

Galway Board of Education Work Session Meeting Minutes - 2/4/2010

Present: Cheryl Smith, Terry Ostrander, Joan Slagle, Janet Glenn, Bradley Rooke, Mark Pribis,
Mike Marcelle (supt.)

Next meeting: 2/10/2010, 6:30, HS Library

I. Budget Presentation

- Lin Jackowski and Rita Borucki made a presentation on the Special Education and Pupil Services portion of the budget.
- A Packet was given to the BOE members and audience which contains the information presented.
- Included in the presentation were costs of services to students both in our school and out placed, costs and reasoning of services provided to students who receive those services out of district.
- A recommendation was made to reinstate a special education teacher position and introduce an aide position in the elementary school.

II. Policies

- Medicaid Compliance – this policy was presented for information and will be read at the next BOE meeting. A policy of this type is mandated for schools which receive over \$500K in medicate aid (Galway does not), but it has been determined that having this is a best practice for all schools.
- Tobacco Free Schools Policy – Three policies were presented to the BOE for information. A policy of this type will increase the potential for Galway to receive grant funding. Mr. Marcelle, and the BOE agreed, recommends that the Safe and Drug Free Schools Committee look at the policies presented and draft a policy to bring before the board.
- Acceptable Use Policy – A draft of this policy was presented to the BOE. The school attorney has reviewed the policy and made recommendations. This Technology Committee will revise this policy based on recommendations and bring it back to the BOE.
- Student Health Services Policy – This policy was presented for information. The policy will be sent to the Student Health Advisory Committee for review and to present to the BOE.
- Policy on leaving campus – This policy was presented for information. The policy will be discussed more in the future and the administration will be given an opportunity to comment on the policy.

III. Curriculum and Achievement Team (CAT)

- The CAT strategic planning committee has previously presented items, including Characteristics of a Galway Graduate and modifications to the Galway School District Mission Statement, to the BOE for adoption.
- These items will be reviewed by the school curriculum committee headed by Mr. Clay on Feb 11th and brought back to the BOE in March.

IV. Middle School Update

- Mr. Berry updated the BOE on a presentation being given in the Middle School by Dr. Catapano on Feb 9th regarding using homework as a formative assessment. The MSAB is currently reading and discussing the book, Rethinking Homework.
- Mr. Berry also discussed his Tidbits email he sends out regularly to all middle school parents. The BOE will begin to receive this email and it will be used to advertise the Homework presentation on Feb. 9th.

V. Superintendent Evaluation

- Mr. Marcelle presented a schedule and his written narrative of progress on the superintendent's annual goals. He gave the BOE his goals prior to his beginning at this position.
- The BOE will complete the performance evaluation and give their input to Mr. Sutton by Feb 10th.

VI. Other

- The next BOE meeting will start at 6:30 and go into executive session to discuss negotiations.
- The Music Department will present at this meeting.
- Students have requested that the One Act Plays be reinstated into the budget and they will have representatives present this at the next BOE meeting
- The budget presentation will be on the Athletics, Operations and Maintenance portions of the budget.

Respectfully submitted by: Mark Pribis