



GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

MINUTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018

6:30 PM - Regular Meeting - HS Library

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board Vice-President Dennis Schaperjahn in the absence of the Board President at 6:00 PM in the High School Conference Room.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - was recited

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Stacey Caruso-Sharpe, Melodye Eldeen, Linda Jackowski, Dennis Schaperjahn, Joan Slagle

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT- Jay Anderson, Michelle Bombard

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Melodye Eldeen, Second Stacey Caruso-Sharpe to go into Executive Session at 6:00 PM for specific personnel matters.

All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

REGULAR SESSION

Motion Stacey Caruso-Sharpe, 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 5-0.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - were noted

PRESENTATION

Frank Ferraro, Business Administrator, reported that Galway CSD is in the process of developing the budget for the 2018-19 school year which will include determination of the tax levy. School budget information and all budget presentations can be found on the district's website. Information will also be provided in upcoming district newsletters. The community is welcome to attend monthly Board of Education meetings to learn more about the budget and to provide input. The budget will be adopted at the April 12th meeting of the Board of Education.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A monthly overtime report will be provided to the Board per their request.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Melodye Eldeen, Second Stacey Caruso-Sharpe to approve the following:

| CONSENT AGENDA | | | |
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| FINANCIAL REPORTS / BOARD MEETING MINUTES | | | |
| January, 2018 | District Treasurer's Report | | |
| February 15, 2018 | Board Meeting Minutes | | |
| CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS | | | |
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| RESIGNATIONS | | | |
| NAME | TITLE | EFFECTIVE DATE | |
| Melissa Lovelass | District Treasurer | 03/14/18 | |
| APPOINTMENTS | | | |
| NAME | TITLE | RATE OF PAY | EFFECTIVE DATE |
| Mallory O'Reilly | Mentor (For Katelyn Hurley) | \$29/hour 3 hours per month | March - June, 2018 |
| Erica Wardell | Long-Term Substitute Gr. 7-12 Art Teacher | Step B1 \$42,060/year pro-rated | 03/13/18 |
| Alysson Nellis | Modified Volleyball Coach | Level A1 \$1,279/year | <u>2018-19</u> School Year |
| Jennifer Miller | Modified Softball Coach | Level A1 \$1,364/year | 03/12/18 |

NEW BUSINESS

1. A District Treasurer replacement discussion took place.
2. Motion Linda Jackowski, Second Stacey Caruso Sharpe
Adopt the 2017-18 Galway Central School District Organizational Chart.
All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

3. Motion Stacey Caruso Sharpe, Second Linda Jackowski to TABLE the following:
Authorize the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District after-school and weekend access to exterior and suite-entry doors of Galway Central School District facilities by issuing door swipe cards to those requesting access and that access be used for the sole purpose of conducting approved and ongoing school board business. At no time shall access be shared with anyone other than the authorized school Board member or used for any other purpose other than to conduct approved and ongoing school board business.
All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
4. Motion Joan Slagle, Second Melodye Eldeen
Accept a \$8,000 Agricultural Education Incentive Grant from Cornell University, for the administration of the NYS Agricultural Education Outreach program with thanks and appreciation to Cornell University and Taylor Clifford for her efforts in obtaining the grant.
All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
5. Motion Stacey Caruso Sharpe, Second Joan Slagle
Approve a Budget Transfer in the amount of \$30,000 from Hospital, Medical & Dental Insurance Budget Code #A9060.800-00-0000 to Legal Contractual Expenses Budget Code #A1420.400-02-1400.
All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
6. Motion Linda Jackowski, Second Melodye Eldeen
Approve a FFA Trip to the NY FFA State Convention in Rochester, NY on May 17-19, 2018 for State Level Competitions and Qualifiers promoting student potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success.
All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
7. Motion Melodye Eldeen, Second Linda Jackowski
Accept a \$896 anonymous donation from a community member to be used to fund an elementary field trip on May 31, 2018 to Schacht Fine Arts Center Theater to see Backbeard: A New Musical with thanks and appreciation.
All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
8. There is one vacancy on the Galway Board of Education. It is a four-year term of office that begins on July 1, 2018 and ends on June 30, 2022. This seat is currently held by Joan Slagle whose term expires on June 30, 2018. Individuals seeking election to the Board of Education at the annual school election on May 15, 2018 must submit a petition to the District Clerk with a minimum of 25 signatures from district residents by 5:00 PM on Monday, April 16, 2018. To obtain a petition, please contact District Clerk, Linda Casatelli, at (518) 882-1033 or lcasatel@galwaycsd.org.

OLD BUSINESS

An After-Hours and Weekend Security Update was provided. In light of recent local and national events, we know there are questions and concerns about how we ensure our schools are safe. It is important to talk about what we have done and are doing at Galway, and to reassure you that the safety of our students, teachers, and staff is the District's top priority.

We continually evaluate District and individual building safety practices to ensure we are keeping current with best safety and security practices, and doing everything possible to make our buildings as safe as they can be. We continue to work with local and state law enforcement officials on an ongoing basis to implement the most up-to-date safety procedures. In addition, we have facilitated training for all faculty and staff in the District, we consult with national and regional experts regarding how to improve what we are doing, and conduct meaningful on-going drills. Galway Central School District will continue to implement a variety of measures and programs to deter school violence. The majority of these steps focus on building a stronger school culture and community through communication, respect, and responsibility. See Something, Say Something has never been more important!

Security measures in place at each building include:

- All staff members are required to wear an identification badge at all times.
- All new employees, including teachers, are fingerprinted before they are hired and extensive background checks are done by the NYS Education Department and FBI.
- Only one entrance in each building is accessible to the public throughout school day. All other doors with outside access are locked.
- At all schools, visitors may enter the school building only through the main entrance.
- Visitors are required to sign-in and wear name tags throughout the length of their stay.
- All buildings are equipped with video surveillance equipment.
- Law enforcement has had an increased presence within both buildings.
- Classroom doors remain locked throughout the school day.
- Emergency call system is in-place and practiced.
- Various programs have been implemented throughout the year to address our students social and emotional needs.
- We have a school safety committee that meets regularly to address any and all concerns, and makes recommendations for areas of improvement.

We know the importance of students feeling connected to their school community, which is why our staff and teachers make building relationships with students a priority. Our school social worker, counselors, psychologist, and administrators are also always available to meet with students who want to express concerns or just talk. It is important for all community members to realize that a threat could be something seen on social media or something that is heard in a conversation. That's where the crucial concept, "See Something, Say Something" comes into play. We strongly encourage all school staff, students, parents, and community members to promptly report suspicious or potentially dangerous activity to the District and local police department.

OLD BUSINESS (Continued)

Additionally, parents, students, and community members can always share information with any school administrator or school employee, who are trained to follow appropriate reporting protocols. Strategic safety plans and emergency protocols are certainly critical, but close communication and knowing our students and school community is just as important. We all want the very best learning environment possible for our Galway students, and we thank you for reviewing this important information. If you have any questions or concerns about the information above, please do not hesitate to contact any administrator.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments and suggestions were made regarding building security. It was mentioned that that the Town of Galway is planning to conduct a town-wide property revaluation for the purposes of updating its assessment rolls and people do not know how their taxes will be affected. Mr. Shine explained that the only aspect of school taxes that the school district controls is the tax levy. Once more information becomes available, it will be posted on our website and in the next newsletter. In the meantime, he suggested that people contact the Town if they have questions.

BOARD COMMENTS

Various comments were made throughout the meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Stacey Caruso-Sharpe, Second Melodye Eldeen to adjourn at 7:45 PM.
All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Casatelli
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District Clerk

