, 2835, 3322, 5055, 6402, 5153, 6712, 3322, 6686.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Linda Jackowski, seconded by Anita Crawford to adjourn at 8:25 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Casatelli

Linda M. Casatelli, District Clerk