



GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 9, 2023

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by Board Vice President Stacey Caruso-Sharpe in the absence of Board President Jay Anderson at 8:00 PM in the Auditorium.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – was recited.

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA – were noted

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT – Stacey Caruso-Sharpe, Michelle Bombard, Karen English, Krystal Pashley, Jeremy Sowle and David Page.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT - Jay Anderson

PRESENTATIONS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Dr. Donovan discussed the tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers. This will be further discussed at upcoming board meetings.

PERSONNEL

1. Motion Michelle Bombard, Second David Page

To approve the provisional appointment of William Baker to the position of Director of Technology effective November 20, 2023 at a salary of \$68,000 per year with a probationary period from November 20, 2023 to November 21, 2024. This position will be filled on a provisional basis pending the results of a Civil Service examination to be scheduled at a later date.

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

2. Motion Jeremy Sowle, Second Karen English

To Approve the four year 1.0 FTE probationary appointment of Rachael M. Pollak as a Pre-Kindergarten Teacher effective November 6, 2023 – November 5, 2027 in the tenure area of Elementary at Step 1 Masters of the GTA Salary Schedule.

In order to be eligible for tenure, individuals receiving a probationary appointment as a classroom teacher 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. The regulations do not require that a teacher have Professional Certification at the time of tenure but the District may make it a requirement.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Karen English, Second Michelle Bombard to accept the following Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA			
FINANCIAL REPORTS/BOARD MEETING MINUTES			
October 12, 2023	Board Meeting Minutes		
October 2023	District Treasurer’s Report		
October 2023	Student Activities Treasurer Report		
CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS			
Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as presented to the Board prior to the meeting for the following students: 6627, 6822, 6703, 7890, 6620, 6688 and 7154.			
RESIGNATIONS/OTHER			
APPOINTMENTS			
NAME	DESCRIPTION	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Adam Smith	Cleaner	\$14.50/hr.	10/16/2023
Dustin Kerr	Substitute Bus Driver	\$19/hr.	11/6/2023
Alex Brown	Substitute Bus Driver	\$19/hr.	11/6/2023
Heather Reynolds	Teacher Aide	\$14.20/hr.	11/8/2023
Katie Wilson	Substitute Cleaner	\$14.50/hr.	11/13/2023
Jessica Morris	Elementary Chaperone	\$26/hr.	10/19/2023
Gina Robinson	Elementary Chaperone	\$26/hr.	10/19/2023
Annette Gunderson	Elementary Chaperone	\$26/hr.	10/19/2023
Elise Zigrosser	Elementary Chaperone	\$26/hr.	10/19/2023
Amy Derwin	Pre-K to 5 Yearbook (Co-Curricular)	\$591	10/18/2023

Carla Gload	After School ELA/Math and Homework Lab	\$43/hr.	10/16/2023
Beth Brewster	After School ELA/Math and Homework Lab	\$43/hr.	10/16/2023
Joshua Schaperjahn	After School ELA/Math and Homework Lab	\$43/hr.	10/16/2023
Katrina Barr	After School ELA/Math and Homework Lab	\$43/hr.	10/16/2023
Cory Jensen	After School ELA/Math and Homework Lab	\$43/hr.	10/16/2023
Crystal Silsby	After School ELA/Math and Homework Lab	\$43/hr.	10/17/2023
Mary Short	After School ELA/Math and Homework Lab	\$43/hr.	10/30/2023
Alicia Dunbar	After School ELA/Math and Homework Lab	\$43/hr.	9/1/2023
Karen Moffatt	Volunteer Cheerleading Assistant	-	11/13/2023
Doug Allen	Volunteer Assistant Girls Basketball	-	11/13/2023
Dan Anderson	JV Girls Basketball Coach - Step A3	\$2,824	11/13/2023
Chad Wojtowecz	Varsity Wrestling Coach - Step A3	\$3,802	11/13/2023

It is recommended that the recommendations of the Galway Central School District Internal Claims Auditor for the period ending October 5, 2023 and October 19, 2023 be approved.

It is recommended that the General Fund, School Lunch Fund, Capital Fund and Federal Aid Fund bills for the period ending October 5, 2023 and October 19, 2023 be approved.

It is recommended to approve Budget and Revenue Reports for September 2023.

The probationary term of Joseph Kondrat, Groundskeeper, has ended and the position is now permanent effective November 6, 2023.

Rescind the appointment, approved by the Board at the July 11, 2023 Board Meeting, of Courtney Sayward as Data Privacy Officer effective November 20, 2023.

Appoint William Baker, Director of Technology, to the position of Data Privacy Officer, effective November 20, 2023.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion Jeremy Sowle, Second Michelle Bombard

Accept the District’s Independent Auditor’s Report of the 2022-23 school year financial records indicating compliance with State of New York procedures and regulations. It will be filed with the Office of the Comptroller of NYS and the State Education Department, as required by law. The general public will be informed and a copy will be available for a period of 30 days in the Office of the District Clerk daily during working hours.

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

2. Motion Michelle Bombard, Second Karen English

2nd Reading and Adoption of the following Board of Education Policies and Regulations:

- 4531 Field Trips and Excursions
- 5152 Admission of Non-Resident Students

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

3. Motion Jeremy Sowle, Second Michelle Bombard

The District's annual fire inspection for 2024 has been completed. Minor incomformances have been corrected and fire safety reports have been transmitted to SED.

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

4. Motion Michelle Bombard, Second Jeremy Sowle

Approve a softball field trip to the Grand Strand Softball Classic in South Carolina for spring training from April 1, 2024 to April 5, 2024.

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

5. Motion Michelle Bombard, Second Karen English

Approve the Resolution Authorizing Participation in Cooperative Energy Purchasing Service (NYSMEC) for Electricity and authorize the Superintendent to sign said Billing Schedule and Agreement.

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

6. Motion Michelle Bombard, Second Karen English

Approve the Resolution Authorizing Participation in Cooperative Energy Purchasing Service (NYSMEC) for Natural Gas and authorize the Superintendent to sign said Billing Schedule and Agreement.

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

7. 1st Reading of the following Board Policies and Regulations:

4324 Role of the COTA/L and OTR/L

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

The Board appreciates everyone that attended the public information meeting regarding the Capital Project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Motion was made at 8:36 p.m. by Jeremy Sowle and seconded by Karen English to enter into Executive Session to discuss current litigation matters.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Dumblewski

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN
COOPERATIVE ENERGY PURCHASING SERVICE
(NYSMEC) FOR ELECTRICITY**

WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other, and

WHEREAS, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term "municipal corporation" for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district; and

WHEREAS, Galway Central School District (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Participant") is a "municipal corporation" as defined above; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes for this municipal corporation to become or remain a Participant pursuant to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement For Energy Purchasing Services dated the 1st day of May 2005 (the "Agreement"), among municipal corporations collectively identified as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium ("NYSMEC") upon the terms of the Agreement and further wishes to authorize participation as an energy consumer as specified below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the Galway Central School District to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs Br. Brita Donovan, Superintendent to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for electricity on its behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this Board for the purchase of electricity delivered to the delivery point of the local utility distribution company for the Participant's facility or facilities, on a firm basis, for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a price for such commodity electricity not to exceed \$.0845 cents per kWh for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 2024, and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and

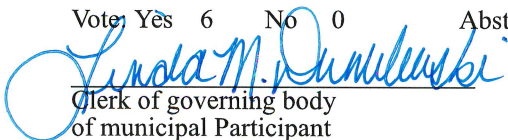
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers and employees of this Participant are authorized to execute such other confirming agreements, certificates and other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

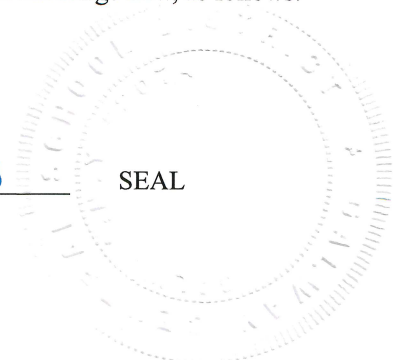
I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the governing body of the municipal corporation named therein at a duly convened meeting thereof, held upon due notice and in accordance with all applicable laws, charters, by-laws and ordinances, including but not limited to the Open Meetings Law, as follows:

Date of Meeting: NOVEMBER 9, 2023

Vote Yes 6 No 0 Abstaining/Absent 0


Clerk of governing body
of municipal Participant

11-9-2023
Date



SEAL

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN
COOPERATIVE ENERGY PURCHASING SERVICE
(NYSMEC) FOR NATURAL GAS**

WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other, and

WHEREAS, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term "municipal corporation" for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district; and

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the Galway Central School District to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs Dr. Brita Donovan, Superintendent to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for natural gas on its behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this Board for the purchase of natural gas delivered to the city gate of the local utility distribution company for the Participant's facility or facilities, on a firm basis, for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a price for such commodity natural gas not to exceed \$.656 cents per therm for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing May 1, 2024, and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers and employees of this Participant are authorized to execute such other confirming agreements, certificates and other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the governing body of the municipal corporation named therein at a duly convened meeting thereof, held upon due notice and in accordance with all applicable laws, charters, by-laws and ordinances, including but not limited to the Open Meetings Law, as follows:

Date of Meeting: NOVEMBER 9, 2023

Vote: Yes 6 No 0 Abstaining/Absent 0

Linda M. Dumilowski
Clerk of governing body
of municipal Participant

11-9-2023
Date

