

Galway Central School District
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MINUTES

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Executive Session – 5:30 PM Regular Meeting – 6:30 PM

Board members Present: Cheryl Smith, Board President; Thomas Rumsey; Dennis Schaperjahn; Joan Slagle; Janet Glenn; Nancy Lisicki

Board members Absent: Melodye Eldeen (newly elected Board member was not present due to short notice and other commitments. She will be present at the next board meeting.)

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, second by Joan Slagle

To move into Executive Session at 5:30 PM in the High School Conference Room for collective bargaining negotiations and to discuss the employment history of a particular person(s) or corporation(s) or matters leading to the appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.

All voted aye to approve the motion. 6-Yes 0-No

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, second by Nancy Lisicki

To move out of Executive Session at 6:30 PM.

All voted aye to approve the motion. 6-Yes 0-No

[CALL TO ORDER](#)

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

[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE](#) - was recited

Board members Present: Cheryl Smith, Board President; Thomas Rumsey; Dennis Schaperjahn; Joan Slagle; Janet Glenn; Nancy Lisicki

Board members absent: Melodye Eldeen (newly elected Board member was not present due to short notice and other commitments. She will be present at the next board meeting.)

Others present: William F. Scott, Superintendent of Schools; Linda Jackowski, Director of Pupil Services; Michael Healey, Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Brita Donovan, Associate Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Faculty; Staff; Students

[BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER INFORMATION](#) – was noted. Election results will be accepted later in the meeting.

- Lauralyn Sakala was appointed as a Board member until the next general election on May 21, 2013 replacing John Sutton who resigned. Her term of office ended immediately after the election on May 21, 2013 leaving a 3-year vacancy.
- Melodye Eldeen was elected to this 3-year term effective immediately following the May 23, 2013 election and filing of an oath of office until June 30, 2016. (Due to short notice and other commitments, she is unable to attend this meeting and will be present at the next meeting upon filing an oath of office.)
- Lauralyn Sakala and Jay Anderson were each elected to serve a 4 year term of office effective July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2017.
- Cheryl Smith was not re-elected and Janet Glenn did not seek re-election.

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA – the following additions/revisions to the agenda were noted

- Ruth Reichard-5th gr. removed - will receive Citizenship Award next mo.
- LOA request removed.
- Details of Election results added.
- Election Worker appointments added.
- Resignation of Cleaner added.
- Tenure recommendations were removed
Thomas Rumsey asked that tenure recommendations be removed from the agenda (which was already done-see above). He then asked that tenure recommendations be brought up later in the meeting under New Business.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON THE AGENDA – Eric Fajans commented that it is unprecedented that after less than a year of employment in the district that three administrators are going to be granted tenure. (See New Business for further information.)

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS

- Citizenship awards presented to: Shelbi Merrifield-11th grade and Hannah Bramer-7th grade
- Student of the Month awards presented to: Lara Scheeren-11th Grade, Jeremy Mulligan-10th Grade and Erik Matthews-7th Grade

An Elementary (K-6) School Summer School Proposal was presented by Michelle McDougall, Elementary School Principal. This self-funded summer school program would be held on July 8 - 31, 2013 on Mondays-Thursdays but students could attend any amount of the days. 10 kids per teacher, per day, are needed. Student enrollment determines the number of staff needed. If there is not enough staff from Galway we would advertise on OLAS. Students would be invited based on teacher recommendation. Teacher rate of pay is \$30/hour x 3 hours/day = \$1,620. 10 students x \$10 per day (40 per week) = \$100 x 28 days = \$1,800 allowing the district to sponsor additional students per class that would not be able to afford it. Teachers would use the end of the year STAR results to pinpoint skills and work with the students on reading for 1.5 hours and math for 1.5 hours. The board was in support of the program.

An Elementary Building Team End of the Year Report was provided summarizing their activities this past year and initiatives for next year. This information will be available on the District's website at www.galwaycsd.org. Paper copies are available by contacting the Elementary School Office at 882-1033.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Scott reported that architects looked at the old bus garage and found it to be a substantial building with steel beams, etc. They are going to do an assessment on the building and check for asbestos, and report back to the district with their findings and a cost to repair the building with anticipation of using it as an added storage facility. He also talked about a recent newspaper article he read in the April 27th New York Times Newspaper that he found very concerning entitled *No Rich Child Left Behind* where research has shown that kids do better if they come from richer families. Mr. Scott found it to be very concerning and wanted to share this information.

The district is continuing part two of the search for a new Superintendent of Schools. The Board will meet with the WSWHE BOCES District Superintendent of Schools, Mr. James Dexter, next week and with potential candidates for the position. The same interview committees will be involved again.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Nancy Lisicki, Second by Janet Glenn to approve the Consent Agenda below.
All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion Passed 6 - Yes 0 - No

CONSENT AGENDA

GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MAY 23, 2013

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Accept April, 2013 Student Activity Accounts Treasurer's Report. (Mr., Rumsey questioned the large amount of money in some accounts and if the money is not being used that it could possibly be used for scholarships or somewhere that is needed. He also questioned accounts that have no activity on them and how the district has been cited by District Auditors for not closing inactive accounts in the past.

Accept District Treasurer's Reports – not available

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Approve March 28, April 18, April 22 and May 9 Board Meeting/Work Session Minutes with the April 18th minutes revised to show Janet Glenn being physically in attendance at the meeting and not via Skype.

PERSONNEL

Appoint **Joanne Donnan as a Mentor for Eric Fana** effective April 1, 2013 for 9 hours at a rate of \$29/hour during the 2012-13 school year.

Discontinue the services of Charles Diamond as a teacher in the math 7-12 tenure area effective June 30, 2013 pursuant to NYS Education Law Section 3031. The district acknowledges that Mr. Diamond did not receive notice of his services being discontinued by the April 1st deadline as required by Section 28.10 of the GTA contract and will be given two additional weeks of pay in lieu of this notice. This additional payment will be issued during the final pay period in June, 2013.

Appoint Jennifer Zelezniak as a **Substitute School Nurse** effective May 6, 2013 at a rate of \$14 per hour. Jennifer has fingerprint clearance.

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District accept the **resignation of Barbara Hoyt** from employment in the Galway Central School District effective May 17, 2013.

End of Consent Agenda

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Nancy Lisicki commented that the Spring Stroll and the Soaring into the Future Presentation she attended was wonderful and that it is good to let people know the good things we are doing.

Dennis Schaperjahn asked that if anyone is interested in talking about cost saving strategies to contact Superintendent of Schools Mr. William Scott at 882-1033 because at times he may be hard to reach. He also commented that a recent Clean up Day by the kids in the community was great and that the kids looked like they were enjoying themselves with such a worthwhile cause.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (Continued)

Thomas Rumsey talked about the successful Budget Vote and that it worked because of the hard work of our administrators, teachers and others and because of how good they felt about the programs being offered, etc. Everyone was thanked for their efforts. Election results will be accepted later in the meeting.

Joan Slagle asked if some of the recent donations the district received are being used and the response was that they are.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by Nancy Lisicki, second by Janet Glenn to accept the following election results. All voted aye to approve the motion. 6 -YES 0 - NO

Accept May 21, 2013 election results as shown below.

Proposition #1: Shall the proposed budget of expenditures for the Galway Central School District for the 2013-2014 school year in the amount of \$17,944,933, 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?

YES 461 NO 239 PASSED

Accept May 21, 2013 election results as shown below.

Proposition #2: Shall the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District be authorized to (A) purchase four (4) buses at a cost not to exceed \$386,000, (B) expend such sum for such purpose, (C) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education in accordance with Section 416 of the Education Law, taking into account state aid received, and (D) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$386,000 and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

YES 443 NO 237 PASSED

Accept May 21, 2013 election results as shown below.**Board of Education:**

Jay Anderson	# of Votes	505	Elected to 4 year term
Lauralyn Sakala	# of Votes	399	Elected to 4 year term
Melodye Eldeen	# of Votes	351	Elected to 3 year term
Cheryl Smith	# of Votes	232	Not elected
Stacey Morey	# of Votes	146	Not elected
Jerri Ernst	# of Votes	132	Not elected
Harold (Eric) Fajans	# of Votes	127	Not Elected

Motion was made by Nancy Lisicki, second by Thomas Rumsey to appoint the following May 21, 2013 **election workers** at a rate of \$7.25 per hour. All voted aye to approve the motion. 6-YES 0-NO

Terri Atwell	Jeanie Tate	Pauline Muth
Christine DeCristofaro	Phyllis Sleeper	Linda Pike
Judy Kenyon	Maureen Sauter	Cathy Malakauskas

Motion was made by Nancy Lisicki, second by Dennis Schaperjahn to approve the following.

All voted aye to approve the motion. 6 - YES 0 - NO

Authorize the Board President to sign a **Health & Welfare Services Contract** with the City School District of Albany for approximately four (4) students residing in the Galway School District and attending non-public schools in the City School District of Albany in the amount of \$2,589.64 (\$647.41 per student).

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, second by Dennis Schaperjahn to approve the following without any chaperone payments made to chaperones.

All voted aye to approve the motion. 6 - YES 0 - NO

Approve a **National Junior Honor Society Trip to Six Flags New England MA** on June 17, 2013 (rain date is June 19, 2013) at no cost to the district.

This is an annual reward trip for NJHS students for completing mandatory 30 hours of community service.

Motion was made by Nancy Lisicki, second by Dennis Schaperjahn to approve the following without any chaperone payments made to chaperones.

All voted aye to approve the motion. 6 - YES 0 - NO

Approve a **UHS Statistics or STEM Club Trip to Six Flags New England MA** on June 1, 2013.

This trip will allow students to take what they have learned in class and apply it to real world situations.

Motion was made by Janet Glenn, second by Dennis Schaperjahn to approve the following.

All voted aye to approve the motion. 6 - YES 0 - NO

Approve **six weeks of special education summer school** for the continuation of specialized instruction and the related services of speech, occupational and physical therapies for 6 weeks during the summer of 2013 as shown below.

- Dates of Service: July 1 – August 9, 2013 (July 4th is a holiday)
- Days of Service: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
- Time of Services: 8:00 – 11:00 AM
- Location: Joseph Henry Elementary
- Services Provided: Special Class Language Arts - 60 minutes
Special Class Math - 30 minutes
Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapy
- Number of Students: 8 -10
- Staff: One (1) District Special Education Teacher
Two (2) District Teacher Aides
BOCES Speech, OT, PT

Motion was made by Nancy Lisicki, second by Thomas Rumsey to approve the following.

All voted aye to approve the motion. 6 - YES 0 - NO

Accept a **donation** of five new wheel chairs from Norman and Lorelee Podrazik, 5730 Sacandaga Road, Galway, NY 12074 valued at approximately \$200 each to be used in the school nurses' office.

Motion was made by Nancy Lisicki second by Janet Glenn to TABLE the following.

All voted aye to approve the motion. 6 - YES 0 - NO

Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign a **Memorandum of Agreement** with the Galway Administrators' Association dated May 14, 2013.

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, second by Nancy Lisicki to approve the following **tenure recommendations**. All voted aye to approve the motion except for Dennis Schaperjahn and Joan Slagle. 4 - YES 2 – NO Motion passed.

Award tenure to Brita Donovan, Jr./Sr. High School Associate Principal Grades 7-12, effective July 1, 2013 in the tenure area of School Administrator.

Award tenure to Michelle McDougall, Elementary School Principal Grades K-6, effective July 1, 2013 in the tenure area of School District Administrator.

Award tenure to Michael Healey, Jr./Sr. High School Principal Grades 7-12, effective July 1, 2013 in the tenure area of Jr./Sr. High School Principal Grades 7-12.

Mr. Rumsey stated that the district started the school year with an entire new team of administrators with the exception of Lin Jackowski. The district needs stability and the new administrators did an exceptional job in their first year here. He stated that we want them to know that we value them and want them to stay here and are therefore being granted tenure early. They bring to Galway the right things that our district needs and receiving tenure early provides them with a vote of confidence that the Board believes in.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were made by those in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Nancy Lisicki, Second by Janet Glenn to move into executive session at 7:22 PM for CSE/CPSE recommendations.

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

REGULAR SESSION

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, Second by Thomas Rumsey to return to regular session at 8:30 PM.

All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion Passed 6 - 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: 2711, 6145, 2762, 2825, 3513, 5421, 5177, 5076, 6001, 5404, 3003, 3159, 3012, 3019, 3028, 3046, 3179, 3054, 3081, 3326, 3064, 3072, 3404, 3765, 3193, 3276, 3362, 5027, 3819, 2846, 3425, 3557, 3320, 3490, 3488, 3514, 6108, 4569, 3780, 5423, 2782, 5566, 3452, 5049, 2599, 3633, 5063, 6129, 6008, 5043, 6055, 5336, 6264, 3554, 5279, 5152, 6282, 5327, 5223, 3325, 3874, 5277, 3869, 3630, 3462, 3868, 3845, 3528, 6291, 6205, 2835

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Nancy Lisicki, Second by Dennis Schaperjahn to adjourn at 8:31 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Casatelli

Linda M. Casatelli, District Clerk