



GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 23, 2017

5:30 PM - Executive Session / 6:30 PM - Regular Session

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President Jay Anderson at 5:30 PM in the High School Library.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jay Anderson, Michelle Bombard, Anita Crawford, Melodye Eldeen, Linda Jackowski, Dennis Schaperjahn, Joan Slagle,

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

none

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Melodye Eldeen, Second Dennis Schaperjahn to go into Executive Session at 5:30 PM to discuss collective bargaining negotiations and specific personnel matters.

All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

REGULAR SESSION

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Melodye Eldeen to return to Regular Session at 6:30 PM in the High School Library.

All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

OTHERS PRESENT

Shannon C. Shine, Superintendent of Schools; Frank Ferraro, Business Administrator; Jennifer Hall, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Michelle McDougall, Elementary School Principal; Brita Donovan, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessments; Nathan Kocak, Dean of Students/Athletic Director; Michael Miller, Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Employees and Community Members

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - was recited

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - were noted

PRESENTATIONS

Donna Sowle, Galway Community Member, received a CASDA Friends of Education Award based on the many contributions she has made over the years to benefit the students and children in the community. Brita Donovan, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessments, attended a Regional Educational Awards Dinner with Donna and her family where she received an award in recognition for all she has done. Donna was congratulated on receiving this well-deserved award and received a standing ovation from everyone in attendance at the board meeting

A Special Education update was provided by Jennifer Hall, Director of Pupil Personnel Services as their annual review season begins. Some of the topics discussed include Professional Development, Collaborative Initiatives, Medicaid and Families in Temporary Housings. She will be reporting to the Board once again in May.

An update on the 2017-18 Budget was provided by Frank Ferraro, Business Administrator, as the budget development process continues. Mr. Ferraro will be meeting with various community groups to go over the budget with those who may not be able to attend board meetings. He asked that community groups contact him if they are interested in a budget presentation to their members. The budget will be adopted at the April 12th Board meeting. All budget presentations are available on the district’s website.

The selection of a vendor for a new district website has been narrowed down to two. The technology committee will make a selection at their next meeting on March 30th. The District will have a new website in place by the end of the calendar year.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Michelle Bombard to approve the Consent Agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA	
FINANCIAL REPORTS / BOARD MEETING MINUTES	
February, 2017	Student Activity Accounts Treasurer’s Report
March 9, 2017	Board Meeting Minutes
CSE / CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS	
Approve CSE/CPSE recommendations as presented to the Board prior to the meeting.	

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

RESIGNATION			
NAME	DESCRIPTION		
Marisa Guisti	Resignation from Assistant Food Service Helper position effective March 24, 2017 in order to accept a Cook position. (see below)		
APPOINTMENTS			
NAME	TITLE	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Marisa Guisti	Cook	\$11.00/hour	03/25/17
Cynthia Swiatek	Asst. Food Service Helper	\$9.70/hour	03/27/17
Kristin Darlington	Chemical Hygiene Officer	\$250/year	2017-18 School Year

All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion Linda Jackowski, Second Dennis Schaperjahn

Per the recommendation of the Academic Stakeholders Committee, with modification of the rollout timetable suggested by the Board, approve Physical Education being included in student GPA as follows:

2017-18 7th, 8th

2018-19 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th

2019-20 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th (All Grades)

All voted Aye to approve the motion except for Joan Slagle who voted no.

Motion passed 6-1.

PUBLIC COMMENT

An update on sports and PTSA activities took place. A parent asked that the District develop something in writing regarding the use of Passive Alcohol Screening Devices in the District to ensure that they are always used the same way and that students and parents know how they will be used. Mr. Shine stated that this is being worked on and further information is forthcoming. Comments were made concerning this year's prom where students will board a coach bus to attend the prom and after prom. Discussion followed.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Miller was welcomed as the District's new Jr./Sr. High School Principal. Mr. Miller stated that he enjoyed his first week at Galway meeting the students and everyone. He thanked everyone for the great opportunity to work for Galway School and looks forward to working here for years to come. Congratulations were extended to Jeanine Flinton, those involved in Odyssey of Mind this year and to the Odyssey of the Mind Teams on all four Teams going to States this year. Galway's team won First Place at the Region 6 Competition and will now compete in the New York State Competition in Binghamton on April 6th!

Frank Ferraro, Business Administrator, was thanked for an exceptional job on developing next year's school budget and for reaching out to community groups to see if they would like him to attend one of their meetings to give a budget presentation to their members.

The Superintendent and administrators were thanked for attending the Town Hall meeting where the Volleyball team was honored with a proclamation on the great job they did which will be on display in the District. Donna Sowle was thanked once again for all she has done for the students and children in the district. It was asked if the school could be disinfected because of so many students that are sick. Mr. Shine stated that extra cleaning and disinfecting is taking place and the district is looking into other options that may work better than others. Jay Anderson commented that he is running for another term of office on the Board of Education and asked for support in signing his petition for re-election to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Melodye Eldeen Second Michelle Bombard to adjourn at 7:30 PM.
All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Casatelli
Linda Casatelli
District Clerk

**Two Vacancies on the Board of Education
Petitions Available**

Galway Central School has two vacancies on their Board of Education. Each are four year terms of office that begin on July 1, 2017 and end on June 30, 2021. These seats are currently held by Jay Anderson and Anita Crawford whose terms expire on June 30, 2017. Jay Anderson has announced that he will be seeking re-election to another term of office on the Board of Education. Anita Crawford announced that she will not be seeking re-election.

Individuals seeking election to the Board of Education at their annual school election on May 16, 2017 must submit a petition to the District Clerk, Linda Casatelli, with a minimum of 25 signatures from district residents. Please contact the District Clerk for further information and to obtain a petition (518) 882-1033 Ext. 3224 or lcasatel@galwaycsd.org.

To qualify for membership on a school board, an individual:

Must be able to read and write;

Must be a qualified voter of the district, that is a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years or older; and not a convicted felon or adjudged an incompetent; (Note: a convicted felon is barred from running for a seat on the Board of Education if his/her maximum prison sentence has not expired or if he/she has not been pardoned or discharged from parole);

Must be and have been a resident of the district for at least one year, but need not be a taxpayer;

May not have been removed from any school district office within the preceding one year, or the preceding three years in the case of New York City community school board members removed for malfeasance or criminal conviction while serving as a member of a community school board;

May not reside with another member of the same school board as a member of the same family;

May not be a current employee of the school board;

May not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office.

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