



GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES January 11, 2018

6:00 PM - Executive Session / 6:30 PM - Regular Session

The January 4, 2018 Board Meeting was postponed to January 11, 2018 due to poor weather conditions.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President Jay Anderson at 6:00 PM in the High School Conference Room.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - was recited

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jay Anderson, Michelle Bombard, Stacey Caruso-Sharpe, Melodye Eldeen, Linda Jackowski, Dennis Schaperjahn, Joan Slagle

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT- none

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Linda Jackowski, Second Melodye Eldeen to go into Executive Session at 6:00 PM for specific personnel matters.

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

REGULAR SESSION

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Michelle Bombard 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.

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Linda Jackowski to approve the following:

Resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves an Agreement dated December 20, 2017 resolving a personnel issue which was discussed in Executive Session and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign this Agreement on behalf of the District.

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Shannon C. Shine, Superintendent of Schools; Frank Ferraro, Business Administrator; Michael Miller, Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Robert Martin, Community Member; Kristopher Toscano, Teacher and Coach; Students.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - none

[SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT](#) - none

[OTHER](#)

Motion Melodye Eldeen, Second Dennis Schaperjahn

To accept the following donations presented by Robert Martin, Community Member, at the meeting in memory of Conor Bradshaw with thanks and appreciation:

\$230 from Robert and Loretta Martin

\$550 from Robert Martin on behalf of the Girls Soccer Club

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

[PRESENTATIONS](#) - none

[CONSENT AGENDA](#)

Motion Melodye Eldeen, Second Linda Jackowski to approve the Consent Agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA	
FINANCIAL REPORTS / BOARD MEETING MINUTES	
November, 2017	District Treasurer's Report
November and December, 2017	Student Activity Accounts Treasurer's Report
December 7, 2017	Board Meeting Minutes
CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS	
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RESIGNATIONS	
NAME	DESCRIPTION
Deborah Wilday	Resignation from her Physical Education Teacher position effective January 31, 2018 for retirement purposes with thanks and appreciation for her 38 years of dedicated service to the district.
Janis Palsgraf	Resignation from her Special Education Teacher position effective June 30, 2018 for retirement purposes with thanks and appreciation for her 27 years of dedicated service to the district.
Marcia Page	Resignation from her Elementary School Teacher position effective June 30, 2018 for retirement purposes with thanks and appreciation for her 17 years of dedicated service to the district.

<p style="text-align: center;">CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)</p>			
<p style="text-align: center;">RESIGNATION</p>			
Joanne Donnan	Resignation from her Technology School Teacher position effective August 16, 2018 for retirement purposes with thanks and appreciation for her 27 years of dedicated service to the district.		
<p style="text-align: center;">APPOINTMENTS</p>			
NAME	TITLE	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Mandy Bessette	Teacher Aide	Minimum Wage	01/10/18
Camilla Colangelo	Timer	\$62.00/night	12/18/17
Albert Duell Jr.	Substitute Bus Driver	\$16.01/hour	12/18/17
Jonathan Rhodes	Substitute Bus Driver	\$16.01/hour	12/18/17
Jennifer Suydam	Banana Splits	\$303/year	01/05/17
Jennifer Suydam	Substitute After School ELA/Math and Homework Lab	\$42.00/hour	11/09/17
Phillip Meashaw	Girls Varsity Basketball Coach	Level D \$6,427/Year Pro-rated	12/15/17
Kendall Hall	Girls Jr. Varsity Basketball Coach	Level A1 \$2,741/Year Pro-rated	12/27/17
Shaun Evans	Boys Modified Soccer Coach	Level A1 \$1,279/Year	<u>2018-19</u> School Year
Kristopher Toscano	Unpaid Boys Varsity Soccer Coach	-	01/04/18 - End of School Year
Kristopher Toscano	Boys Varsity Soccer Coach	Level A1 \$2,782/Year	<u>2018-19</u> School Year

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

NEW BUSINESS

Given the current budget climate, a discussion regarding the funding of PTec/Tech Smart took place as the cost is approximately \$22,000 per student for all four years of the program. The number of slots for next year's 9th graders is four. A couple of years ago, the Board of Education agreed to fund the program for the full four years for those students who already toured the program and planned on attending. Some Board members felt that it should no longer be funded in light of the diversity of academic experiences the District is currently offering and the high cost involved which benefits only a few students and not all students. Others felt that it not be taken off the table as there may be options to help offset the cost such as the use of academic funds that may be available, parents sharing in the expense, etc. It was suggested that students be asked what they thought of the program before a decision is made. A decision will be made at the next Board meeting.

A 1st reading of Recruiting and Hiring Policy #9240 and Regulation #9240R will take place at the next Board meeting. Joan Slagle commented that she is glad that the Board will be involved in the hiring process as she has not had much confidence in past administration. A 2nd reading took place of Policy #7351- Authorization of the use of Physical Restraints.

Motion Michelle Bombard, Second Stacey Caruso-Sharpe
To adopt the following Board Policies and Regulations:

Expense Reimbursement	6830
Gate Receipts and Admissions Regulation	6252R
Facilities Development Goals	7000
Facilities Planning	7100
Site Acquisition	7350
Construction Safety	7365
Support Services Goals	8000
School Building Safety	8110
Health and Safety Committee	8112
Pesticides and Pest Management	8115

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

Motion Stacey Caruso-Sharpe, Second Linda Jackowski

Approve February 16, 2018 as an Emergency Release Day instead of December 22, 2017 on the School Calendar due to school being closed on the 22nd.

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

Motion Linda Jackowski, Second Melodye Eldeen

Be it resolved, that the Board of Education directs the Superintendent of Schools to make necessary salary adjustments in compliance with minimum wage requirements under Article 19 of New York State Labor Law, for any staff making less than the minimum wage. Effective December 31, 2017 minimum wage will increase from \$9.70 per hour to \$10.40 per hour.

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

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

Motion Linda Jackowski, Second Melodye Eldeen to approve the following Board of Education Advocacy Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Galway Central School District strives to provide an outstanding education and post-secondary pathway for each and every student; and

WHEREAS, the District works diligently to meet the needs of all students while still fulfilling the ever increasing list of state mandates and contractual obligations; and

WHEREAS, our School District's free and reduced lunch rate has increased from 13% in 2010-11 to 34% in 2016-17.

WHEREAS, the district continues to work diligently to create a balanced budget that respects the needs of area taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, property tax levy legislation at the state level has provided an increased need for State Aid to maintain quality programs; and

WHEREAS, public schools are being asked to do more for students than ever before, so they are prepared for college, military or a career; and

WHEREAS, each child in the Galway Central School District only has one opportunity 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 NYS Legislature and Governor Andrew Cuomo to act upon the following priorities:

1. Fund and Adjust the Foundation Formula
 - Review and Update the Foundation Amount - currently \$6,340.00 per pupil.
 - Reduce the Income Wealth Index.
 - Adjust the weighting factor for Free and Reduced Lunch to reflect the accurate measure of student need.
 - Maintain the "SAVE Harmless" provision.
 - Provide a minimum increase in foundation aid to all school districts.
2. Increase the \$30,000 Threshold on BOCES Aid for Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs by providing 100% aid ability for the salaries of CTE teachers.
3. Small Group Health Insurance
 - Create a "carve out" provision in statute to allow all school districts with 51-100 or more employees to continue to participate in an Experienced Rated Health Insurance Consortium or Trust.
4. Building Aid for Small Capital Projects:
 - Increase the threshold for base year capital outlay expenses from the current amount, established in 2002 from \$100,000 to \$250,000 to assist districts in making critical capital improvements.

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

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Stacey Caruso-Sharpe

Approve the Galway Varsity Wrestling team trip to Vergennes Union High School in Vermont on January 27, 2018 to attend a one day tournament featuring NYSPHSAA schools along with members in good standing of the Vermont Public High School Athletic Association.

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

Motion Linda Jackowski, Second Dennis Schaperjahn

Approve a Science Club Trip for students and families in the community to Boston, MA on Saturday, April 28, 2018 to learn about living organisms, to promote awareness of endangered species, to learn of what can be done to preserve the environment and also to view other sites in the area.

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

Following review and input from the Board of Education and the general public:

Motion Melodye Eldeen, Second Dennis Schaperjahn

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District hereby approves and adopts the District's 2017-18 District-Wide School Safety Plan which is available in the District Office of the Galway CSD and on the District's website.

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

Motion Stacey Caruso-Sharpe, Second Michelle Bombard

Approve and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign an Agreement between the Galway Central School District and the GTA regarding posting procedures dated January 4, 2018

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

OLD BUSINESS

Following a discussion of after hours building security, a committee consisting of Dennis Schaperjahn and Michelle Bombard was established to look into this further and report back to the board to assist in implementing a plan for the safety and security of students.

Motion Michelle Bombard, Second Linda Jackowski to adopt the following procedure for choosing a Class Speaker at Graduation:

PROCEDURE FOR CHOOSING A CLASS SPEAKER AT GRADUATION

Below are the steps that need to be taken in order to nominate and receive approval for a class speaker at Graduation:

1. A vote of the entire senior class must be conducted to see if the students are interested in having an additional speaker at Graduation. If 51% of the senior class does not want an additional speaker at graduation, there will be no additional speaker. If 51% vote to have an additional speaker, a nomination process must take place. If a tie occurs, the class advisor will be the deciding vote.

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OLD BUSINESS (Continued)

2. A nomination process must occur to allow everyone in the senior class to nominate a speaker. Students must fill out a nomination form that will include a short bio of the person, a detailed explanation of why this person would be an appropriate speaker for Graduation and the connection they have to the senior class or Galway community.
3. Once the nomination process has occurred, the forms will be collected and processed by the class advisor. Seniors will be given time to look at the nomination forms and vote on what nominee they would like to have speak at Graduation.
4. The class advisor will tabulate the vote and submit the top 3 choices to the Principal. The Principal will then review the findings and report to the BOE and Superintendent with his or her recommendation.
5. The BOE will review the results and recommendation of the Principal and will have final say on whether to accept or decline the senior class request for a graduation speaker. The BOE can accept, decline, or choose one of the other speakers from the top 3 in votes from the senior class nomination process.
6. The BOE will share results with the Superintendent and Principal. The Principal will then share the information with the class advisor. If the BOE has approved the speaker, the class advisor will inform the speaker; if the speaker declines, the class advisor with BOE approval can ask the second or third choice from the top 3 selections.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Martin felt that the Board should not fund Ptec/Tech Smart next year as the District could implement a lot of good programs here in Galway for the cost involved. He shared his thoughts and suggestions on after hours security and thanked the Board for appointing Kristopher Toscano as Boys Varsity Soccer coach. He stated that Mr. Toscano will be an asset to the program and also to the District. Mr. Toscano was present and thanked everyone for the opportunity.

BOARD COMMENTS

Various facilities and after hours security questions and comments were made. Mr. Shine is going to look into them and get back to the Board. A finance committee meeting took place this week which was very helpful as we continue forward in the budget process. A first draft of the budget will be presented at the next Board meeting. Everyone was thanked for all they do along with those involved in Holiday Food Boxes this year. It was asked that a reminder be sent reminding people to not park in handicapped areas in the evening unless authorized to do so. It was asked that a Facilities Committee Meeting be scheduled to talk about the tennis courts, storage building, etc. Robert Martin was thanked for his input earlier in the meeting and for his donation to the district.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Melodye Eldeen to adjourn at 8:10 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Casatelli

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District Clerk