

Board of Education Meeting
MINUTES
Thursday, August 9, 2012
6:00 PM-Executive Session 6:30 PM-Meeting

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

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM in the High School Conference Room.

ATTENDANCE

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

Board members absent: None

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 6:00 PM for specific personnel matters.

All voted aye to approve the motion. 7-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. 7-Yes 0-No Motion passed

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Further discussion took place regarding the Galway Public Library's interest in obtaining the old bus garage site to build a new public library. Interim Superintendent of Schools, William Scott, looked at the site and found that it is used for the storage of tractors, mowers, snow removal equipment, etc. He had concerns about losing that storage space and cautioned the Board that if the district had to build something to put these things under cover it would be very costly. There is also no heat or water in the old bus garage. The Board felt that they did not think they could act on the timeline that the Library Board requested. Suggestions were to tackle the storage and environmental issues first. Discussions will continue. The Board agreed at the last meeting that it is their goal to inform the Galway Public Library of their decision by September 1, 2012.

Mr. Scott provided information regarding Tuition costs for non-resident students which is based on state calculations. Discussion followed. A policy would need to be implemented should the board decide to accept non-tuition students.

Mr. Scott reviewed the policies of the District and found that they need to be brought up to speed. He recommended that the Board look into the NYS School Board Associations' policy services for next year and allow funds in next year's budget for this service.

Discussion took place regarding establishing committees. Some will be looked at later in the year. Motion was made by Thomas Rumsey, seconded by Janet Glenn to allow Board Member John Sutton to work with Galway School Administration regarding budgetary matters in the 2012-13 school year and authorize him to be the liaison between the Board of Education and the District regarding these matters.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion carried. 7-yes 0-no

Motion was made by John Sutton, seconded by Thomas Rumsey to establish a Facilities/Transportation committee for the 2012-13 school year.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion carried. 7-yes 0-no

The Board talked about leadership meetings that were held in the past and requested to get a board bulletin or some sort of communication from Mr. Scott informing them of what is taking place in the district on a regular basis which Mr. Scott will consider.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Janet Glenn, seconded by Nancy Lisicki to approve the consent agenda below.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion carried. 7-yes 0-no

CONSENT AGENDA

PERSONNEL

Resignation

Accept the resignation of Tammy Andrews from her Treasurer position effective August 3, 2012 in order to accept other employment.

See the "New Business" section of these minutes for the resignation of Kimberly LaBelle, Superintendent of Schools.

Appointments

Appoint Charles Diamond as a Math Teacher for a three year probationary period effective September 1, 2012 – June 30, 2015 at Step M1 of the GTA salary schedule, \$44,177/year, in the tenure area of Math. He has initial certification in Math grades 7-12.

Appoint Diane Marino as a Music Teacher for a two year probationary period effective September 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014 at Step M2 of the GTA salary schedule \$45,005/year in the tenure area of Music. She has permanent certification in Music. *NOTE: This appointment will be rescinded at the August 23, 2012 Board meeting due to the fact that Ms. Marino will be relocating out of state.*

Appoint Tammy Rescott as a Special Education Teacher for a two year probationary period effective September 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014 at Step M1 of the GTA salary schedule, \$44,177/year, in the tenure area of Special Education. She has permanent certification in Special Education.

Appoint Amy Trigg as Head Cook for the 2012-13 school year at a \$1.00/hour increase to her regular hourly rate of pay.

Other

Revise the appointment of Michelle McDougall, Elementary School Principal Grades K-6, to reflect the tenure area of Elementary School Principal Grades K-6 instead of School District Administrator effective July 16, 2012.

Revise the appointment of Brita Donovan, Jr./Sr. High School Associate Principal Grades 7-12, to reflect the tenure area of Jr./Sr. High School Associate Principal Grades 7-12 instead of School Administration effective July 1, 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by Nancy Lisicki, seconded by Thomas Rumsey, to approve the following:

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion carried. 7-yes 0-no

It is RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts the resignation of Ms. Kimberly LaBelle from her position as Superintendent of Schools, effective July 27, 2012; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves a separation agreement executed by Ms. LaBelle on July 24, 2012, and authorizes the Board President to execute such agreement on behalf of the Board; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the appointment and title of Mr. William Scott shall be changed from Acting Superintendent of Schools to Interim Superintendent of Schools effective July 30, 2012.

It was stated that the past two years were the toughest two years that Galway School has ever had.

Motion was made by Nancy Lisicki, seconded by Janet Glenn, to approve the following:

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District authorize the Chief Fiscal Officer to establish and maintain a Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 6-r of the General Municipal Law up to a maximum amount of \$600,000.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion carried. 7-yes 0-no

Motion was made by John Sutton, seconded by Nancy Lisicki, to approve the following:

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District authorize the Chief Fiscal Officer to fund the previously established Unemployment Insurance Payment Reserve up to a maximum amount of \$150,000.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion carried. 7-yes 0-no

Board of Education Retreat topics for August 15th were discussed. Some topics include academics, the Annual Report, decisions on co-curricular positions and appointments, grants, fingerprinting law, etc.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Nancy Lisicki, seconded by Janet Glenn to adjourn at 8:40 PM

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion carried. 7-yes 0-no

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Casatelli

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