

Galway Central School District
Board of Education Meeting
MINUTES

Thursday, January 24, 2013
6:30 PM - High School Library

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM in the High School Library.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - was recited

ATTENDANCE

Board members present: Cheryl Smith, President; Thomas Rumsey, Vice-President; Nancy Lisicki, Dennis Schaperjahn, Joan Slagle, Janet Glenn (was present via Skype), Lauralyn Sakala (was appointed as a Board Member early in the meeting. She replaces John Sutton)

Board members absent: None

Others present: William F. Scott, Superintendent of Schools; Linda Jackowski, Director of Pupil Services; Brita Donovan, Associate Principal Gr. 7-12; Michelle McDougall, Elementary School Principal; Michael Healey, Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Tim Hilker, School Business Official, Community Members; Faculty; Staff; Students

OTHER

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, Second by Nancy Lisicki

Accept the **resignation of Lauralyn Sakala from her Substitute Teacher Aide position** effective January 23, 2013 due to her being appointed as a member of the Galway Central School District Board of Education.

All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion Passed 6 - Yes 0 - No

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, Second by Joan Slagle

Appoint **Lauralyn Sakala as a member of the Galway Central School District Board of Education** effective January 24, 2013 - the next School Election on May 21, 2013. She replaces John Sutton who resigned from his seat on the Board of Education in November, 2012.

All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion Passed 6 - Yes 0 - No

Lauralyn Sakala signed an Oath of Office that was certified by the District Clerk.

Lauralyn Sakala began her term of office as a Board of Education member and participated in the remainder of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA - None

AWARDS

Student of the Month Awards were presented by Mr. Healey to the students listed below. Congratulations were extended to each of them.

Jessica Hayes-11th Grade, Amy Angle-10th Grade, Emily South-8th Grade

PRESENTATION

Mr. Tim Hilker, School Business Official, presented a preliminary School Budget Forecast Report based on Governor Cuomo's recent release of the 2013 NYS Budget (see attached for details). It was followed by a question and answer period. Mr. Hilker stated that the community is recovering from what appeared to be a Grand Canyon of deficits and although we are in a healthy position right now, we do not know what the bottom line is yet as far as state aid to the district is and there is a strong possibility that cuts will be made due to increased costs and other factors affecting the budget. He did not think that the district will be faced with a colossal deficit but that there will be a deficit. The District has some reserves and fund balances and is going to look at a three year plan to determine how best to use our resources. He stated that the District does not want a short term solution and instead needs something that will sustain us in the future. The district is going to be looking at a three-year plan. It was stated that academic development should be considered first followed by looking at what we can afford when developing the budget. He assured everyone that the district is looking into everything to find ways to save money and will be very transparent throughout the budget process. Many more discussions on the budget will take place at upcoming Board meetings from now until the budget is adopted in April. The District is seeking input from the community, faculty, staff, students etc. on what their priorities are early in the budget planning stages for consideration and planning purposes, instead of in April when the budget is ready to be adopted. Please contact Mr. Tim Hilker, School Business Official or William Scott, Superintendent of Schools, at (518) 882-1033 with your input. Mr. Hilker entertained and answered any questions by board members as well as the public at the end of the presentation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Scott provided an overview of Governor Cuomo's 2013 NYS Budget and its potential impact on education and school districts (see attached). The projected increase in state aid for Galway School is 2.19 % or \$149,349 which will not be enough to cover the increase in costs so there are concerns with that. Information is preliminary at this time. The full impact of the proposal will not be known until next week and will be talked about at the next meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, Second by Nancy Lisicki to approve the Consent Agenda below with the exception of the District Treasurer Reports and Budget Transfers which were tabled to the next meeting allowing more time for the Board to look at them and with approval of the December 13, 2012 Board meeting minutes removed and voted on separately.

All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion Passed 7 - Yes 0 - No

CONSENT AGENDA**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Accept December, 2012 Student Activity Accounts Treasurer's Report.

Accept District Treasurer's Report – was tabled to the next board meeting.

Accept Budget Transfers – was tabled to the next board meeting.

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Accept December 13, 2012 Board of Education Meeting Minutes – was voted on separately later in the meeting.

PERSONNEL

Accept the **resignation of Jered Marcantonio from his Technology Teacher position** effective Friday, January 18, 2013 in order to accept other employment.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)**CONSENT AGENDA**

Accept the **resignation of Lisa DeRonda from her Bus Driver position** effective Monday, January 7, 2013 and appoint her as a **Substitute Bus Driver instead** effective Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at a rate of \$16.01/hour.

Revise the appointment of **Robin Mulvena as a Teacher Aide** to the corrected effective date of November 16, 2012 instead of December 17, 2012.

Appoint **Michelle Gannon as a Teacher Aide** at a rate of \$8.67 per hour effective January 2, 2013. She has fingerprint clearance.

Approve the following **co-curricular appointments** for the 2012-13 school year:

Charmaine Hutcheson	After School ELA/Math and Homework Lab	\$42 per hour
Sara Korona	After School ELA/Math and Homework Lab	\$42 per hour
Lynn Prehn	After School ELA/Math and Homework Lab	\$42 per hour
Carrie Herron	After School ELA/Math and Homework Lab	\$42 per hour
Jennifer Suydam	After School ELA/Math and Homework Lab	\$42 per hour
Mellenie Booth	Spring Play Production – Musical Director	\$1,566 per year
Karen Decker	Chaperone-Dances	\$83 per night

Appoint **Gordon Bezio as Snow Removal Supervisor** for the 2012-13 school year at a \$1.00 per hour increase to his regular hourly rate of pay as a Groundskeeper. This increase only applies when performing this function and not regular Groundskeeper duties.

Appoint Kaycie Tyll as a **Substitute Elementary Teacher** in General Education, Special Education and Reading effective January 17, 2013 per the SASIE Agreement. She has fingerprint clearance.

Appoint Sara DiNapoli as a **Substitute Grades K-8 Teacher** per the SASIE Agreement and as a **Substitute Teacher Aide** at a rate of \$8.50/hour effective January 25, 2013. She has fingerprint clearance.

Appoint **Walter Talmadge as a Substitute Cleaner** effective January 7, 2013 at a rate of \$11.11 per hour. He has fingerprint clearance.

Appoint **William Adair as a Substitute Bus Driver** effective January 2, 2013 at a rate of \$16.01 per hour pending successful completion of SED and DMV requirements.

Appoint **Amanda Thomas Riley as a Substitute Bus Driver** effective December 3, 2012 at a rate of \$16.01 per hour pending successful completion of SED and DMV requirements.

Appoint **Karin Bombard as a Substitute Teacher Aide** at a rate of \$8.50 per hour effective January 2, 2013.

End of Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, Second by Dennis Schaperjahn

Accept December 13, 2012 Board of Education Meeting Minutes which were removed from the consent agenda.

All voted Aye to approve the motion except for Lauralyn Sakala who abstained from voting because she was not a board member at that time. Motion Passed 6 - Yes 0 – No 1-Abstained

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Dennis Schaperjahn said that he has not heard from anyone interested in talking about cost saving strategies and if anyone is interested they can contact him or Mr. Scott. Mr. Schaperjahn stated that he would like to talk about some things contained in the school law book possibly at a Board work session in the near future.

Laura Sakala, newly appointed Board member stated that the other three candidates that interviewed for a seat on the Board of Education were all excellent candidates. They all came from different backgrounds and are willing to help out in some way in the future. She thanked them and said that she learned a lot from them. She stated that she will work hard as a board member and do whatever she can to help.

Thomas Rumsey stated that he would like to see a report on how many students have left the district with the reasons why. Administrators present commented that the majority were due to moving out of the district. Mr. Rumsey mentioned that possibly the district could contact parents that recently began homeschooling their child or parents that transferred their child to a private school to discuss why they left and to see if they may be interested in returning to Galway School.

A brief discussion on Student Activity Club Accounts that have money in their account when the club doesn't exist this year took place. It was explained that some clubs are inactive at this time and remain in existence for a period of time in case they are reinstated. If they aren't, the account gets closed and the money is transferred to another account per the district's policy.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by Nancy Lisicki, Second by Dennis Schaperjahn

Award **tenure to Jennifer Gerber** effective February 1, 2013 in the tenure area of Health Education. Jennifer has initial teacher certification in Health Education effective until August 31, 2014.

All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion Passed 7 - Yes 0 – No

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, Second by Nancy Lisicki

Accept a donation in the amount of \$3,965 from the Galway Community Education Foundation as shown below with thanks and appreciation:

\$ 600	Grant Request from Mr. Healey for Student of the Month Awards.
\$ 565	Grant request from Mr. Pagano for Lord of the Flies, cemetery visitations, etc.
\$1,350	Grant request from STEM for lab supplies, etc.
\$1,000	Grant request from Jr. States of America for Trip to Washington
\$ 450	Grant request from Eagles Media for Multi Media Package and Sports Package

All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion Passed 7 - Yes 0 – No

PUBLIC COMMENT

A parent, Joseph Carnevali, brought up the topic of safety in our school district and what the district is doing or looking into doing to keep our students safe. Discussion followed. He offered his assistance in any way needed in an effort to keep our school safe and secure for everyone.

A parent, David Jankowski, brought up the topic of a recent letter sent to the Broadalbin-Perth Central School District regarding a merger between Galway Central School and Broadalbin-Perth Central School and expressed his dismay at how the situation was handled. As an insurance agent, he offered to review the District's insurance policies at no cost to see if money can be saved in any way.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, Second by Nancy Lisicki to move into executive session for CSE/CPSE recommendations and collective bargaining negotiations at 8:50 PM.

All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion Passed 7 - Yes 0 - No

REGULAR SESSION

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, Second by Thomas Rumsey to return to regular session at 10:00 PM.

All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion Passed 7 - Yes 0 - No

CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion was made by Nancy Lisicki, Second by Thomas Rumsey to approve CSE/CPSE recommendations for the following students: 6063, 6181, 3514, 6166, 6187, 4657, 5404, 5041, 3810, 3159, 5283, 5076, 3808, 6179, 6185, 6184, 6186, 2870, 3817, 5336, 3780, 6008

All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion Passed 7 - Yes 0 - No

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Joan Slagle, Second by Dennis Schaperjahn to adjourn at 10:01PM.

All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion Passed 7 - Yes 0 - No

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Casatelli

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District Clerk

Attachments: 2013 NYS Budget Overview for Education/School Districts
Galway School Budget Forecast PowerPoint Presentation

ATTACHMENT

2013 NYS Budget Overview for Education/School Districts

Increases education aid by \$889 million, or 4.4 percent, driving an average increase of more than \$300/student per year.

Builds on the significant mandate relief enacted in 2012-13 by providing a Stable Rate Pension Contribution Option to allow local governments and school districts to immediately realize Tier VI savings.

Major Reform of Workers' Compensation System: The Executive Budget includes a sweeping reform of the state's complex and inefficient Worker's Comp system that will provide \$900 million in savings to employers, local governments, and school districts without affecting the rights of workers. The reform plan will allow the State Insurance Fund to release reserves no longer needed to fund future liabilities, which will be used to fund job-creating capital projects and help reduce the state's debt.

Stable Rate Pension Contribution Option: With Tier VI in place, there is now an opportunity to adopt an alternate pension funding mechanism – a Stable Rate Pension Contribution Option to allow local governments and school districts to lock in long-term, stable rate pension contributions for a period of years that would dramatically reduce near-term payments but still achieve full funding in each system over the long-term. These immediate and significant savings will provide immediate access to the savings of Tier VI and offer local governments and school districts needed relief, improving their ability to maintain necessary services to their residents and students. Local governments who opt in would avoid significant volatility in contribution rates and be better able to plan for the future. The option is voluntary and requires approval from the Comptroller's office.

Unnecessary Reporting Requirements: All local government and school district reporting requirements would be eliminated on April 1, 2014 unless the Mandate Relief Council approves continuing them. This will place the burden of proof on state agencies and authorities to justify continuing a report.

School District Mandate Relief: As recommended by the Mandate Relief Council, the Executive Budget will create a new waiver process which will allow school districts to petition the State Education Department for flexibility in special education requirements. In addition, the burdensome requirement of maintaining an internal auditor for school districts with fewer than 1,000 students will be eliminated. Parental input will be included as part of the waiver process.

The 2013-14 Executive Budget reflects a continued commitment to supporting improved student outcomes, sustainable cost growth, and equitable distribution of aid. It builds on the foundational work of prior years, and begins the implementation of key recommendations of the *New NY Education Reform Commission*. The total year-to-year increase in aid for education is \$889 million, or 4.4 percent.

Full-Day Pre-kindergarten Program: The Executive Budget provides \$25 million to support a full-day pre-kindergarten program targeted toward higher need students in lower wealth school districts via a competitive process.

Extended Learning Time: In order to provide increased learning opportunities, \$20 million will be prioritized to support high-quality extended school day or extended school year programs, with academically enriched programming. Schools that apply to participate in the program must agree to expand learning time by 25 percent. The grant will cover the full cost of expanding learning time for students.

Community Schools: The Executive Budget supports an innovative program designed to transform schools into community hubs that integrate social, health and other services, as well as after-school programming to support students and their families.

Reward High-Performing Teachers: The Executive Budget provides \$11 million to offer \$15,000 in annual stipends for four years to the most effective teachers, beginning with math and science teachers.

Early College High School Programs: The Executive Budget provides \$4 million in new state funding, bringing the state's total investment in Early College High School programs to \$6 million, to improve college access and success.

ATTACHMENT (Continued)

2013 NYS Budget Overview for Education/School Districts (Continued)

Bar Exam for Teachers: To ensure the best and brightest are teaching our children, the State Education Department will increase the standards for teacher certification to require passage of a “bar exam,” in addition to longer, more intensive and high-quality student-teaching experience in a school setting.

Target School Aid Increases to High-Need School Districts: The Executive Budget provides a \$611 million increase in School Aid. High-need school districts will receive 75 percent of the 2013-14 allocated increase and 69 percent of total School Aid. The aid includes \$272 million for general support, \$289 million for increased reimbursement in expense-based aid programs, and \$50 million for a new round of competitive grants.

Provide Fiscal Stabilization Funding for School Districts in the 2013-14 School Year: In recognition of extraordinary increases in fixed costs, including pension contributions, the Executive Budget provides \$203 million in one-time financial relief to school districts.

Maintain the Commitment to Teacher Evaluation Reform: The Executive Budget will continue to link increases in State Aid to compliance with the teacher evaluation system to ensure implementation and accountability for improving student performance. School districts will not be eligible for aid increases unless they have fully implemented the teacher evaluation process for the 2013-14 school year by September 1, 2013

ATTACHMENT

**SEE NEXT PAGES
FOR GALWAY SCHOOL BUDGET FORECAST PRESENTATION
BY MR. TIM HILKER, SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIAL**

**This PowerPoint presentation is also available on the District Website
as an attachment to these minutes.**

