



**GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MINUTES**

**Thursday, November 18, 2021
Executive Session 5:45 PM
Regular Session 6:30 PM**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by Board President, Linda Jackowski, at 6:30 PM in the Auditorium.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Jay Anderson

To enter Executive Session at 5:30 PM for Specific Personnel Matters.

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

REGULAR SESSION

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Michelle Bombard

To return to regular session at 6:30 PM in the Auditorium

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – was recited.

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA – were noted

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT – Jay Anderson, Dennis Schaperjahn, Linda Jackowski, Stacey Caruso-Sharpe, Joan Slagle, Karen English and Michelle Bombard.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT - None

OTHERS PRESENT - Brita Donovan, Superintendent of Schools; Michael Miller, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Michelle McDougall, Elementary School Principal; Courtney Sayward, Business Administrator; Elise Britt-Gaeta, Athletic Director/Assistant Principal, Employees and Community Members.

PRESENTATIONS

- Paul Levin, Science Department Head, presented to the Board an overview of the Science Department at Galway which included classes currently offered, college courses offered and information on the regents exams.
- An overview of the Capital Outlay Project was presented by Courtney Sayward. Capital Outlay projects are smaller projects in nature and are \$100,000 or less. This project has been submitted to the State Education Department for approval and more information will be provided as we obtain same.
- Michael Miller gave a report on how students can navigate the Naviance website for their high school career path and how parents can become involved in this process.
- Carter Whalen, FFA Advisor, advised the Board that the FFA club has 32 members. The club works very hard throughout the school year with various activities and fundraisers.
- Elise Britt presented the athletic report for the fall sports program which included a scholar athlete report.
- A summer school report was presented by Michael Miller for the Jr./Sr. High School and Michelle McDougall for the Elementary School. These reports included the number of students in attendance, classes taught and overall academic performance.
- The Facilities Committee met for the first time this year to discuss the 2.2 million dollar project voted on by the voters. More information on this project will be presented in the coming months.
- The Safety Committee met and discussed medical emergency information forms for staff and discussed the classes of hazardous materials. Also discussed was after school safety. A team will be sent into all the classrooms to make sure all safety

protocols in place are being followed. An evacuation drill will be conducted in the Spring of 2022.

- Finance Committee met and reviewed all the financial reports for the coming year. More information to follow at future meetings.
- Dr. Brita Donovan reviewed the Legislative Priorities for 2022-2023 including Fund and Adjust the Foundation Formula, Increase the threshold on BOCES Aid for CTE and Building Aid for Small Capital Projects.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - None

PERSONNEL

1. Motion Jay Anderson, Second Michelle Bombard

Approve the four-year Probationary Appointment of Christine Delaney to the position of Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Educational Equity/Diversity effective November 29, 2021 to November 30, 2025 at a salary of \$87,000.00/year, pro-rated in the tenure area of School Administrator. Mrs. Delaney holds the following certifications:

School District Leader, Emergency COVID-19;
School Building Leader, Initial;
Childhood Education 1-6, Professional;
Early Childhood Education Birth- grade 2, Professional;
Students with Disabilities 1-6, Professional;
Students with Disabilities Birth- grade 2, Professional

In order to be eligible for tenure, individuals receiving a probationary appointment as an administrator must receive annual composite or overall APPR ratings of Highly Effective or Effective in at least three of the four preceding years. If the individual received a rating of Ineffective in the final year of the Probationary period, he or she will not be eligible for tenure at that time.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Jay Anderson, Second Karen English to accept the following Consent Agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA			
FINANCIAL REPORTS/BOARD MEETING MINUTES			
October 21 2021	Board Meeting Minutes		
September 2021	Student Activities Report		
October 2021	Student Activities Report		
CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS			
Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as presented to the Board prior to the meeting for the following students: 1650; 5311; 6665; 6688; 7207; 7436; 6751; 6217; 6023; 6032 and 7326.			
RESIGNATIONS/OTHER			
Accept the Resignation of Julie Ramsey from her Teacher Aide position effective November 6, 2021.			
Accept the Resignation of Alicia Weaver from her Teacher Aide position effective November 12, 2021.			
APPOINTMENTS			
NAME	DESCRIPTION	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Cindy Caputo Klock	Food Service Helper	Minimum Wage	11/8/2021
Katherine Cusano	Cleaner	\$14.50/hr.	11/14/2021
Paul Munchbach	Substitute Cleaner	\$14.50/hr.	11/14/2021
Kiersten Held	After School ELA/Math and Homework Lab	\$43.00/hr.	11/18/2021
Barbara Webb-Horvath	Teacher Aide	\$12.50/hr.	11/16/2021
Karen Decker	Summer Curriculum	\$30.00/hr.	11/18/2021
Nancy Christiansen	Summer Curriculum	\$30.00/hr.	11/18/2021
Sara Marshall	Elementary Chaperone	\$26.00/hr.	11/18/2021
Accept the donation of \$2,500 from the Galway Athletic Booster Club for the homecoming fireworks.			

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

NEW BUSINESS**1. Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Karen English**

To Approve the Resolution to adopt Advocacy Priorities for the 2022 Legislative Session.

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

2. Motion Michelle Bombard, Second Jay Anderson

To Approve the Resolution to Accept Audit and Approve Corrective Action Plan.

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

3. Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Stacey Caruso-Sharpe

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement (Attendance Clerk) by and between the Galway Central School District and the CSEA Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO and authorizes the Superintendent to execute the addendum to the contract.

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

4. Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Karen English

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement (Salary Adjustments) by and between the Galway Central School District and the CSEA Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO and authorizes the Superintendent to execute the addendum to the contract.

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

5. Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Michelle Bombard

To Approve the Athletic Trainer Services Contract effective November 15, 2021 to February 25, 2022 between the Galway Central School District and Shaun P. Evans, PT, DPT and authorizes the Superintendent to sign said contract.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Crystal Pashley informed the Board of bills currently in the NYS Legislature. There are six bills that will greatly impact New Yorkers. In particular, Bill A8378, which will extend immunization needed to attend schools in NYS which includes the Covid 19 vaccination. Many parents are not willing to give this vaccination to their children and she is asking that the Board look into this further.

- Helen Christopher would like to see students introduced to more trades and not only college.
- Matthew Weaver would like to be provided with data pertaining to why there will no longer be temperature checks before children enter school in the morning.
- Kris DuBuge a representative from NY Informed advised the Board that NY Informed represents 20 counties with 1500 members and growing. Saratoga County has 390 members currently. NY Informed represents teachers, students, staff, parents and community members. Their main goal is to inform administrators and the Board of the different policies and mandates that are currently in place in NYS.
- Neil Evans thinks it is great to see the athletes at Galway both successful at their sport and their academics.
- Jeremy Sowle would like to be able to speak with the Board members at one of their Executive Sessions. He is hoping he can speak with them soon. He also would like to see trades being introduced to students as well as college.
- Marsha Kimmer feels that trades and college should be options for the students and not just college.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Dumblewski

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Galway Central School District

Board of Education

Resolution to Accept Audit Report and Approve Corrective Action Plan

WHEREAS, the independent audit of the Galway Central School District's 2020-2021 school year finances was conducted and completed by the accounting firm, West & Company CPAs, PC, and

WHEREAS, the District is required to take appropriate actions to address any concerns reported by the audit firm,


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Galway Central School District does hereby accept the audit report and management letter published by the accounting firm, West & Company CPAs, PC, and does hereby authorize and direct any necessary actions to address said independent audit report for the 2020-21 school fiscal year, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby authorize and direct the District Clerk to make such independent audit report available as a public record for inspection by all interested persons, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, pursuant to §35 of the New York State General Municipal Law, has prepared a corrective action plan to address the report of West & Company CPAs, PC, as is attached to this resolution, and shall file such plan in the District Clerk's office as a public record for inspection by all interested persons.

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0 Result MOTION PASSED

The above resolution adopted this 18th day of November, 2021 upon the motion of Michelle Bombard and seconded by Jay Anderson.


Linda Dumblewski,
District Clerk



Board of Education Resolution
November 18, 2021

Motion by Dennis Schaperjahn

Seconded by Karen English

To approve the following resolution regarding the Board of Education's 2022 Advocacy Priorities:

RESOLUTION DATED November 18, 2021

**GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGARDING ADVOCACY PRIORITIES FOR THE 2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

WHEREAS, the Galway Central School District strives to provide an outstanding education and post-secondary pathway for each and every student; and

WHEREAS, the district recognizes the deep commitment shown by the legislature and the Executive to fully fund the foundation formula; and

WHEREAS, the District works diligently to meet the needs of all students while still fulfilling its core mission, even while in our third year of a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the District is facing significant increased costs due to inflationary factors for labor, fuel and goods; and

WHEREAS, property tax levy legislation at the state level has provided an increased need for State Aid to maintain quality programs; and

WHEREAS, public schools are being asked to do more for students than ever before, so they are prepared for college, military or a career; and

WHEREAS, each child in Galway Central School District only has one opportunity to go through the full elementary and secondary educational experience;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Galway Central School District Board of Education calls on the New York State Legislature and Governor Andrew Cuomo to act upon the following priorities:

1. Fund and Adjust the Foundation Formula

- A. Include a due minimum increase for all districts, regardless of Foundation Aid phase-in level.**
- B. Maintain the "SAVE Harmless" provision.**
- D. Fully fund expense based aids.**

2. Increase the \$30,000 threshold on BOCES Aid for Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs by providing 100% aidability for the salaries of CTE teachers


3. Building Aid for Small Capital Projects

- A. Increase the threshold for base year capital outlay expenses from the current amount, established in 2002 from \$100,000 to \$250,000 to assist districts in making critical capital improvements.**

Yes 7 No 0 Abstain 0

MOTION PASSED

The above resolution adopted this 18th day of November, 2021, upon the motion of Dennis Schaperjahn, and seconded by Karen English.



Linda Dumblewski, District Clerk

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