



GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MINUTES
April 12, 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; Michael Miller, Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Employees and Community Members

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - was recited

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - were noted

PRESENTATIONS

Nathan Kocek, Athletic Director, provided a 2016-17 Winter Sports update. He talked about the District's Interscholastic Athletic Program offered to students along with the opportunity for athletic competition in grades 7-12. The Galway Golden Eagles' athletic teams are members of the NYS Public High School Athletic Association competing as a class C school in Section 2. Details on this presentation and our sports program are available on the District's website or by contacting our Athletic Director.

A Future Farmers of America (FFA) presentation was provided by Advisor, Taylor Clifford, Galway FFA was officially chartered on February 1, 2017. This is the first FFA chapter that Galway High School has ever had. FFA is an intra-curricular student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership. It is one of the three components of agriculture education. The letter "FFA" previously stood for Future Farmers of America, so many people assume this program is just for people who want to be a farmer. This is not the case. The FFA welcomes members who would like to become teachers, scientists, business owners, and any other jobs that you would need leadership skills in. Further information is available on the District's Website and will be included in the District newsletter being sent to the community in early May. Jay Anderson, Board Member, purchased two FAA jackets and proudly presented them to two FAA students.

Frank Ferraro, Business Administrator, gave a presentation on the finalized 2017-18 school budget. Details of the budget are available on the District's website or can be obtained by contacting Mr. Ferraro. A budget newsletter will be sent to the community informing everyone of the upcoming vote on Thursday, May 16, 2017 from 10 AM - 8 PM in the Jr./Sr. High School Gym. A budget Hearing will take place on Thursday, May 4th along with the regular Board meeting. The community is encouraged to attend. Mr. Ferraro continues to meet with various community groups to go over the budget in case some 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. All budget presentations are available on the district's website. The deadline for submitting petitions for a seat on the Board of Education is 5:00 PM on April 17th. Jay Anderson and Anita Crawford's terms expire on June 30, 2017 resulting in two (2) four-year term vacancies.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Shine reported that the Office of the State Comptroller has randomly selected Galway School for an audit which will take place in the upcoming months. The District is in the process of preparing for this audit along with an audit to be conducted by the NYS Employee Retirement System and the NYS Teachers Retirement System.

PERSONNEL

Motion Melodye Eldeen, Second Michelle Bombard

Approve the appointment of Timbray Shafer as a Long-Term Substitute English Teacher effective March 30, 2017 - June 30, 2017 at Step M1 of the GTA Contract \$41,851 per year pro-rated.

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

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Melodye Eldeen

Approve a recommendation to award tenure to Kristin Mars effective June 30, 2017 in the tenure area of Mathematics.

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

Motion Michelle Bombard, Second Joan Slagle

Approve a recommendation to award tenure to Jacqueline Mullin effective June 30, 2017 in the tenure area of English.

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

Motion Michelle Bombard, Second Melodye Eldeen

Approve a recommendation to award tenure to Keira Nevins effective June 30, 2017 in the tenure area of Elementary Education.

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

Motion Linda Jackowski Second Anita Crawford

Approve a recommendation to award tenure to Mallory O'Reilly effective August 31, 2017 in the tenure area of Elementary Education.

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

Motion Melodye Eldeen, Second Linda Jackowski

Approve a recommendation to award tenure to Jesse Radosti effective August 31, 2017 in the tenure area of Children with Handicapping Conditions-General Special Education.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA	
FINANCIAL REPORTS / BOARD MEETING MINUTES	
March 23, 2017	Board Meeting Minutes
March, 2017	Student Activity Accounts Treasurer's Report
CSE / CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS	
Approve CSE/CPSE recommendations as presented to the Board prior to the meeting.	

RESIGNATIONS			
NAME	DESCRIPTION		
Kathleen Schaperjahn	School Nurse	- Effective April 13, 2017	
Joseph Gatchell	Asst. Food Service Helper	- Effective April 23, 2017	
Kristie Gasner	Teacher Aide	- Effective April 7, 2017	
APPOINTMENTS			
NAME	TITLE	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Casimer Dziegiel	Substitute Bus Driver	\$16.01/hour	04/10/17
Erin Carpenter	After School ELA/Math & Homework Lab	\$42/hour	04/13/17
Christopher LeFever	After School ELA/Math & Homework Lab	\$42/hour	04/13/17
Melanie McDonald	Mentor (Timbray Shafer)	\$29/hour	04/13/17

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

NEW BUSINESS

Motion Melodye Eldeen, Second Dennis Schaperjahn

Accept a donation in the amount of \$200 from Brita Donovan's DASA training funds to purchase and support twenty (20) student athletes with t-shirts while attending a Western Athletic Conference Leadership Training Day.

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

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Michelle Bombard

Approve a trip for twelve Future Farmers of America (FFA) students to attend a FFA Convention at Morrisville State College in Morrisville, NY on Thursday, May 11 – Saturday, May 13, 2017 with transportation provided by the Schuylerville Central School District. Students will be picked up at Galway School at approximately 5:45 AM on May 11th and returned to Galway School on May 13th at approximately 5:00 PM.

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

Motion Linda Jackowski, Second Dennis Schaperjahn

Adopt the following budget proposition to appear on the May 16, 2017 Election Ballot:

PROPOSITION #1: Shall the proposed budget of expenditures for the Galway Central School District for the 2017-2018 school year in the amount of \$21,058,918 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?

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

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Melodye Eldeen

Adopt the following bus purchase proposition to appear on the May 16, 2017 Election Ballot:

PROPOSITION #2: Shall the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District be authorized to: (1) acquire four (4) school buses at a maximum aggregate cost of not to exceed \$449,051; (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 trade-in value; 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 \$436,051 and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

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

Motion Melodye Eldeen, Second Anita Crawford

Adopt the 2017-18 Real Property Tax Report Card.

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

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

Motion Linda Jackowski, Second Michelle Bombard to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION DATED APRIL 12, 2017 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING A PROPOSITION TO BE PRESENTED TO THE VOTERS AT A SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING.

WHEREAS, the Galway Public Library (the "Library") has requested that the Galway Central School District (the "School District") hold a special meeting of voters on June 14, 2017 to vote on the proposition set forth below; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT that a special meeting of the qualified voters of the School District be and the same is hereby called to be held at the Galway Town Hall, 5910 Sacandaga Road, Galway, New York, on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. prevailing time (the "School District Vote") for the purpose of voting on the following proposition:

PROPOSITION: Shall (1) the Board of Trustees of the Galway Public Library (the "Library") be authorized to construct a new Library building to be located on East Street in Galway, New York, including the acquisition of equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, site work and other improvements, and expenses in connection therewith, at an estimated maximum cost of \$2,567,000, and expend such sum for such purpose; and (2) the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District (the "District") be authorized to levy the necessary tax therefor, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education; and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$1,150,000, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

The vote upon such proposition shall be by machine or absentee ballot. The hours during which the polls shall be kept open shall be from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. prevailing time or for as long thereafter as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling places at 8:00 p.m. to cast their ballots.

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 31, 2017 from 7:30 – 3:30 PM 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 31, 2017 between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 3:30 P.M., and to add any additional names to the Register to be used at the aforesaid vote 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 June 1, 2017 between the hours of 7:30 AM – 3:30 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.

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NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

Absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or on or prior to June 13, 2017, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on June 14, 2017. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk during regular office hours until the day of the vote. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such list, file a written challenge of the qualifications as a voter of any person whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, at the request of the Galway Public Library (the "Library"), the School District Vote shall be held concurrently with the Library annual vote (the "Library Annual Vote") and that the District Clerk is hereby authorized to work with representatives of the Library to coordinate the School District Vote and the Library Annual Vote.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a notice of such meeting in two newspapers of general circulation within the School District, four (4) times within the seven (7) weeks next preceding such School District meeting, the first publication to be at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the meeting. Such notice shall be in the form attached hereto with such changes as may be approved by the Superintendent upon the advice of Bond Counsel to the School District.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Someone asked if the School District would be responsible for the debt incurred for the construction of a new Galway Public Library if they defaulted in the debt. Mr. Shine responded that although it is highly unlikely that this would happen, the school district would legally be responsible for paying the debt.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Discussion and concerns were expressed regarding a UTube video that was recently posted on Facebook and the measures taking place to address the issue. The Board congratulated those who were awarded tenure and thanked everyone for the presentations that were provided earlier in the meeting.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Melodye Eldeen, Second Michelle Bombard to adjourn at 8:45 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Casatelli

Linda Casatelli
District Clerk