



GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018

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, Melodye Eldeen, Linda Jackowski, Dennis Schaperjahn, Joan Slagle

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT- Stacey Caruso-Sharpe

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

REGULAR SESSION

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

All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - were noted

PRESENTATION

Frank Ferraro, Business Administrator, gave a presentation on the 2018-19 school budget that will be presented to the Board for adoption later in the meeting. The District is proposing a budget of \$21,500,482 for the 2018–19 school year. This is an overall budget-to-budget increase of \$441,564 or 2.10%, resulting in an estimated 2.62% increase in the tax levy, which is below the district's maximum allowable tax levy cap of 2.66%. Melodye Eldeen asked about funding for TechSmart. Jay Anderson commented that the Board agreed to fund TechSmart this year. To offset the tax levy, the district will apply \$1,400,000 from the Fund Balance. In addition, the district will make a targeted, one-time purchase from the undesignated fund balance for one 72-passenger school bus and two minivans on NYS Contract. The capital component of the proposed budget (debt service) includes funding for one Bond Anticipation Notice for the first phase of the Capital Project, which encompasses abatement (spring 2018) and contractor work (spring 2019).

PRESENTATION (Continued)

78.6% of the Capital Project expenditures will be returned to the district in ensuing years in the form of revenue from NYS Building Aid. The proposed budget fully supports the students, families, and taxpayers of the district. It stays within the Tax Cap limitations, preserves programs and opportunities for students, utilizes available resources to keep rising costs at a minimum, and strategically manages reserves and fund balance. Further information can be found on the district’s website and in the upcoming budget newsletter. The community is encouraged to vote on on May 15, 2018. Polls will be open from 10 AM - 8 PM in the High School Gym.

A Winter Sports Update was provided by Nathan Kocak, Athletic Director. Discussion took place on the number of tennis courts and basketball courts that we need. The district is looking into modifying the upcoming building project once more information becomes available.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA		
FINANCIAL REPORTS / BOARD MEETING MINUTES		
March 22, 2018	Board Meeting Minutes	
CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS		
Approve CSE/CPSE recommendations as presented to the Board prior to the meeting.		
RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Michael Sherman	Supervisor Buildings, Grounds and Transportation	04/06/18
Christopher Cook	Resignation from Custodian position in order to accept Head Custodian position later in the meeting.	04/01/18
Christine Buskey	Teacher Aide	03/26/18

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

APPOINTMENTS			
NAME	TITLE	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Christopher Cook	Provisional appointment as Head Custodian	\$19.00/hour	04/02/18
Michelle McDougall	Elementary Summer School Principal	\$3,200/year	July, 2018
Brita Donovan	Jr./Sr. High School Summer School Principal	\$3,200/year	July, 2018

All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion Michelle Bombard, Second Dennis Schaperjahn
 Adopt the 2018-2019 Galway Central School District Budget in the amount of \$21,500,482.

All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

2. Motion Linda Jackowski, Second Michelle Bombard
 Approve the following proposition to appear on the May 15, 2018 Election Ballot:

PROPOSITION #1: Shall the proposed budget of expenditures for the Galway Central School District for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$21,500,482 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 6-0.

3. Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Michelle Bombard
 Approve the following proposition to appear on the May 15, 2018 Election Ballot:

PROPOSITION #2: Shall the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District be authorized to: (1) Acquire one school bus at a maximum aggregate cost not to exceed \$118,000 and expend such sum for such purpose; (2) Acquire two minivans at a maximum aggregate cost not to exceed \$86,000; (3) Expend an amount not to exceed \$204,000 of the district's unassigned fund balance to pay for the acquisition of these vehicles?

All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

4. Motion Melodye Eldeen, Second Linda Jackowski
Adopt the Galway Central School District 2018-19 Real Property Tax Report Card.
All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

5. Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Joan Slagle
Authorize the Galway Central School District to transport Fonda-Fultonville Central School District FFA students attending the Board-approved FFA State Convention in Rochester on May 17 - 19, 2018 to designated pick up and drop off locations as our bus will be traveling past the Fonda-Fultonville CSD while on route to and from the Convention.
All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

6. Motion Linda Jackowski, Second Dennis Schaperjahn
To amend the service agreement with Alicia Backus for master of social work supervision and training to the revised effective date of 01/08/18 - 07/01/18 instead of 2/16/18 - 7/1/18.
All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

7. Motion Michelle Bombard, Second Linda Jackowski
To declare the following as surplus/obsolete to be disposed of per Policy #6900 - Disposal of District Property.

Bus # 123	2012 Lion Bus, 72 Passenger, VIN #4VZJN2B94BC074406
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All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Capital Project - Tennis and Basketball Courts
2. Discussion took place on potentially clearing approximately 100' of trees adjacent to the track with the rationale that the current configuration is a safety concern as individuals can get quite close to the track without being seen. Additionally, there is the cost, both time and money, of cleaning the track when pine needles, leaves and sticks blow onto the track. The presence of organic debris also facilitates plant growth (e.g. grass and moss) on the track which damages the surface. Removing the trees will also keep bugs down. Price quotes will be obtained for review by the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Facility Committee - An update was provided as the Building Project moves forward.
2. Building Security Sub-Committee - No report at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments were made regarding the tennis and basketball courts that were talked about earlier in the meeting and to keep in mind that student enrollment is declining.

BOARD COMMENTS

Various comments were made throughout the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Melodye Eldeen, Second Dennis Schaperjahn to adjourn at 8:10 PM.
All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Casatelli
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District Clerk

(See Next page for upcoming Budget Vote Information)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND BUDGET VOTE/ELECTION
MAY 15, 2018 ELECTION**

PUBLIC HEARING – MAY 3, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing of the qualified voters of the Galway Central School District, Galway, New York, will be held in the High School Library of said District on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 6:30 PM prevailing time, for the presentation of the budget document. The budget will be available for review seven days before the hearing in the District Office of the Galway Central School District.

BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION - MAY 15, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Annual School Election of the qualified voters of the Galway Central School District will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 between the hours of 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM prevailing time, in the Galway High School Gym, at which time polls will be opened to vote by electronic voting machine upon the following:

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BOARD OF EDUCATION VACANCY

To elect one member to the Board of Education to fill one vacancy. This four-year term of office begins on 7/1/18 and ends on 6/30/22.

STATEMENT OF MONEY REQUIRED TO FUND BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2018-19 may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours beginning Tuesday, May 1, 2018 in the District Office of Galway School.

PETITIONS FOR SEAT ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION / BOARD VACANCY INFORMATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District, Linda Casatelli, at her office located in the District Office of the Galway Jr./Sr. High School, 5317 Sacandaga Road, Galway, NY no later than 5:00 P.M. on Monday, April 16, 2018. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District; be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District; must state the residence of each signer, and must state the name and residence of the candidate. The petition shall describe the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent. All seats are "at large" which means that each nominee is eligible for every vacancy rather than only for a specific seat.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots are obtainable during school business hours from the District Clerk, Linda Casatelli. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM on Election Day - May 15, 2019.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS – MAY 1, 2018

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 1, 2018 from 7:30 – 3:30 P.M. 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 1, 2018 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 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 May 1, 2018 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.

FILING OF REFERENDA OR PROPOSITIONS

notice is hereby given, that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with 2035 and 2008 of the Education law, any referenda or propositions to amend the budget, or otherwise to be submitted for voting at said election, must be filed with the Board of Education at the Administration Building of Galway School, located in the Board of Education Room of the Jr./Sr. High School no later than 30 days before the Annual Budget Vote at 4:00 P.M. prevailing time; must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District; and must state the name and residence of each signer. However, the School board will not entertain any petition to place before the power of the voters to determine, or any proposition which fails to include a specific appropriation where the expenditures of monies is required by the proposition.

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