



GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION

MINUTES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2016

6:30 PM - High School Library

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President Jay Anderson at 6:30 PM in the High School Library.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Joan Slagle

OTHERS PRESENT

Frank Ferraro, Business Administrator; Galway students, employees and community members.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - was recited

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - were noted

PRESENTATIONS/OTHER

The Board of Education was recognized in honor of National Board of Education Week. Thanks and appreciation were expressed to them for their hard work and dedication to the faculty, staff and students of the Galway Central School District.

The District's independent external auditor, Mr. Michael Rossi from West & Company LLP, recently concluded the audit of the fiscal affairs of the Galway Central School District for the period July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016 and reported his findings to the Board of Education and those present. 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. He stated that the Food Service Department audit was outstanding and that this is not common due the complexity of what is involved. He commented that our food service audit was better than 26 other school districts and this is not easy to achieve. Superintendent Shine commended Mrs. Amy Thompson, Food Service Manager, for a job well done and stated that it is because of her and only her that we received that well of an audit. He stated that Mrs. Thompson does an exemplary job as our Food Service Manager and we are fortunate to have her here at Galway. Mr. Rossi further reported that the District is in a strong financial state. He said that the District has made wise financial decisions and that we are in a strong position because of that. He also stated that the District has come a very long way since just a few years ago when the District was facing a severe financial crisis and the favorable audit reflects the district's commitment to conservative budgeting practices and is a direct result of following the district's Financial Plan. Thanks and appreciation were extended to everyone's efforts in making this happen

PRESENTATIONS/OTHER (Continued)

Students from the Class of 2018 gave a presentation on a proposed senior class trip. The trip is to Disney World in Florida for five days and four nights in March or April of 2018 that requires approval from the Board of Education. Details of the trip were provided along with information on future fundraisers, etc. Student supervision and student code of conduct while on the trip were discussed. Students will be attending the January Board meeting where they will be seeking approval from the Board. They asked that the Board contact Mrs. Donnan, Class Advisor, if they have any questions or concerns before then so they can be addressed quickly.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Melodye Eldeen to approve the following:

CONSENT AGENDA			
FINANCIAL REPORTS / BOARD MEETING MINUTES			
September, 2016 October 13, 2016	District Treasurer's Report Board Meeting Minutes		
CSE / CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS			
Approve CSE/CPSE recommendations as presented to the Board prior to the meeting.			
RESIGNATION / OTHER			
NAME	DESCRIPTION		
Mallory O'Reilly	Rescind Elementary Newspaper Advisor appointment for the 2016-17 school year.		
APPOINTMENT(S)			
(Note: Rate of Pay adjustments will be made where applicable upon ratification of a new GTA Contract.)			
NAME	TITLE	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Mallory O'Reilly	Elementary Student Senate Advisor (Fundraiser Year)	\$854/year	2016-17 School Year
Amanda Biss	Teacher Aide - Level II	\$9.00/hour	10/24/16
John Bartow Jr.	Substitute Bus Driver	\$16.01/hour	10/24/16
Renee Stafford	Substitute Custodian/Cleaner	\$12.47/hour	10/28/16
Christine Bouchard	Substitute Custodian/Cleaner	\$12.47/hour	10/28/16
Gail Roscioli	Substitute Custodian/Cleaner	\$12.47/hour	10/28/16

All Voted Aye to Approve the Motion. Motion Passed. 6 YES 0 No

NEW BUSINESS

Motion Linda Jackowski, Second Dennis Schaperjahn

Accept the District's Independent External Auditor's Report of 2015-16 school year records indicating compliance with State of New York procedures and regulations. It will be filed with the Office of the Comptroller of NYS as required by law. The general public will be informed and copy will be available for a period of 30 days in the Office of the District Clerk daily during working hours.

All Voted Aye to Approve the Motion. Motion Passed. 6 YES 0 No

Motion Anita Crawford, Second Michelle Bombard

Following a 2nd reading, adopt Board of Education Reimbursement Policy #6830 and Exhibit #6830E.

All Voted Aye to Approve the Motion. Motion Passed. 6 YES 0 No

Mr. Shine requested that one or two board members be part of a committee to work together with him to develop a long-term solution to unique situations encountered with various leaves of absences in the District. Dennis Schaperjahn volunteered and the first meeting will be established once input is received from the school attorney. Mr. Shine is interested in developing a draft proposal of explicit language of how these situations will be handled in the future and then submit it to the Board for review and approval.

Motion Anita Crawford Second Dennis Schaperjahn

WHEREAS, a collective agreement by and between the Superintendent of Schools of the Galway Central School District and the Galway Teachers Association (GTA) for the period from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2020 has been negotiated by representatives of both parties, subject to ratification and approval; and

WHEREAS the Board of Education has been advised that by a majority vote on Monday, October 24, 2016, the GTA membership ratified said agreement; and

WHEREAS that agreement has been presented to the Board of Education for review and approval; Now, therefore, it is hereby RESOLVED that the collective agreement by and between the Superintendent of Schools of the Galway Central School District and the Galway Teachers Association (GTA) for the period from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2020 is hereby approved and the Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the District.

All Voted Aye to Approve the Motion. Motion Passed. 6 YES 0 No

PUBLIC COMMENT - none

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

The Board talked further about the Class of 2018 trip that was presented earlier in the meeting that they will decide. They commented that the students gave a great presentation and thanked them for a job well done. Discussion took place regarding administrators communicating at Board meetings. They thanked Michael Rossi, the District's auditor for his presentation earlier in the meeting and expressed thanks and appreciation to everyone involved in the very positive audit. The importance of communication was stressed along with the importance of keeping the District's website current. It was mentioned that it may be time to look into revamping the district's website

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Michelle Bombard, Second Anita Crawford

To adjourn at 7:50 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