



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

**Tuesday, December 12, 2023  
Regular Session 6:30 PM**

**CAPITAL PROJECT VOTE ★ HIGH SCHOOL GYM ★ 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The Meeting was called to order by President Jay Anderson, at 6:30 PM in the High School Library.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – was recited.

**ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA** – were noted

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** – none

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT** – Jay Anderson, Stacey Caruso-Sharpe, Karen English, Michelle Bombard, Jeremy Sowle and Krystal Pashley.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT** - David Page

**PRESENTATIONS** - None

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A review of the 2023-24 Legislative priorities was presented to the Board including, among other things, increase in state support for Career and Technical Education, workforce development, School Aid and Zero-Emission Buses.

**PERSONNEL**

**1. Motion Karen English, Second Stacey Caruso-Sharpe**

To Approve the four year 1.0 FTE probationary appointment of Mikayla Neahr as a Special Education Teacher effective January 2, 2024 to January 1, 2028 in the tenure area of Special Education at Step 5 Bachelors 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 Michelle Bombard, Second Stacey Caruso-Sharpe to accept the following Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA			
<b>FINANCIAL REPORTS/BOARD MEETING MINUTES</b>			
November 9, 2023	Board Meeting Minutes		
November 2023	District Treasurer’s Report		
November 2023	Student Activities Report		
<b>CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS</b>			
Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as presented to the Board prior to the meeting for the following students: 7881; 7837; 7850; 7815; 7905; 7221; 7445; 7930; 7947; 7945; 7946; 6703; 7159; 7882; 6688; 7730; 7649; 1650 and 7918			
<b>RESIGNATIONS/OTHER</b>			
To accept the Resignation for the purpose of retirement of Vickie Weaver from her Bus Driver position effective January 12, 2024 with thanks and appreciation for her years of service to the District.			
To accept the Resignation of Adam Smith from his Cleaner position effective December 4, 2023.			
<b>APPOINTMENTS</b>			
NAME	DESCRIPTION	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Joshua Schaperjahn	Elementary Ski Club	\$505	12/1/2023
Olivia Green	Elementary Chaperone	\$26/hr.	12/19/2023

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David Nettleton	Timer	\$63/night	11/30/2023
Nadine DesPres	Timer	\$63/night	11/30/2023
Camilla Colangeo	Timer	\$63/night	11/30/2023
Michael Glenn	Timer	\$63/night	11/30/2023
Michael Miller	Timer	\$63/night	11/30/2023
Michael Glenn	Scorekeeper	\$63/night	11/30/2023
Michael Miller	Scorekeeper	\$63/night	11/30/2023
Michael Miller	Co-Modified Boys Basketball Coach-Step A1	\$932	11/20/2023
Michael Glenn	Co-Modified Boys Basketball Coach-Step B9	\$1,397.50	11/20/2023
Justin Grupe	Volunteer Wrestling Coach	-	12/14/2023
Samuel D'Alessandro	Fitness Center Supervisor	\$22/hr.	12/1/2023
Tina Grolley	After School ELA/Math and Homework Lab	\$43/hr.	11/1/2023
Adam Smith	Substitute Cleaner	\$14.50/hr.	12/5/2023
Nathan Agneta	Substitute Cleaner	\$14.50/hr.	12/11/2023
Richard Mangini	Substitute Cleaner	\$14.50/hr.	12/11/2023
Frank Fonda	Substitute Grounds	\$16/hr.	12/11/2023
Samantha Fulk	Bus Monitor	\$14.20/hr.	12/1/2023

It is recommended that the recommendations of the Galway Central School District Internal Claims Auditor for the period ending November 3, 2023, November 17, 2023 and November 30, 2023 be approved.

It is recommended that the General Fund, School Lunch Fund, Capital Fund and Federal Aid Fund bills for the period ending November 3, 2023, November 17, 2023 and November 2023 be approved.

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

The probationary term of Alex Brown, Auto Repairer, has ended and the position is now permanent effective November 14, 2023.

The probationary term of Brittany Keller, School Secretary, has ended and the position is now permanent effective December 5, 2023.

The probationary term of Aiden O' Beirne, Teacher Aide, has ended and the position is now permanent effective December 13, 2023.

Johnna Howley was appointed a 1st Year Mentor at the October 12, 2023 Board of Education Meeting at a rate of \$30/hr. for 3 hours. The rate of pay should be \$30/hr. for 30 hours.

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

**NEW BUSINESS****1. Motion Jeremy Sowle, Second Stacey Caruso-Sharpe**

To Appoint Shaun Evans, PT, DPT for a total of 43 weeks effective August 21, 2023 through June 13, 2024 with the following services to be provided:

- On campus for Three (3) hours two (2) times a week;
- Attend two (2) games per varsity team per season (Volleyball, XC, Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Baseball, Softball and Track & Field excluding Wrestling, Cheer and Golf);
- Stipend of \$8,510.00.

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

**2. Motion Stacey Caruso-Sharpe, Second Karen English**

To approve the Resolution to adopt Advocacy Priorities for the 2024 Legislative Session.

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

**3. Motion Stacey Caruso-Sharpe, Second Michelle Bombard**

To Approve the Resolution to Accept the Audit Report and Management Letter of West and Company and Approve the Corrective Action Plan.

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

**4. Motion Michelle Bombard, Second Jeremy Sowle**

To Approve the Resolution for the Capital Outlay Project and Declare SEQRA Designation. (\$100,000 for purchase and installation of door ajar alarms for the school district)

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

**5. Motion Stacey Caruso-Sharpe, Second Karen English**

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

4324 Role of the COTA/L and OTR/L

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

**6. 1st Reading of the following Board of Education Policies and Regulations:**

8130.2 Workplace Violence Prevention

9520.6 Rights of Employees to Express Breast Milk in the Workplace

**RECESS**

At this point in the meeting the Board of Education recessed by motion of Stacey Caruso-Sharpe and seconded by Michelle Bombard to move to the Auditorium for the Grade 6-8 Holiday Concert.

**A Motion was made by Karen English and Seconded by Stacey Caruso-Sharpe to return to regular session to obtain the election results in the High School Gym.**

**ELECTION RESULTS** - A total of 1,014 votes were cast. 38 were absentee ballot votes.

- 1. Motion Michelle Bombard, Second Jeremy Sowle** to accept Proposition #1 Election results:  
**PROPOSITION #1:** Shall the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District be authorized to: (1) construct additions to, reconstruct and improve School District buildings, facilities and sites, acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings, facilities and sites are to be used and pay costs incidental thereto, at a maximum aggregate cost of \$34,734,934; (2) expend such sum for such purpose, including the expenditure of \$1,710,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, taking into account State aid and the amount to be expended from the Capital Reserve Fund, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education; and (4) 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 \$33,024,934, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?  
**YES VOTES: 179** **NO VOTES: 833**  
All voted aye to approve the Motion. Motion passed. Yes 6 No 0
- 2. Motion Stacey Caruso-Sharpe, Second Karen English** to accept Proposition #2 Election results:  
**PROPOSITION #2:** If proposition #1 is approved by the voters, shall the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District be authorized to: (1) reconstruct and improve School District buildings, facilities and sites, acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings, facilities and sites are to be used and pay costs incidental thereto, at a maximum aggregate cost of \$3,303,480; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, taking into account State aid, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education; and (4) 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 \$3,303,480, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?  
**YES VOTES: 225** **NO VOTES: 788**  
All voted aye to approve the Motion. Motion passed. Yes 6 No 0

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

- The Board would like to thank everyone who helped promote the capital project and thank everyone who came out to vote.
- The Board hopes that everyone has a great holiday and enjoys time with family and friends.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Christina Swierzowski thanked the Board for an excellent job getting information out to the community on the capital project. She would like to thank the school for offering ski club to the students but is concerned about the time in which the bus leaves to return to school. A lot of money is spent to send the children and she feels the students should get more ski time in. She asked the Board to look into this further.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
*Linda M. Dumblewski*  
Linda M. Dumblewski  
District Clerk

# Galway Central School District

5317 Sacandaga Road, Galway, NY 12074

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### SEQRA Resolution

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined a need for a Capital Outlay Project (hereinafter the "Project") proposed for the Galway Central School District, and

WHEREAS, said Capital Outlay Project consists of the purchase and installation of door ajar alarms in the approximate amount of \$100,000, and

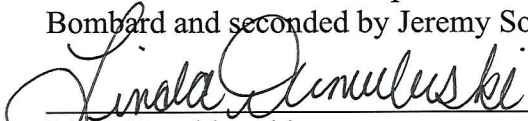
WHEREAS, the District has had an opportunity to review the Project with regard to its classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (hereinafter referred to as "SEQRA") and whether it will have any significant adverse environmental impacts;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Galway Central School District does hereby authorize and direct, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c) (2), (9), and (10), that a Capital Outlay Project for the purchase and installation of door ajar alarms of the school, and associated work be conducted, and does hereby declare that said Capital Outlay Project be classified as a Type II Action under SEQRA because it consists of routine activities of an educational institution, is a replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, and is therefore exempt from SEQRA.

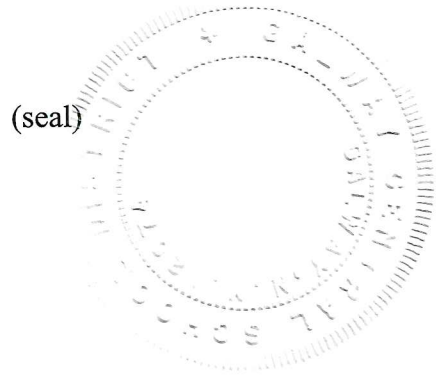
Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 0

MOTION PASSED

The above resolution adopted this 12th day of December, 2023 upon the motion of Michelle Bombard and seconded by Jeremy Sowle.

  
Linda Dumblewski  
District Clerk

(seal)



The vote on the foregoing Resolution was as follows:

Name:	Yes/No
Jay Anderson	Y
Karen English	Y
Stacey Caruso-Sharpe	Y
Michelle Bombard	Y
David Page	Absent
Jeremy Sowle	Y
Krystal Pashley	Y

# 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 2022-2023 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,

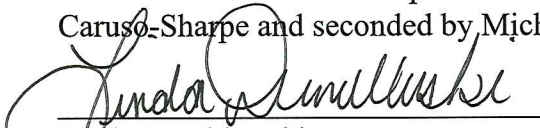
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Galway Central School District does hereby accept the audit report and management letter published by the accounting firm, West & Company CPAs, PC, and does hereby authorize and direct any necessary actions to address said independent audit report for the 2022-23 school fiscal year, and

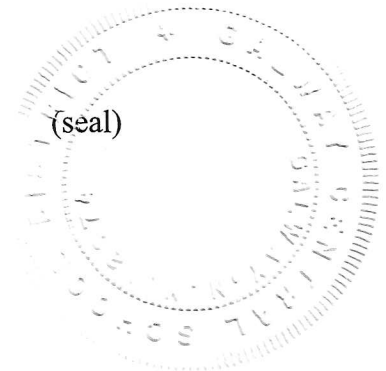
FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby authorize and direct the District Clerk to make such independent audit report available as a public record for inspection by all interested persons, and

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 6 No 0 Abstain 0 Result MOTION PASSED

The above resolution adopted this 12th day of December, 2023 upon the motion of Stacey Caruso-Sharpe and seconded by Michelle Bombard.

  
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Linda Dumblewski,  
District Clerk





**Board of Education Resolution**  
**December 12, 2023**

Motion by: Stacey Caruso-Sharpe

Seconded by: Karen English

To approve the following resolution regarding the Board of Education's 2024 Advocacy Priorities:

RESOLUTION DATED December 12, 2023

GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGARDING ADVOCACY PRIORITIES FOR THE 2024 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 the Galway Central School District only has one opportunity to go through the full elementary and secondary educational experience;

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

1. **Increase the \$30,000 threshold on BOCES Aid for Career and Technical Education (CTE) teachers to \$60,000.**
2. **Workforce Development**
  - A. **Increase flexibility in teacher certification requirements to allow districts to more effectively utilize those teachers that they are able to hire.**
  - B. **Make adjustments to Tier 6 of the retirement system to help districts retain staff by making longevity more valuable.**
3. **Increase the spending limit for capital outlays to \$250,000 annually beginning in the 2024-25 school year.**
4. **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.**
  - C. **Fully fund expense based aids.**
  - D. **Support for an initial evaluation of the current cost to educate a successful student.**

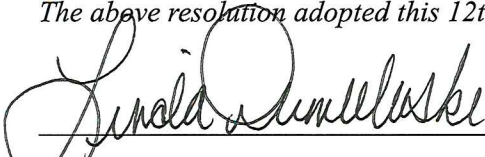
**5. Zero-Emission Buses**

- **Evaluate all existing programs around transportation, capital and planning.**
- **Make updates to all planning and funding streams to include costs related to planning and executing this transition.**

Yes 6    No 0    Abstain 0

*MOTION PASSED*

*The above resolution adopted this 12th day of December, 2023, upon the motion of \*\* and seconded by \*\**

  
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*Linda Dumblewski, District Clerk*

