



GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MINUTES

Thursday, December 12, 2019
Executive Session 5:45 PM
Regular Session 6:30 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Jay Anderson, Second Linda Jackowski

To enter Executive Session at 5:45 PM for Specific Personnel Matters.

All voted Aye to approve the Motion. Motion Passed 6-Yes 0-No

REGULAR SESSION

Motion Linda Jackowski, Second Jay Anderson

To return to regular session at 6:30 PM in the High School Library

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – was recited.

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA – were noted

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT – All Board members were present with the exception of Stacey Caruso-Sharpe who arrived later in the meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT - none

OTHERS PRESENT

Brita Donovan, Superintendent of Schools; Michelle McDougall, Elementary School Principal; Elise Britt, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director; Employees and Community Members.

PRESENTATIONS

- Melissa O'Connor and Danielle McGee, Pre-K teachers for the new Pre-K program at Galway presented "A Day in the Life of Pre-K" with an overview of all the activities that take place in a day for the pre-schoolers. The Pre-K teachers recommended to the Board that they consider looking into full day Pre-K for the 2020-2021 school year. The Board will discuss at a later meeting.
- Shauna Sitts, Business Teacher and Jeanine Flinton, Department Head informed the Board of the CTE (Career and Technical Education) Program Approval Process for the Business Education Department which they would like implemented at Galway Jr./Sr. High School. The Board will review and discuss for approval.
- A Fall Athletics Presentation was given by Elise Britt, Athletic Director. An overview of each of the sports teams took place. Highlights were shown of how well our teams excelled in both athletics and academics. The District is very proud of our students and their outstanding accomplishments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – None – Ms. Donovan's report on Computer Science Week will be presented at the next Board meeting in January.

PERSONNEL

Motion Stacey Caruso-Sharpe, Second Jay Anderson

Approve the appointment of Amy David, Art Teacher, from her current position as .5 Art to her new position as .5 Art and .5 Enrichment, effective January 6, 2020 to June 30, 2020 at a rate of pay pursuant to the GTA Contract.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Linda Jackowski, Second Karen English to accept the following Consent Agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA	
FINANCIAL REPORTS/BOARD MEETING MINUTES	
November 21, 2019	Board Meeting Minutes
November 2019	District Treasurer's Report
November 2019	Student Activity Report
CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS	
Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as presented to the Board prior to the meeting for the following students: 7217, 6050, 6901 and 6070.	

RESIGNATIONS/OTHER

Accept the resignation of Wayne Peterson from his Cleaner position effective December 15, 2019 and approve his appointment as a Custodian at a rate of \$15.00/hour effective December 16, 2019.

APPOINTMENTS

NAME	DESCRIPTION	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Heather McDowell	Long Term Substitute – Secondary ELA Teacher – 1/6/20 to 3/11/20	Per Contract	1/6/20
Augusta Cetnar	Food Service Helper	Minimum Wage	11/25/19
Edie Houle	Ticket Sales (Co-curricular)	\$62/per night	11/12/19
Christine Swart	JV Cheerleading Coach Level A	\$2,782	11/12/19
Amanda Colonell	After School ELA/Math and Homework Lab	\$42/per hour	12/12/19
Jennifer Vanstrander	Chaperone – Holiday Concert		12/17/19
Judith Koskinen	(Substitute) After School ELA/Math and Homework Lab	\$42/per hour	2019/2020 School Year
Spencer Morgan	After School ELA/Math and Homework Lab	\$42/per hour	12/2/19
Camilla Colangelo	Timer	\$62/per night	12/10/19
Erin Davis	Bus Monitor	Minimum wage	12/3/19

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion Jay Anderson, Second Michelle Bombard

Approve the Resolution to adopt Advocacy Priorities for the 2020 Legislative Session.

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

2. Motion Michelle Bombard, Second Stacey Caruso-Sharpe

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

- 8130 School Safety Plans and Teams
- 8134 Emergency Closings
- 8220 Buildings and Grounds Maintenance and Inspection
- 8330 Authorized Use of School-Owned Materials and Equipment
- 8332 Cell Phones
- 8334 Use of District Credit Cards
- 8334-R Use of District Credit Cards Regulation
- 8800 Energy Management

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

3. 1st Reading of the following Board of Education Policies and Regulations:

- 4327 Home or Hospital Tutoring Policy
- 8410 Student Transportation
- 8411 School Bus Scheduling and Routing
- 8411-E School Bus Scheduling and Routing Exhibit
- 8414.5 Alcohol and Drug Testing of Drivers
- 8414.5-R Alcohol and Drug Testing of Drivers Regulation
- 9350 Staff Requests for Accommodations under the ADA
- 9520.2 Family and Medical Leave
- 9520.2-R Family and Medical Leave Regulation

4. Motion Jay Anderson, Second Stacey Caruso-Sharpe

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement dated November 26, 2019 by and between the Superintendent of Schools and the Galway Teachers Association Local #2665 of the NYS United Teachers and authorizes the Superintendent to execute the Agreement.

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

5. Motion Stacey Caruso-Sharpe, Second Linda Jackowski

Approve the Resolution to accept the 2019/2020 School Tax Collectors Report.

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

6. Motion Michelle Bombard, Second Karen English

Accept a donation in the amount of \$50.00 from the Galway Friends of Music with thanks and appreciation. This donation will be applied towards the school lunch fund.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Facilities gave an update on the baseball fields and anticipate they will be ready for Spring. The drainage issue in the Elementary School will be addressed during the Christmas break with the hopes of correcting the issue.
- Finance Committee is preparing preliminary numbers for the 2020-2021 budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Board members made several comments regarding the wonderful presentations that were held during the meeting. We have a great sports program and should be very proud of all their accomplishments.

- The Board would like to thank the individuals who live streamed the Holiday Concert for those that could not attend. That was a wonderful gesture.
- The Pre-K program is off to a wonderful school year with great things to come.
- As always a huge thank you to the Administrators and staff and community for their patience with the Capital Project. It is great to see where we have been and where we are now.
- Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Dumblewski

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District Clerk

Galway Central School District

Board of Education

RESOLUTION APPROVING 2019/2020 TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

WHEREAS, the District Tax Collector is charged with reporting the status of the collection of the yearly tax levy, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the subject report and recommends its' approval,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the 2019/2020 Tax Collector's Report is hereby approved.


Yes 7

No 0

Abstain 0

Result PASSED

The above resolution adopted this 12th day of December, 2019 upon the motion of Stacey Caruso-Sharpe, and seconded by Linda Jackowski.



Linda Dumblewski,
District Clerk





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Tax Collector's Report for the 2019-20 school year

December 4, 2019

Warrant amount was: School \$10,832,597.00 and Library \$184,680.00

Star amount to be reimbursed is approximately \$1,165,403.55

Please see attached sheet, "Town Totals Summary" for collected amounts.

Amount collected represents about 86% of the tax levy.

The delinquent list returned to the counties for collection totaled \$483,934.32 which will be paid to the district by March 31st.

We had 5 returned checks and the fees were waived by Ballston Spa Bank.

We were charged \$4,800.00 from Ballston Spa Bank to help in the collection of taxes. This is the second year of this charge and there was an increase of \$150 over last year.

I would like to thank Mr. Bonaker for all his help this year. He is so knowledgeable and thoughtful that it made this tax season most enjoyable. Also a big thank you to Jeanine Yates. She has also made this job a pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara Sleight". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Barbara Sleight

TO MEET THE INDIVIDUAL NEEDS OF ALL STUDENTS

Town Totals Summary

District: GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Town Name	School Tax Due	Library Tax Due	Pro-Rated	Total Tax Due	School Paid	Library Paid	Sch Penalty Paid	Lib Penalty Paid	Over and Dup Payments	Balance Due
Charlton	\$1,245,369.30	\$23,296.35	\$485.16	\$1,269,150.81	1,184,643.90	\$22,164.46	\$1,267.05	\$23.36	\$0.00	\$61,857.29
Galway	\$164,171.78	\$3,225.86	\$0.00	\$167,397.64	\$155,366.85	\$3,066.96	\$147.46	\$2.51	\$0.00	\$8,963.83
Galway	\$5,709,936.30	\$108,118.10	\$0.00	\$5,818,054.40	5,439,999.75	103,080.92	\$4,586.96	\$86.82	\$3,687.16	\$255,590.06
Milton	\$375,152.52	\$7,310.03	\$0.00	\$382,462.55	\$350,286.80	\$6,861.77	\$38.22	\$0.83	\$0.00	\$25,313.98
Providence	\$1,845,816.87	\$36,236.48	\$0.00	\$1,882,053.35	1,734,130.88	\$34,002.13	\$1,658.99	\$32.22	\$0.00	\$113,920.34
Amsterdam	\$12,081.77	\$234.71	\$0.00	\$12,316.48	\$11,837.02	\$230.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$248.92
Broadalbin	\$20,356.63	\$382.88	\$0.00	\$20,739.51	\$20,356.63	\$382.88	\$60.99	\$1.19	\$0.00	\$0.00
Perth	\$273,363.24	\$5,497.49	\$0.00	\$278,860.73	\$255,653.58	\$5,167.25	\$119.93	\$2.48	\$0.00	\$18,039.90
Glenville	\$14,963.56	\$275.98	\$0.00	\$15,239.54	\$14,963.56	\$275.98	\$18.68	\$0.32	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grand Totals:	\$9,661,211.97	\$184,577.88	\$485.16	\$9,846,275.01	\$9,167,238.97	\$175,232.89	\$7,898.28	\$149.73	\$3,687.16	\$483,934.32

**Board of Education Resolution
December 12, 2019**

Motion by Jay Anderson

Seconded by Michelle Bombard

To approve the following resolution regarding the Board of Education's 2020 Advocacy Priorities:

RESOLUTION DATED December 12, 2019

GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGARDING ADVOCACY PRIORITIES FOR THE 2020 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 works diligently to meet the needs of all students while still fulfilling the ever increasing list of state mandates, best practices and contractual obligations; and

WHEREAS, our School District's free and reduced lunch rate has increased from 23% to 34% since 2011; and

WHEREAS, the district continues to work diligently to create a balanced budget that respects the needs of area taxpayers; 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 the 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. Review and Update the Foundation Amount-Currently \$6,714.00 per pupil

B. Provide a minimum increase of 2% in foundation aid to all school districts

C. Maintain the "SAVE Harmless" provision.

D. Adjust the weighting factor for Free and Reduced Lunch from .65 to .75-.80 to reflect large increases in this population.

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. Allow Districts to Access to the BOCES Health Safety and Risk Management Service to Offset the Costs and to Increase the Number of School Resource Officers

4. Support a Permanent Solution to the Small Group Health Insurance Issue

5. Support Efforts to Prevent the use of E-Cigarettes, including Vaping

6. 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.