



Galway Central School District
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
AGENDA

Thursday, December 10, 2015
 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 6:00 PM to discuss specific personnel matters.

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance	
Additions/Revisions to the Agenda	
Awards/Presentations	
Public Comment on Agenda	
District Component Updates	
Board of Education Committee Reports	Facilities Committee Policy Committee
Superintendent's Report	Smart Schools Discussion & Review of Plan
Approval of Consent Agenda	See Attached
Board Member Comments	
Spotlight on Academics	
New Business	1. 2nd Reading/Adoption of Board Policies 2. Approval of Transportation Contract 3. Adopt Revised Organizational Chart 4. Accept Donation from Follett School Solutions, Inc. 5. Accept Tax Collector's Report 6. Approval of Gap Elimination Resolution
Public Comment (Per Attached Procedure)	
CSE/CPSE Recommendations	
Adjournment	

See Attached Consent Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion _____ Second _____ to accept the following Consent Agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA			
FINANCIAL REPORTS / BOARD MEETING MINUTES			
December 4, 2015	Budget Status Report		
July, August & September 2015	District Treasurer’s Reports		
October, 2015	Treasurer’s Report - Student Activity Accounts		
November 12, 2015	Board Meeting Minutes		
RESIGNATION			
NAME	DESCRIPTION	EFFECTIVE DATE	
David Goodemote	Head Custodian	12/30/16	
Amy Roe	Teacher Aide	12/04/15	
Taylor Hugo	Cleaner	12/11/15	
Mary LeClaire	Bus Monitor	11/14/15	
APPOINTMENTS			
NAME	DESCRIPTION	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Kristin Darlington	District Photographer	\$521/year	2015-16 School Year
Amanda Grimm	Bus Monitor	\$8.75/hour	11/30/15
Noreen VanDeusen	Cleaner	\$12.47/hour	11/30/15
Tammi Robinson	Cleaner	\$12.47/hour	12/14/15
Taylor Hugo	Substitute Cleaner	\$12.47/hour	12/14/15

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion / 2nd Reading of the Board of Education Policies shown below.

Motion _____ Second _____ that:

Following a 2nd reading, adopt the Board of Education policies shown above.

SUBJECT	POLICY #
ACADEMIC INTERVENTION SERVICES	4325
PROGRAMS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS	4326
PROGRAMS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS Exhibit 1	4326E.1
PROGRAMS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS Exhibit 2	4326E.2
HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION	4327
HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION Regulation	4327R
TEXTBOOK SELECTION AND ADOPTION	4511

SUBJECT	POLICY #
LIBRARY MATERIALS SELECTION	4513
LIBRARY MATERIALS SELECTION Regulation	4513R
FIELD TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS	4531
FIELD TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS Regulation	4531R
SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS	4532
GRADING SYSTEMS	4710
PARENT CONFERENCES	4714
PROMOTION AND RETENTION OF STUDENTS	4750
EARLY GRADUATION	4771
DIPLOMA AND CREDENTIAL OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES	4773
TEACHING ABOUT CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES	4810
SCHOOL CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES	4821
ANIMALS IN THE SCHOOLS	4850
RECRUITING AND HIRING	9240

2. Motion _____ Second_____ to:

Approve a Transportation Contract between the Galway Central School District and the WSWHE BOCES in the amount of \$549.43 and authorize the Board of Education President and Superintendent of Schools to sign the contract on behalf of the District.

3. Motion _____ Second_____ to:

Adopt the revised District Organizational Chart. (see attached)

4. Motion _____ Second_____ to:

Accept a donation of \$101.64 from Follett School Solutions Inc. to be used in the Elementary School as a result of books sold from the District's Consignment Buy-Back program.

5. Motion _____ Second_____ to:

Accept the following Tax Collector's Report:

Tax Warrant Amount	\$ 9,929,769 School \$ 144,460 Library
STAR Amount to be Reimbursed by NYS	\$ 1,294,679
Amount to be Collected (School + Library, less STAR)	\$ 8,779,550.46
Principle Amount Paid	\$ 8,115,414.81 (Approx. 92.44% of Levy)
Amount Returned to County	\$ 664,135.65
Amount collected in Penalties during October (No returned check fees)	\$ 7,485.84

6. Motion _____ Second _____ to approve the following Gap Elimination Resolution:

RESOLUTION DATED DECEMBER 10, 2015

GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGARDING ADVOCACY PRIORITIES FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEREAS, the Galway Central School District Board of Education has significantly reduced critical components of the annual school budget in response to rising costs that have outpaced revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Galway Central School District has reduced approximately 12 percent of staff since the 2009-10 school year, leading to larger class sizes and reductions in programs and services for students; and

WHEREAS, these reductions were made in response to the need to fulfill state mandates and contractual obligations while creating a balanced budget, despite the imbalance in expenses and revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Galway Central School District has lost \$7,326,404 in promised state aid to the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) over the last six years, and

WHEREAS, property tax levy legislation at the state level hinders school districts' ability to compensate for state aid losses and funding inequity by raising local revenue; and

WHEREAS, public schools are being asked to do more for students than ever before, so they can succeed in college and 21st-century careers; and

WHEREAS, each child in the Galway Central School District only has one chance 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. **Eliminate the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA). The Galway Central School District is still due \$567,722 in GEA Restoration.**
2. **Permanently adjust the Building Aid Formula to eliminate the impact of the change in the Assumed Amortization Rate.**
3. **Adequately Fund and Adjust the Foundation Formula**
 - a. **Lower the Income Wealth Index.**
 - b. **Provide a greater weighting to the Free and Reduced Lunch Factor (FRPL).**
4. **Adjust the District Superintendent Salary Cap**
 - a. **Eliminate the link to the 2003-2004 school year from the statute.**
 - b. **Allow for a gradual increase to the new cap (98% of the Commissioner's current salary).**

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

- Individuals who wish to address the Board must be recognized by the Board President before speaking.
- Once recognized, the individual is to clearly state their name prior to speaking.
- Comments may be addressed to any Board member who will respond as he or she feels appropriate.
- 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.