



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

Thursday, December 10, 2015  
6:30 PM – High School Library

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### 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

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

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT - Jay Anderson

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Linda Jackowski, second by Dennis Schaperjahn to move into executive session at 6:00 PM to discuss specific personnel matters.

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

### REGULAR SESSION

Motion was made by Joan Slagle, second by Dennis Schaperjahn to move out of executive session and into regular session in the High School Library at 6:38 PM.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 6-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, two community members, one student and one teacher.

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA – The September, 2015 District Treasurer's Report was removed from the Agenda.

PRESENTATIONS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

DISTRICT COMPONENT UPDATES - None

## BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Facilities Committee** – Dennis Schaperjahn reported that the Capital Improvement Project Community Forum that took place on December 2<sup>nd</sup> was very informative. Photos were shown of the many areas that need work done, including those that can't be seen easily. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> forum that has taken place where the Board obtained community input on the potential project. Comments from each of the forums will be gathered together and brought to the Facilities Committee to evaluate and make a recommendation to the Board on how to address the needs of the facility. Preliminary cost estimates are being worked on. Further information will be forthcoming and is available on the District's website.

**Policy Committee** – The committee continues to work on the multi-year process of reviewing all Board policies. Several policies were presented to the Board later in the meeting.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The majority of surveys returned from parents of Galway students that are homeschooled or attending private/parochial schools indicate that the main factor in their decision to home school or attend a private/parochial school is for a faith-based educational experience which public schools cannot legally provide. Galway School is below the state and national average of those attending non-public schools.

A discussion & review of the Smart Schools Bond Act (SSBA) took place. The purpose of the SSBA is to increase technology funding to secondary schools in NYS. The SSBA requires that a Review Board look at and approve a school district's Smart Schools Investment Plan before any funds be made available for the program. It was suggested that a Board member be appointed as a Delegate to review the plan directly with those involved, and if significant changes were warranted, the Delegate would bring those changes to the Board for review. Instead, the Board preferred to have all members of the Board of Education involved in the plan directly in a workshop. Discussion followed on the importance of looking at the long-term use of these funds and having key people involved from the beginning.

## APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Thomas Rumsey to accept the following Consent Agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA	
FINANCIAL REPORTS / BOARD MEETING MINUTES	
December 4, 2015	Budget Status Report
July & August 2015	District Treasurer's Reports
October, 2015	Treasurer's Report - Student Activity Accounts
November 12, 2015	Board Meeting Minutes

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

RESIGNATION			
NAME	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATE	
David Goodemote	Head Custodian	12/30/16	
Amy Roe	Teacher Aide	12/04/15	
Taylor Hugo	Cleaner	12/11/15	
Mary LeClaire	Bus Monitor	11/14/15	
APPOINTMENTS			
NAME	DESCRIPTION	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Kristin Darlington	District Photographer	\$521/year	2015-16 School Year
Amanda Grimm	Bus Monitor	\$8.75/hour	11/30/15
Noreen VanDeusen	Cleaner	\$12.47/hour	11/30/15
Tammi Robinson	Cleaner	\$12.47/hour	12/14/15
Taylor Hugo	Substitute Cleaner	\$12.47/hour	12/14/15

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

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Various comments were made on recent and upcoming activities in the District. An update of sporting events was provided. It was asked if Department Heads will be reporting to the Board at a Board meeting. Mr. Shine stated that this is being worked on and more information is forthcoming. It was asked when the Board will be hearing more about the Academic Stakeholder Advisory Council. Mr. Shine replied that Mrs. Donovan will be reporting on this topic at the January Board meeting. It was asked where mail goes that is addressed to the Board of Education. Mail addressed to the Board is delivered to the District Clerk and forwarded to the Board. Everyone was wished a very happy holiday.

SPOTLIGHT ON ACADEMICS - NoneNEW BUSINESS

Following discussion, the following policies will be brought back to the Policy Committee for further review. Some felt that the Director of Curriculum, Intervention and Assessments should be included in the policies. They will appear on the next Board Meeting Agenda for a potential 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adoption of the policies.

SUBJECT	POLICY #
TEXTBOOK SELECTION AND ADOPTION	4511
TEACHING ABOUT CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES	4810

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

1. Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Linda Jackowski to adopt the policies below following a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading:

SUBJECT	POLICY #
ACADEMIC INTERVENTION SERVICES	4325
PROGRAMS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS	4326
PROGRAMS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS Exhibit 1	4326E.1
PROGRAMS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS Exhibit 2	4326E.2
HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION	4327
HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION Regulation	4327R
LIBRARY MATERIALS SELECTION	4513
LIBRARY MATERIALS SELECTION Regulation	4513R
FIELD TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS	4531
FIELD TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS Regulation	4531R
SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS	4532
GRADING SYSTEMS	4710
PARENT CONFERENCES	4714
PROMOTION AND RETENTION OF STUDENTS	4750
EARLY GRADUATION	4771
DIPLOMA AND CREDENTIAL OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES	4773
SCHOOL CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES	4821
ANIMALS IN THE SCHOOLS	4850
RECRUITING AND HIRING	9240

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

2. Motion Thomas Rumsey, Second Dennis Schaperjahn to:  
 Approve a Transportation Contract between the Galway Central School District and the WSWHE BOCES in the amount of \$549.43 and authorize the Board of Education President and Superintendent of Schools to sign the contract on behalf of the District.  
 All voted aye to approve the motion. 6 – YES 0 – NO Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

3. Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Linda Jackowski to:  
Table the adoption of the revised District Organizational Chart to the next meeting for further discussion.

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

4. Motion Thomas Rumsey, Second Linda Jackowski to:  
Accept a donation of \$101.64 from Follett School Solutions Inc. to be used in the Elementary School as a result of books sold from the District’s Consignment Buy-Back program.

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

5. Motion Thomas Rumsey, Second Dennis Schaperjahn to:  
Accept the following Tax Collector’s Report:

Tax Warrant Amount	\$ 9,929,769 School \$ 144,460 Library
STAR Amount to be Reimbursed by NYS	\$ 1,294,679
Amount to be Collected (School + Library, less STAR)	\$ 8,779,550.46
Principle Amount Paid	\$ 8,115,414.81 (Approx. 92.44% of Levy)
Amount Returned to County	\$ 664,135.65
Amount collected in Penalties during October (No returned check fees)	\$ 7,485.84

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

6. **Motion Thomas Rumsey, Second Linda Jackowski to approve the Gap Elimination Resolution shown below.** All voted aye to approve the motion except for Joan Slagle who was not in favor of the BOCES District Superintendent Salary Cap Adjustment portion of the resolution and voted no.

Motion Passed 5 – YES 1 – NO

RESOLUTION DATED DECEMBER 10, 2015  
GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGARDING ADVOCACY PRIORITIES FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEREAS, the Galway Central School District Board of Education has significantly reduced critical components of the annual school budget in response to rising costs that have outpaced revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Galway Central School District has reduced approximately 12 percent of staff since the 2009-10 school year, leading to larger class sizes and reductions in programs and services for students; and

WHEREAS, these reductions were made in response to the need to fulfill state mandates and contractual obligations while creating a balanced budget, despite the imbalance in expenses and revenue; and

## NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

WHEREAS, the Galway Central School District has lost \$7,326,404 in promised state aid to the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) over the last six years, and

WHEREAS, property tax levy legislation at the state level hinders school districts' ability to compensate for state aid losses and funding inequity by raising local revenue; and

WHEREAS, public schools are being asked to do more for students than ever before, so they can succeed in college and 21<sup>st</sup>-century careers; and

WHEREAS, each child in the Galway Central School District only has one chance to go through the full elementary and secondary educational experience;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Galway Central School District Board of Education calls on the New York State Legislature and Governor Andrew Cuomo to act upon the following priorities:

1. Eliminate the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA). The Galway Central School District is still due \$567,722 in GEA Restoration.
2. Permanently adjust the Building Aid Formula to eliminate the impact of the change in the Assumed Amortization Rate.
3. Adequately Fund and Adjust the Foundation Formula
  - a. Lower the Income Wealth Index.
  - b. Provide a greater weighting to the Free and Reduced Lunch Factor (FRPL).
4. Adjust the District Superintendent Salary Cap
  - a. Eliminate the link to the 2003-2004 school year from the statute.
  - b. Allow for a gradual increase to the new cap (98% of the Commissioner's current salary).

## PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board and Administration was thanked for all they do and were wished a happy holiday.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

## REGULAR SESSION

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, seconded by Dennis Schaperjahn to move out of executive session and return to regular session at 8:20 PM.

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

### CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Linda Jackowski to approve CSE/CPSE recommendations for the following students: 6714, 6098, 3521, 5168, 2599, 5177, 5113, 5154, 6749, 6037, 5283, 6746, 2602 and 6103.

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

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Joan Slagle, seconded by Dennis Schaperjahn to adjourn at 8:25 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda M. Casatelli*

Linda M. Casatelli, District Clerk