

Galway Central School District
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
AND
SCHOOL BUDGET COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Thursday, March 27, 2014
 6:30 PM – High School Library

It is anticipated that the Board of Education will act upon a resolution to convene an Executive Session at 5:30 PM in the High School library.

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance	
Additions/Revisions to the Agenda	
Public Comment on Agenda (Per Attached Procedure)	
Awards	Lions Club Citizenship Awards
District Component Updates	Hall Restrictions for Students – Mr. Healey
Superintendent's Report	<p style="text-align: center;">SCHOOL BUDGET COMMUNITY WORKSHOP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Topics Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of the Budget Development Process • Presentation of the 2014-15 School Budget • Discussion of Budget Items with the opportunity for focused feedback from the community. We want to hear from you! <p>Election Day Information (See attached) Update of School Business Administrator Hiring Process</p>
New Business	Eliminate Computer Network Manager Position
Approval of Consent Agenda (See Attached)	
Board Member Comments	
Spotlight on Academics	
New Business (Continued)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt 2014-15 School Calendar 2. Municipal Cooperative Renewal Agreement with CLASS 3. Approval of Senior Class Trip 4. Health and Welfare Services Contract 5. Accept Donations
Public Comment (Per Attached Procedure)	
CSE/CPSE Recommendations	
Regular Session	
Adjournment	

SEE ATTACHED CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

Abolish the Management-Confidential position of Computer Network Manager effective June 30, 2014.

CONSENT AGENDA

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

- Accept Budget Status Report
- Accept the January, 2014 District Treasurer's Monthly Report
- Accept Budget Transfers if Applicable
- Accept February Student Activity Accounts Treasurer's Report

MINUTES

- Accept the February 20, 27, March 13, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

PERSONNEL

Terminate the employment of Edward Pirrone from his position of Computer Network Manager due to this position being eliminated in the District effective June 30, 2014 with thanks and appreciation for his years of service in the District. Mr. Pirrone shall be placed on a preferred eligible list for a period of four years.

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the employment of Martha Janet Barron as a Bus Driver in the District is terminated effective March 27, 2014.

Approve the extension of a medical leave of absence for Charmaine Hutcheson from her Elementary Teacher position effective at 11 AM on December 3, 2013 until June 1, 2014. She will be using her available sick days during this period of time.

Appoint Michelangelo Romano as a Substitute Bus Driver effective March 21, 2014 at a rate of \$16.01 per hour.

End of Consent Agenda

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

1. Adopt 2014-15 School Calendar.
2. Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign a Municipal Cooperative Renewal Agreement with New York Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (NYCLASS). This is an annual renewal.
3. Approve a Senior Class Trip to Six Flags New Jersey on Thursday, May 22, 2014 and Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey on Thursday May 29, 2014.
This is an annual and optional trip offered to the Senior Class. They will leave at 6 AM to Six Flags on May 22nd and return at 10:30 PM. The cost is \$95 including round trip bus transportation and entrance fee into the park. The trip to Point Pleasant Beach departs at 5:30 AM and returns at 11:30 PM. The cost is approximately \$85 including deluxe round trip motor coach and 1 meal voucher access to the boardwalk, arcade, and beach. Some of the 2014 class money will be used to decrease the cost of the trips for the students who participate. The dates chosen have taken into consideration the "A" day "B" day schedule so that students do not miss the same class twice.

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

4. **Approve a Health & Welfare Services Contract** with the Niskayuna Central School District in the amount of \$491.08 for 1 student who resides in the Galway Central School District and attends a non-public school in the Niskayuna Central School District
5. **Accept the following donations:**
 - \$6,296.16 from the IlSababy Foundation for the Arts in Education program
 - \$ 500.00 from Cornell University for a Kids Growing Food Mini Grant Award
 - \$ 150.00 from the Galway Community Education Foundation for pep rally bracelets
 - \$1,500.00 from the Galway PTSA for the purchase of a laminator in the Elementary School.
 - \$ 125.00 from Kelly DeVall for Math Department supplies and authorize the Treasurer to increase Budget Code A2110.514.01
 - \$6,000.00 from the Booster Club for team banners in the gym
 - \$2,000.00 from the Whole Kids Foundation toward school gardens

PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURE

The Board of Education recognizes the privilege of all citizens in the Galway Central School District to address the Board of Education concerning any item on the Board Meeting Agenda.

Toward this objective, the Board of Education includes two opportunities for public comment which are listed on each Board Meeting Agenda.

The Board of Education respectfully requests that all citizens addressing the Board during public comment recognize that inquiries or comments pertaining to students or personnel are confidential and cannot be brought up in public session for discussion.

The Board of Education will adhere to the following guidelines pertaining to public comments at Board Meetings:

1. Individuals who wish to address the Board must be recognized by the Board President before speaking.
2. Once recognized, the individual is to clearly state their name prior to speaking.
3. Comments may be addressed to any Board member who will respond as he or she feels appropriate.
4. In order for the Board of Education to conduct its business in a timely and efficient manner, it may be necessary on occasion to restrict public comment to a period of time not to exceed five (5) minutes.

May 20, 2014 ELECTION INFORMATION

GALWAY SCHOOL ELECTION DAY

The annual Galway Central School District Election will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 between the hours of 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM in the Galway High School Auditorium Lobby, at which time polls will be opened to vote.

GALWAY SCHOOL VOTER REGISTRATION – MAY 1, 2014

Personal registration for Galway School District residents who are interested in registering to vote will be held on May 1, 2014 from 8 - 4:00 P.M. in the Office of the District Clerk located in the Joseph Henry Elementary School main office. Residents can also register by contacting their local Board of Elections office throughout the year.

GALWAY SCHOOL ABSENTEE BALLOTS AVAILABLE

Absentee ballots are available to registered voters of the Galway Central School District who will not be able to vote on Election Day – May 20, 2014. An absentee ballot application must be submitted before you can obtain a ballot. For further information or to obtain an application please go to the Galway School Website at www.galwaycsd.org or call the school at 882-1033 Ext. 4240.

VACANCIES ON GALWAY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION/PETITIONS AVAILABLE

The Galway Central School District has two vacancies on the Board of Education on Election Day, May 20, 2014. One is a four-year term of office and the other is a one-year term of office.

- One vacancy is a four-year term of office that is effective July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2018. This seat is currently held by Joan Slagle.
- One vacancy is a one-year term of office that is effective immediately following the election on May 20, 2014 and filing of an Oath of Office until June 30, 2015. This vacancy is to complete a four-year term of office previously held by Nancy Lisicki who resigned in 2013; Anita Crawford was then appointed until the next election on May 20, 2014 which results in a one year vacancy.

All seats are “at large” which means that each nominee for a seat on the Board is eligible for every vacancy rather than only for a specific seat. The candidates with the most votes will get the four-year term of office followed by the one-year term of office.

To qualify for membership on a school board, an individual:

1. Must be able to read and write.
2. Must be a qualified voter of the district, that is, a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years or older; and not a convicted felon or adjudged an incompetent. (Note: A convicted felon is barred from running for a seat on a school board if his or her maximum prison sentence has not expired or if he or she has not been pardoned or discharged from parole.)
3. Must be and have been a resident of the district for at least one year prior to the election, but need not be a taxpayer.
4. May not have been removed from any school district office within the preceding one year, or the preceding three years in the case of New York City community school board members removed for malfeasance or criminal conviction while serving as a member of a community school board.
5. May not reside with another member of the same school board as a member of the same family.
6. May not be a current employee of the school board.
7. May not simultaneously hold another incompatible public office.

If you are interested in running for a seat on the Board you will need to file a petition with the District Clerk, Mrs. Barbara Agresta, no later than 5:00 P.M. on Monday, April 21, 2014. Nominating petitions are available in the Clerk's office located in the Joseph Henry Elementary School Main Office or by calling that office at (518) 882-1033 Ext. 4240.

The petition must be signed by at least 25 eligible voters and must carry the name and address of the candidate seeking a seat on the Board. Each eligible voter signing the petition must include his/her name and full address. Prospective candidates are urged to use the petition forms provided by the District and to obtain more than the minimum number of signatures required in the event that one or more signatures is challenged.

If you have any questions, regarding being a Board member please contact any current Board member or the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Shannon C. Shine at (518) 882-1033 or via email at sshine@galwaycsd.org.

Petitions must be returned to the office of the District Clerk, Barbara Agresta, no later than 5:00 P.M. on Monday, April 21, 2014.