

Board of Education Meeting  
**MINUTES**  
Thursday, July 26, 2012  
5:30 PM-Executive Session    6:30 PM-Meeting

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Draft until approved by the Board of Education at their next meeting.

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM in the High School Conference Room.

**ATTENDANCE**

Board members were present:    Cheryl Smith, Janet Glenn, Nancy Lisicki, Thomas Rumsey  
Dennis Schaperjahn, John Sutton

Board members absent:            Joan Slagle

Others present:                    Administrators, students, community members, employees

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Nancy Lisicki, Seconded by Dennis Schaperjahn

To move into executive session at 5:29 PM for negotiation purposes.

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

**REGULAR SESSION**

Motion was made by Janet Glenn, Seconded by Dennis Schaperjahn

To move out of executive session and return to regular session in the High School Library at 6:29 PM.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Was recited.

**ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA**

The agenda was revised to reflect an anticipated executive session beginning at 5:30 PM and to reflect the addition of accepting the resignation of Pamela Neahr from her Guidance/Athletic Department School Secretary-10 mo. + 20 days position.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA**

None

**RECOGNITION**

None

## **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION**

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the Galway Public Library's desire to build a new public library on the school district's old bus garage site. The Public Library is looking for a new location because there is no room to expand and the old bus garage site seems to be an ideal location that seems advantageous to both the district and the library. The District has concerns regarding what is in the soil since it was an old bus garage site and the cost of a cleanup if it was found to be contaminated. They also discussed concerns of losing land that is used for sports, losing storage space which the district does not have a lot of and parking areas. It will be talked about further at the next board work session. It is the goal of the board to inform the Galway Public Library of their decision by September 1, 2012.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. William F. Scott, Acting Superintendent of Schools, introduced himself to those in attendance. Mr. Scott was appointed Galway's Acting Superintendent of Schools effective July 6, 2012, in the absence of Mrs. Kimberly LaBelle. Mr. Scott has over 40 years of experience in the field of education and 29 years of service as Superintendent of Schools. Although Mr. Scott is retired, he has worked the past 12 months as the Interim Superintendent of Schools at Hadley-Luzerne Central School and Hadley-Luzerne was pleased with what he was able to do for them. He was then asked to be the Acting Superintendent of Galway and accepted the position. He reassured everyone that he will use all the energy he has to help the district and will do a great job for us. He stated that he is dedicated to education and will help in any areas that we need help in. He expressed his pleasure to be working for Galway School and reassured everyone once again that he will work very hard as our Superintendent and is extremely dedicated to what he does.

## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Nancy Lisicki, Seconded by Thomas Rumsey

To approve the consent agenda as shown below. (Note: one item was removed from the agenda and not approved. Another was tabled to the next meeting. See "Other" in the personnel section below.)

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

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## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Accept June, 2012 Student Activity Accounts Treasurer's Report

Accept June, 2012 District Treasurer's Report

Accept Budget Transfers

## **MINUTES**

Accept June 28, 2012 and July 5, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

## **PERSONNEL**

### **Resignations**

Accept the resignation of Susan Cole from her Special Education position effective July 9, 2012.

Accept the resignation of Matthew Funigiello from his Music Teacher position effective July 20, 2012.

Accept the resignation of Richard Harris from his part-time .5 Auto Repairer-12 month position effective June 30, 2012 in order to accept a full-time Auto Repairer position.

Accept the resignation of Pamela Neahr from her School Secretary position with thanks and appreciation for her many years of service effective August 31, 2012 for retirement purposes.

### Appointments

Appoint Richard Harris as a full-time Auto Repairer-12 month effective July 1, 2012 at his regular hourly rate of pay.

Appoint Christina Pepe as a part-time (.67) English Teacher for the 2012-13 school year at a salary per the GTA contract.

Appoint Michael Healey to the position of Junior/Senior High School Principal Grades 7-12 for a three year probationary period effective August 27, 2012 – August 26, 2015 at a salary of \$92,000/year in the tenure area of Junior/Senior High School Principal Grades 7-12. Mr. Healy has permanent School District Administrator (SDA) certification and has fingerprint clearance.

Note: The following was approved later in the meeting following executive session:

To appoint Tammy Andrews to a part-time (.6 FTE) position of Treasurer effective August 1, 2012 at an annual salary of \$33,828 to be pro-rated for the 2012-13 school year to \$31,009.

Tammy was previously a full-time Treasurer in the District.

### Other

The following was removed from the consent agenda and not approved pending further discussion by the Board of Education:

Revise the appointment of Michelle McDougall, Elementary School Principal, to reflect the tenure area of School Administration instead of School District Administrator effective July 16, 2012.

Approval of the following was tabled to the next meeting so that information could be supplied to the Board regarding the status of his certification for this position:

Revise the following appointment that was made at the July 5, 2012 Board of Education Meeting to reflect the following for the 2012-13 school year:

Delete:	Holder of Water Operator Grade D License	Michael Sherman	
Replace with:	Water Treatment Analyst	Michael Sherman	\$1,000 stipend

Revise the following appointment that was made at the July 5, 2012 Board of Education Meeting to reflect the following for the 2012-13 school year:

Delete:	Holder of Asbestos Handling License	Michael Sherman	
Replace with:	Asbestos Designee	Michael Sherman	\$1,000 stipend

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Dennis Schaperjahn asked that the board have a walk-through of the building prior to the September work session.

Tuition for non-resident students was mentioned. Mr. Scott is going to look into tuition costs.

Nancy Lisicki commented that sections of the annual report given to the Board appear to be incorrect when compared to last year's figures. Transportation information and information regarding disciplinary actions does not seem to be correct. She stated that data is not current regarding students leaving the district and that something needs to be recorded when a student leaves. When a student leaves, the Board would like to know where they are going and why. The board may talk about this further at the next work session.

Thomas Rumsey stated that with so many things happening in the district recently like contract negotiations and administrative changes, which are all very significant, it was nice to see everybody pulling together to get things done together. He stated that Cheryl Smith, Board President, did a great job and worked very hard over the last 6 weeks, committing hours of her time, which are unpaid in helping the district. He thanked her and Lin Jackowski for the excellent leadership they provided.

At this point in the meeting each of the newly appointed administrators introduced themselves along with the district's new School Business Official, Tim Hilker. Mr. Hilker is employed by BOCES but will be working part-time at Galway School and Part-time at Hadley-Luzerne Central School. Since Mr. Hilker is a BOCES employee, he is bonded through BOCES in the amount of \$100,000 and does not need to be bonded by Galway School at this time. If anything were to change, it would be brought back to the board for approval.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion was made by Janet Glenn, Seconded by Dennis Schaperjahn

To appoint Saratoga Care Family Health Center as the District's School Physician for the 2012-13 school year per the attached contract which reflects the same service and cost of \$11,000/year as last year.

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

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, Seconded by Dennis Schaperjahn to approve the following subject to the Board's work on the budget and finances:

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District is in support of the addition of JV Volleyball to the 2012-13 sports program and hereby accepts the Galway All-Sports Booster Club's offer to fund JV sports programs when data supports overwhelming athletic and league participation.

During the fall, 2012 sports season, Volleyball meets both of these criteria. The following were considered in making the recommendation to accept this funding:

### **Athletic Participation**

26 athletes, Grades 9-12 have signed up for Volleyball. These numbers include 10 freshmen and 11 sophomores.

### **Team Capacity**

Best practice for Volleyball team capacity is 10-12 members.

### **League Participation**

Currently there are 13 member schools in the WAC Conference. Ten schools participate in Volleyball. Eight schools currently have a program. MeKeel has not had a JV program in the recent past. Our league presently has 3 schools that will be fielding Boys and girls soccer.

### **Coaching Supervision**

Our Varsity Coach has the ability to coach both teams. JV and Varsity Volleyball teams travel together. Athletes must act as line judges, score keepers (official and unofficial), libero trackers and statisticians.

### **Sustainability**

Twenty-five 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students signed up for Modified Volleyball, which indicates a strong interest in the program, by Galway Junior High students.

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

Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, Seconded by Janet Glenn

To appoint the following Fall Coaches for the 2012-13 school year:

Varsity Boys Soccer	Rob Martin
Modified Boys Soccer	Neal Evans
Varsity Girls Soccer	Paula Canell
Modified Girls Soccer	Deborah Wilday
Varsity Cross Country	Geoff Maliszewski
Modified Cross Country	Judy Horigan
Varsity Volleyball	Jennifer Flinton
Modified Volleyball	Diane Verrigni Sartin
Varsity Golf	Lynn Prehn

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Various comments, questions and concerns were listened to by the board from those in attendance.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Nancy Lisicki, Seconded by John Sutton

To move into executive session for CSE/CPSE recommendations and specific personnel matters.

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

## **REGULAR SESSION**

Motion was made by Nancy Lisicki, Seconded by Dennis Schaperjahn

To return to regular session.

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

## **CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Janet Glenn to approve the following CSE/CPSE recommendations for the following students: 3222, 3251, 3180, 3473, 5107, 5416, 4659, 5223, 3767, 3346, 5415, 3845, 5242, 2612, 4583, 3777, 2948, 6063, 5566, 3019, 5283, 3848, 4657, 3452, 3629, 5418, 3631, 2778, 5409, 5324, 5213, 4635

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

## **PERSONNEL**

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by John Sutton, Seconded by Dennis Schaperjahn

To adjourn.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda M. Casatelli*

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District Clerk