

# Minutes

## Board of Education Meeting

November 18, 2009

7:00 P.M.

High School Library

**DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.**

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	President John Sutton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the High School conference room.
<b>ROLL CALL</b>	Was conducted by Board President Sutton. A quorum was present.
<b>ATTENDEES:</b>	Board Members Present: Janet Glenn, Terry Ostrander, Mark Pribis, Cheryl Smith, John Sutton, Joan Slagle, Bradley Rooke Board Members Absent: None (Mark Pribis left the meeting prior to the beginning of the executive session.)
<b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b>	was recited
<b>Agenda Topics</b>	
<b>ADDITIONS TO Agenda</b>	
<b>Board Recognition</b>	
<b>EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION</b>	A presentation from the Foreign Language Department and Kindergarten Teachers took place. Details are available by calling the school.
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS</b>	
<b>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</b>	An update on the upcoming Facilities Improvement Project vote on December 15, 2009 took place (project details are available on the district's web site) The tax collector's report was reviewed.  Mr. Moses reported that a request was made to amend the district's graduation policy to add that any student eligible to receive a diploma be recognized. He stated that after discussion with the Board of Education he recommends that the policy not be changed and that it remain as is.
<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>	Contains the October District Treasurer's report, the October Student Activity Accounts Treasurer's Report, minutes of the October 21, 2009 Board meeting & minutes of the November 4, 2009 Board work session. (Minutes of Board Work Sessions will now be included in the consent agenda.) A change was made to the work session minutes to include who was in attendance.  Motion: Mark Pribis Second: Terry Ostrander Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried

<p><b>REPORTS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS &amp; QUESTIONS</b></p>	<p>John Sutton reported on the Superintendent search and that committees will be formed involving one teacher from each building, two CSEA representatives, 1 administrator, one management-confidential employee, one non-parent and one parent from each building to participate in the process. Further information is forthcoming.</p> <p>Details of the Facilities Improvement Project and the vote on December 15<sup>th</sup> are on the district's website. A newsletter about the project and vote will be mailed in early December to the community.</p> <p>Mr. Sutton, Board members, and those in attendance congratulated Mr. Moses on a job well done as Superintendent of Schools at Galway and best wishes were extended to him as he retires from Galway Central School on November 30, 2009.</p> <p>Cheryl Smith talked about the following: the cost involved in making changes to the district's current telephone system; the possibility of changing the district's annual emergency go home drill next year to begin earlier in the afternoon with a regular dismissal time not only to accommodate parents but also to reflect a true emergency drill; the need to begin the process to hire a replacement for the Treasurer who is retiring at the end of June, 2010 whose last day at Galway will be May 31, 2010; various conferences available to the Board; John Sutton will be contacting the internal auditor regarding transfers, category changes, etc.</p> <p>Bradley Rooke talked about discussions that took place at a recent "coffee" with the Board regarding low-cost security measures, ID cards worn by students, a sign-in process where teachers could sign in themselves on a computer, safety committee and principal quarterly reports, volunteerism opportunities, and a policy on field trips where they must have educational value.</p> <p>John Sutton informed the public that the Board of Education knows that where Board Member Joan Slagle sleeps at night is not in the Galway Central School District. Mr. Sutton said the law states that the domicile of a board member is used when determining residency. Joan Slagle said that her Paisley Road residence continues to be her domicile which is in the Galway School District and will continue to be until her term of office on the Board of Education expires in 2012.</p> <p>Terry Ostrander reported that Education Foundation checks will be distributed at the next Board meeting.</p>	
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<p><b>PERSONNEL</b></p>	<p>approve a paid/unpaid <b>maternity medical leave of absence</b> for <b>Katrina Barr</b> from her Elementary AIS math teacher position per the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 effective on or about December 23, 2009 - on or about April 1, 2010 for twelve weeks. This medical leave time will run concurrently with her sick time. Further approve an unpaid <b>parental leave of absence</b> effective on or about April 2, 2010 - June 11, 2010.</p>	<p>Motion: Cheryl Smith Second: Bradley Rooke Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>
	<p><b>Co-curricular appointments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Girls Basketball Scorekeeper Pam Wilday - \$64/event</li> <li>• Girls Basketball Shot Clock Gary Barrow, Paul Levin - \$64/event</li> <li>• Sub. Fitness Center Supv. &amp; Sub. All Sports Tracy Smith – same rate of pay as person being replaced.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<p>Motion: Terry Ostrander Second: Joan Slagle Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>
	<p><b>Substitute appointments:</b> the emergency conditional appointment of <b>Chet Ciembroniewicz</b> as a <b>Substitute Bus Driver</b> at a rate of \$14.00 per hour effective November 9, 2009 pending fingerprint clearance. He is also a Substitute Bus Monitor in the district.</p> <p>the emergency conditional appointment of <b>Deborah Amell</b> as s <b>Substitute K-5, AIS, Music &amp; Art Teacher</b> per the SASIE agreement effective November 19, 2009 pending fingerprint clearance.</p>	<p>Motion: Joan Slagle Second: Janet Glenn Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>
	<p>increase the hourly rate of pay for <b>school election workers</b> from \$7.15 to \$7.25 per hour to reflect the new minimum wage requirement that took effect on July 24, 2009.</p>	<p>Motion: Janet Glenn Second: Bradley Rooke Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>
	<p>appoint <b>Greg Birbilis</b> as a <b>Long-Term Substitute PE Teacher</b> effective approximately 11/18/09 - 2/22/10 at Step M1 of the salary schedule \$41,200/year pro-rated. He is cleared for employment and replaces Paula Canell who will be on maternity leave.</p>	<p>Motion: Joan Slagle Second: Mark Pribis Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion carried</p>

<p><b>OLD BUSINESS</b></p>	<p>Adopt the following <b>Board Goals</b> for 2009-10:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Board of Education shall emphasize its ongoing focus on student achievement by regular discussion of related topics at board meetings and workshops. Student achievement will stay in the forefront of our mission through curriculum and professional development, spotlighting accomplishment in this area, and routinely communicating about achievement among all stakeholders of the district.</i></li> <li>• <i>Continue communications with Administration, Faculty and Staff as well as all stakeholders</i></li> <li>• <i>Conduct diligent, professional and productive search for new Superintendent of Schools</i></li> <li>• <i>Prepare appropriate building project proposals and accurately and effectively communicate the details, needs and financial impacts associated with the proposals.</i></li> <li>• <i>Continue evaluation and start the implementation of Ad Hoc Committee recommendations.</i></li> <li>• <i>Create “standing agenda” for workshop meetings to include policies, goals, Superintendent search, and Building project.</i></li> </ul>	<p>Motion: Terry Ostrander                  Second: Mark Pribis                  Ayes: 7 Noes: 0                  Motion carried</p>										
<p><b>NEW BUSINESS</b></p>	<p>An annual review of <b>Attendance Policy #5100</b> took place.</p>											
	<p><b>Adopt the following Board Policies</b> effective 11/19/09.</p> <p>Policy #2400 - Board Policy Development                  Policy #2410 - Process of Adoption and/or Amendment of Policies                  Policy #2420 - Policy Implementation and Review</p>	<p>Motion: Mark Pribis                  Second: Janet Glenn                  Ayes: 7 Noes: 0                  Motion carried</p>										
	<p><b>Reject all bus lift bids</b> received at the bid opening on September 30, 2009 since none met all of the specifications required in the bid specs.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Red's Equipment</td> <td>\$19,449.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PJ Industrial Supply</td> <td>\$19,450.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Filtrek Corp.</td> <td>\$19,800.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Tool Co.</td> <td>\$30,484.41</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Tool Co.</td> <td>\$16,425.35</td> </tr> </table> <p>SED recommended that the District purchase a lift from the State Contract Vendor list. The cost would be \$16,509.76 (including installation charges) for a lift that meets the district's requirements.</p>	Red's Equipment	\$19,449.00	PJ Industrial Supply	\$19,450.00	Filtrek Corp.	\$19,800.00	Total Tool Co.	\$30,484.41	Total Tool Co.	\$16,425.35	<p>Motion: Terry Ostrander                  Second: Janet Glenn                  Ayes: 5 Noes: 0                  Motion carried</p>
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<p><b>NEW BUSINESS (Continued)</b></p>	<p><b>Donations:</b>                  \$100 from the Varsity Club to use toward an outdoor LED display sign &amp; authorize the Treasurer to increase account code A1620.200                   \$ 50 from the Science Club to use toward an outdoor LED display sign &amp; authorize the Treasurer to increase account code A1620.200                   \$100 from Norman Griffin &amp; family to use toward an outdoor LED display sign &amp; authorize the Treasurer to increase account code A1620.200                   \$100 from Pete and Rebecca Bednarek to use toward an outdoor LED display sign &amp; authorize the Treasurer to increase account code A1620.200                   \$10,000 from the Dockstader Trust to use toward new stage curtains &amp; authorize the Treasurer to increase account code A1620.400.                   Drum Set from Bob &amp; Lori Leibert-VanVranken valued at approximately \$2,000 for student use.</p>	<p>Motion: Terry Ostrander                  Second: Janet Glenn                  Ayes: 7 Noes: 0                  Motion carried</p>
	<p>Approve an <b>8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to New York City</b> on June 3, 2010 to see the filming of the “Today Show” in Rockefeller Plaza, to visit the seaport, a museum, ground zero and other educational sites in the city.</p>	<p>Motion: Bradley Rooke                  Second: Joan Slagle                  Ayes: 7 Noes: 0                  Motion carried</p>
	<p>Approve a <b>7th grade trip to Boston, MA</b> on June 14, 2010 to visit the New England Aquarium, walk the Freedom Trail, and see other educational sites in Boston.</p>	<p>Motion: Bradley Rooke                  Second: Joan Slagle                  Ayes: 7 Noes: 0                  Motion carried</p>
<p><b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b></p>	<p>Mr. Moses extended thanks and appreciation to everyone as he retires as Superintendent of Schools at Galway Central School. He said that he chose Galway as the place he wanted to retire from and that Galway is a great place. He often told people that “Galway is the best kept secret in Saratoga County”. He said the faculty and staff at Galway truly care and kids have always come first. He looks forward to hearing about good things happening at Galway in the future and once again thanked everyone for seven wonderful years at Galway School.</p> <p>Mark Pribis had to leave the Board meeting at this time.</p>	

<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>	Resolved that the Board of Education move into <b>executive session</b> at 9:41 PM for CSE/CPSE recommendations.	Motion: Second: Ayes: 6    Noes: 0 Motion carried
	Resolved that the Board of Education arrange placement of the following students as recommended by the <b>CSE/CPSE</b> : 4619, 6001, 4281, 8392, 4310, 5232, 2321, 5245, 5036	Motion: Cheryl Smith Second: Terry Ostrander Ayes:6    Noes: 0 Motion carried
<b>REGULAR SESSION</b>	Resolved that the Board of Education return to <b>regular session</b> at 10:00 PM.	Motion: Bradley Rooke Second: Terry Ostrander Ayes: 6    Noes: 0 Motion carried
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Resolved that the Board of Education <b>adjourn</b> at 10:01 PM.	Motion: Janet Glenn Second: Joan Slagle Ayes: 6    Noes: 0 Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda M. Casatelli*

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District Clerk**

