

GALWAY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEETING

Thursday, January 23, 2014

6:00pm Executive Session

6:30pm Regular Meeting

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Thomas Rumsey, President, Dennis Schaperjahn, Vice President, Joan Slagle, Laura Sakala, Melodye Eldeen, Jay Anderson, Anita Crawford.

Board Members Absent: None.

The meeting was called to order by Thomas Rumsey, Board of Education President at 6pm in the High School conference room.

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Melodye Eldeen, to move into executive session at 6:01pm to discuss CSEA negotiations and arbitration.

Aye: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Jay Anderson, seconded by Dennis Schaperjahn, to move into regular session at 6:34pm in the High School Library.

Aye: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried

Others in Attendance: Shannon Shine, Superintendent, Michelle McDougall, Elementary Principal, Michael Healey, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Brita Donovan, Associate Jr./Sr. High School Principal/Athletic Director, Lin Jackowski, Director of Pupil Services, Tim Hilker, School Business Official, Mike Sherman, Transportation/Facilities Director, Scot Carpenter, Network and Technology Coordinator, faculty/staff members, and community members.

Mr. Rumsey welcomed Anita Crawford to the Board. She is replacing Nancy Lisicki who resigned from the Board in the fall.

Mr. Shine noted revisions to the agenda.

Public Comment on Agenda

None.

Transportation Update

Mr. Sherman, Transportation/Facilities Director presented an update from the Transportation Department. We currently have 6 buses out of District and 3 out of District contractors which include vo-tech and parochial runs. The 3 that are contracted out go to Mayfield, Queensbury and Albany. A cost analysis showed that contracting those 3 runs out was cost efficient. There are 17 buses out for local runs averaging 991 miles per day (58 per vehicle), as opposed to 16 buses last year averaging 1280 miles per day (80 per vehicle). There has been an average savings of 289 miles per day with the extra vehicle on the road. The use of the late bus run for afterschool activities has grown to close to 100 elementary students and approximately 40

junior/senior high students. Some buses are full, but not overloaded. They are consistently being monitored for capacity. Ridership has been consistent. Random video checks continue to check for behavior problems.

Bus replacement plans and options are being looked at. DOT's new bus inspection program was implemented this year. Galway is on the "preferred" list, which means that we scored above a 94%.

The Transportation Department was offered some excellent training with local authorities, fire department and EMT's. They simulated a bus accident and rescue situation.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Shine spoke regarding "Lobby Guard", a visitor management system, to help keep in line with the safe schools initiative. The units are costly at \$5,000 each. We would need one for each of our main entrances. The Board members requested a presentation to be held in the near future at one of the Board meetings to help make an informed decision. There is enhanced building aid available until next year.

The draft of the 2 year tech plan was presented by Scot Carpenter, Technology and Network Coordinator. The District currently has Wi-Fi in all areas except the auditorium and gymnasiums. *Please see the attached Galway Technology Plan.*

Mr. Shine said the full-time Business Administrator position has been posted with a March 1st deadline.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Jay Anderson, to accept the following consent agenda, with the exception of the budget status report, which will be submitted for approval at the next Board meeting so that the Board members have significant time to review it.

Aye: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Accept Budget Status Report (*Tabled until the next meeting*)

Accept Budget Transfers if Applicable

Accept December, 2013 Student Activity Accounts Treasurer's Report

MINUTES

Accept December 12, 2013, December 19, 2013 and January 9, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes.

PERSONNEL

Appoint Jeanine Flinton, Edie Frisbie and Bradley Johnson to the After School ELA/Math and Homework Lab for the 2013-14 school year at a rate of \$42/hour.

Appoint Patricia Boyle as a Bus Driver effective January 21, 2014 at a rate of \$16.01 per hour.

Appoint Michael Francisco as a Substitute Auto Repairer at a rate of \$14 per hour and as a Substitute Custodian/Cleaner at a rate of \$11.11 per hour effective January 20, 2014. Michael is also a Bus Driver in the District.

Accept the resignation of Karli Smith as a Teacher Aide effective January 30, 2014. She will continue to substitute in the District.

Appoint Sally Crawford as a Substitute Custodian/Cleaner at a rate of \$11.11 per hour effective January 21, 2014. Sally is also an Assistant Food Service Helper in the District.

End of Consent Agenda

Board Member Comments

Mrs. Slagle suggested that at least one Board member and the Superintendent attend the Rural Schools Association 2014 Annual Conference this summer in Cooperstown. The Board has budgeted the money for such conferences and they are very informative and beneficial for all.

Mr. Schaperjahn said he would be reaching out to faculty and staff for possible suggestions on cost savings for the District.

Mrs. Sakala noted that "Science Saturday" will be held this year in conjunction with the Science Fair from 10am to 2pm this Saturday. With this change, which was a suggestion of Mrs. McDougall's, the participation level has increased a great deal. Mrs. McDougall added that Mr. Fana and Mrs. DesPres have worked together to plan this year's event and that outside community members will be judging the projects. Mrs. Sakala also mentioned that the Girl's Cross Country Team was awarded the NYS Scholar/Athlete award for having a team average above 90.

Mrs. Slagle noted one of our High School seniors, Sam Flinton, recently became an Eagle Scout.

Mr. Rumsey would like the issue of students roaming the hallways both during and after sporting events addressed. Mr. Rumsey has attended quite a few sporting events recently and would like to commend our student athletes for doing such a great job representing our school. They are well behaved, respectful to their own teammates as well as the opposing team members and coaches.

Mrs. Donovan commented on the satellite office for local law enforcement agencies which has been set up in the High School. It is being used by Galway Police, Saratoga County Sheriff, as well as, the State Police. Officers occasionally walk the halls. The office is glass enclosed so that they are visible to the students.

Mr. Rumsey broached the subject of voting. The Town Hall has the ability to accommodate it and that maybe we should look into moving it there. He asked that it be placed on the agenda for the next meeting after members took some time to consider options. Another suggestion would be for the Board of Elections to assist with security in the hallways on that day.

Mr. Hilker said there will be an Energy Audit high level presentation at the February 13th meeting. There will be a request for proposal (RFP) to select who we will work with. Any savings they identify, they guarantee.

Spotlight on Academics

Mrs. McDougall presented the results of a parent survey that was handed out during the December Parent/Teacher conference days. One big concern from parents is that they do not have an understanding of Common Core Learning Standards. To try to better inform parents on this, the Elementary School Building Team will be hosting a free Spaghetti Supper on January 30 for parents and their children. Most parents rated communication, atmosphere and climate with an "A". Some parents didn't receive a copy of the survey depending on what time their conference was. Mrs. McDougall will address that issue next time to try to make sure all parents receive a copy.

New Business

Motion made by Jay Anderson, seconded by Dennis Schaperjahn, to adopt the following Board of Education Policies:

Policy #2510	New Board Member Orientation
Policy #5152	Admission of Non-Resident Students

Aye: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Jay Anderson, to approve a new 5 hour per day Teacher Aide position in the District effective January 24, 2014.

Aye: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Melodye Eldeen, seconded by Laura Sakala, to accept the following Race to the Core Event donations with thanks and appreciation:

Aye: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried

- 42 inch flat screen TV
- iPad Mini
- Holiday Inn Overnight Accommodations at Saratoga Springs with Breakfast for Two
- Agway- 2 Duck Dynasty Dog Beds
- Walmart- \$25 Gift Card
- PTSA- Spirit Wear Basket Valued at \$50
- PTSA- \$100 Donation
- Curtis Lumber – four \$25 Gift Cards
- Hoffman Car Wash Gift Cards
- Mary Kay Gift Basket- Kurtzner Family
- Chucks - \$20 Worth of Chuck's Bucks
- Stewarts - \$50 Gas Card
- 3 Wines Baskets - Mrs. Wasserman
- Creative Sparks Gift Certificate
- Druthers Restaurant - \$50 Gift Certificate
- Saratoga Guitar -Brand New Guitar
- Rain Dancer Gift Certificate
- Amici Hair Salon \$30 Gift Certificate

- Amorici Vineyard Winery Gift Card
- Smith Bakery Gift Certificate
- Johnson Winery Gift Certificate
- Jankowski Insurance \$250 Donation
- Hagaman Barbershop \$200 Donation
- Village Pizzeria Gift Certificate
- Galway Market Pizza Valued at \$20
- Bowtie Movie Theatre \$40 Gift Card Donated By Don Pecor
- Augies \$60 Gift Card Donated by Don Pecor
- American Culinary Federation, Glens Falls Chapter Italian Theme Basket & Host of the Free Spaghetti Dinner
- Evan's Family - Lemonade Basket
- Glenville YMCA - 3 Month Family Membership
- Holland Meadows - Golf Gift Certificate
- Cock n Bull Restaurant - Dinner Gift Certificate
- Ballston Spa National Bank - Kuerig Machine
- JHE Staff-Themed Baskets

Motion made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Laura Sakala, to authorize a science honors field trip to the American Museum of Natural History in NYC instead of to the Museum of Science in Boston on April 24, 2014 at the same price of \$65 per student. *(The trip planned for the Museum of Science in Boston had to be changed because it was during school break when the Museum does not do field trips.)*

Aye: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Laura Sakala, to approve a field trip for Junior Statesmen of the Galway Chapter of the Junior State of America (JSA) to attend an Annual JSA Northeast Spring State Convention in Stamford, CT on Friday, April 4, 2014 to Sunday, April 6, 2014. The estimated cost is \$300 per student, but will be subsidized by fundraising initiatives currently underway. Scholarships on a regional level are available for students in need.

Aye: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried

Mr. Hilker, School Business Administrator, presented the 2014-15 budget. *(Please see the attached PowerPoint presentation).*

Public Comment

Sarah Borenko spoke regarding an issue that stemmed from Election Day in November regarding the Electioneering. Electioneering is prohibited within 100 feet of the polling site entrance. She suggested that if the school doesn't know the NYS election laws, then they should consider having it moved.

Ed Snyder, retired engineer, and BOCES instructor for 8 of the past 9 years, commented on the many Galway students he had in those years in a variety of classes, were the least problem students at vo-tech. He didn't have any issues with them. He voiced a concern regarding the K-12 bus run. He has grandchildren who will be school age and was reluctant to have them ride with older students mostly with language they may learn on the bus. Mr. Rumsey provided Mr. Snyder with information regarding the district's transition to the single bus run. Mrs. van

Rijsewijk, teacher aide and bus monitor, was in the audience and addressed Mr. Snyder's fears by telling him she has not seen any problems while she has been riding the bus.

Thomas Smith, parent of an elementary student said he didn't receive a copy of the survey and would have like to fill one out.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Laura Sakala, seconded by Dennis Schaperjahn to move into executive session at 8:57pm for the purpose of CSE/CPSE recommendations.

Aye: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried

REGULAR SESSION

Motion made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Melodye Eldeen, to move out of executive session at 9:09pm.

Aye: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried

CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion was made by Laura Sakala, seconded by Anita Crawford, to approve CSE/CPSE recommendation for the following students: 6156, 6368, 5514.

Aye: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Jay Anderson, to adjourn at 9:10pm.

Aye: 7 No: 0 Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara A. Agresta

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District Clerk