

GALWAY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING
Thursday, October 24, 2013
5:30pm for Executive Session
6:30pm for Regular Meeting
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

Board Members Absent: None.

The meeting was called to order by Thomas Rumsey, Board of Education President at 5:30pm in the High School Library.

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Laura Sakala to move into executive session at 5:30pm to discuss contract negotiations and the audit presentation.

Aye: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion was made by Melodye Eldeen, seconded by Joan Slagle to move back into regular session at 6:34pm.

Aye: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried

Others in Attendance: Shannon Shine, Superintendent, Tim Hilker, Business Manager, Michelle McDougall, Elementary Principal, Mike Healey, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Brita Donovan, Associate Jr./Sr. High School Principal/Athletic Director, Lin Jackowski, Director of Pupil Services, Amy Trigg, Cafeteria Manager, school employees, community members.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

The Girl's Varsity Volleyball Team presented Mrs. Donovan, Athletic Director with flowers and thanked her for all she did for Homecoming this year. They said that she is truly the "homecoming queen"!

Mike Healey, Jr/Sr High School Principal, showed a short video entitled "What Does a Board Member Do"? The video was made by members of GTV who interviewed students from the co-kindergarten class in the elementary school. He then presented each of the Board members with a jar of homemade "hot sauce" that was made by Mr. Healey and Mrs. Donovan, which he said that hopefully next year could be made from the greenhouse harvest, and eagle decals for their cars made by Mrs. Donovan.

Tom Rumsey said he had a lot of positive feedback regarding homecoming and thanked Mrs. Donovan for all she did.

Amy Trigg, Cafeteria Manager, presented her proposed school lunch charge policy. She would like to have the maximum amount allowed to be charge set at \$10. When a student gets to the limit, they will never be denied a lunch. They would receive a reimbursable lunch which would consist of a peanut butter and jelly sandwich (unless a student has peanut allergy and then they would get a cheese sandwich), milk, fruit or vegetable. Students are not allowed to charge “luxury” items such as ice cream, juice boxes and bottles of water. Mr. Rumsey said since Ms. Trigg has taken over in December of 2012, there has been great improvement.

Motion made by Jay Anderson and seconded by Dennis Schaperjahn to approve a maximum cafeteria charge policy in the amount of \$10. If a student gets to the maximum limit, a reimbursable lunch, which would consist of a peanut butter and jelly sandwich (unless a student has peanut allergy and then they would get a cheese sandwich), milk, fruit and vegetable.

Aye: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried

Recess Update

Michelle McDougall, Elementary School Principal, stated that three new aides have been hired and recess has begun. She is still “tweaking” the schedule a bit. Kindergarten through 3rd grade play on the playground, while grades 4-6, have different activities that students can sign up for such as kickball, 4 square, etc.

External Auditor’s Report

Mike Rossi stated that, for the last 4 or 5 years, there have been significant “holes” in the financial audit. He was pleased to report that the past several years, this has turned around. The audit went very well. The financial health of the District is much better than in the past. This will help immensely with the future of the school. Mr. Rumsey said that this should show that there is no reason to merge with any other school district.

Mr. Healey thanked the Matthews family for donating 1100 apples to the school so they could participate in the Big Apple Crunch event today in an effort to set the world record for the "Most Participants in an Apple-Crunching Event." There are photos and more information of the event on our website.

English Class Reading Material Update

In the past the English Department collaborated to select reading materials. Mr. Healey and the English Department met to discuss procedures and add parameters to the selection, moving forward with the alignment with the Common Core, college and careers. They will be meeting again soon to further discuss and extending the discussion to social studies reading as well as movies. They discussed alternate texts for students whose parents find material inappropriate. A parent should write a letter to the principal as to why they feel it is unsuitable.

AIS Compliance Proposal

Last year students in grades 3 through 8 did not perform well on the state tests as predicted. The state mandates that students who score a two or below require academic intervention. The state has provided a one year adjustment on the scores that require AIS. There are 97 students in grades 7 & 8 who require AIS with the adjustment. Currently, there are 30 who are not receiving it due to scheduling conflicts and not enough staff. Mr. Healey proposed implementing a Junior High Academic Support Lab similar to what the elementary school currently has in place for this state requirement. This lab will also provide support to students who may need it on an as needed basis even though they may not officially qualify for AIS support. He has figured the cost to run this program to be approximately \$8,500 to pay teachers to staff the lab from 2:30-3:30pm, Monday through Thursday, from November 4 through May 31. Meloyde Eldeen suggested a monthly report to inform the Board on the growth of the students. Mike Healey said that shouldn't be a problem since the software that is used to monitor their progress is already in place thanks to the Board approving it last year.

Motion was made by Meloyde Eldeen, seconded by Laura Sakala, to approve the implementation of a Junior High Academic Support Lab at a cost of approximately \$8,500.

Aye: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried

Update Board Vacancy

There are three community members who will be interviewed on November 21, 2013 at 5:30pm for the vacant board seat. The candidates are Andrew McPhearson, Kate Taylor and Anita Crawford.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Shine stated that there will be a safety audit on November 4th. Cynthia Holmes, our safety specialist has been making sure that everything is in place.

Mr. Shine updated the Board on an incident that occurred on October 13th. The elementary school office had been broken into. The students have been disciplined and restitution will be made through the court system.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Jay Anderson, seconded by Dennis Schaperjahn, to approve the consent agenda.

Aye: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried

Financial Reports

Accept September, 2013 Student Activity Accounts Treasurer's Report.
Accept District Treasurer's Monthly Financial Report for July and August, 2013
Accept Budget Status Report
Accept Budget Transfers if applicable

Minutes

Accept September 26 and October 10, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes

PERSONNEL

Resignations

Accept the resignation of Daniel Dineen as Boys JV Basketball Coach for the 2013-14 school year effective September 22, 2013.

Appointments

Appoint Nadine DesPres as a Teacher Aide for 5 hours per day effective October 23, 2013 at a rate of \$8.67 per hour.

Appoint Dawn Landwehr as a Teacher Aide for 5 hours per day effective September 18, 2013 at a rate of \$8.67 per hour.

Appoint Marjorie Mickan as a Teacher Aide for 5 hours per day effective September 18, 2013 at a rate of \$8.67 per hour.

Appoint Margaret Staulters as a Teacher Aide for 5 hours per day effective September 18, 2013 at a rate of \$8.67 per hour.

Appoint Marjorie Mickan as a Bus Monitor effective October 7, 2013 at a rate of \$8.67 per hour.

Appoint Alicia Rysewyk as a Bus Monitor effective October 18, 2013 at a rate of \$8.67 per hour.

Appoint William Slovack as a Bus Driver effective October 7, 2013 at a rate of \$16.01 per hour.

Appoint Kristin Darlington as Web Master/Cyber Club Advisor for the 2013-14 school year at a stipend of \$2,689 per year.

Appoint Sara Korona to Banana Splits for the 2013-14 school year at a stipend of \$303/year.

Appoint Christopher O'Hara as a Substitute Bus Driver effective October 21, 2013 at a rate of \$16.01 per hour.

Appoint Christopher Cook as a Substitute Custodian/Cleaner effective October 21, 2013 at a rate of \$11.11 per hour.

Appoint Jeanine Flinton as an Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator for the 2013-14 school year at a stipend of \$405/year.

Appoint Catherine Purinton as a Substitute Teacher Aide effective October 22, 2013 for a five day period pending fingerprint clearance at a rate of \$8.50 per hour.

Appoint Maria Somers as a Substitute Teacher Aide effective October 22, 2013 for a five day period pending fingerprint clearance at a rate of \$8.50 per hour.

Other

Approve the revised appointment date of Lucille Murphy, Payroll Clerk, to November 4, 2013 instead of October 28, 2013.

Approve an increase in pay for Tamara Chaverri, Cook, to a rate of \$11.64 per hour effective October 25, 2013 for additional duties created by not filling a Cook vacancy in the District.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District accept the District's External Auditor's Report for 2012-13 school year records indicating compliance with State of New York procedures and regulations and that the audit report be filed with the Office of the Comptroller of NYS as required by law and that the Superintendent inform the general public and have a copy available for a period of 30 days in the Superintendent's Office daily during working hours.

Motion made by Melodye Eldeen, seconded by Jay Anderson.

Aye: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Joan Slagle, seconded by Dennis Schaperjahn, to approve a seventh grade class trip to Boston on Friday, May 30, 2013 to visit sites pertinent to their study of the Revolutionary War and the novel *Johnny Tremain* as well as aspects of their science curriculum.

Aye: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Laura Sakala, seconded by Dennis Schaperjahn, to adopt the 2014-15 Budget Calendar.

Aye: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried

Motion made by Jay Anderson, seconded by Laura Sakala, to accept a donation from the Galway Community Education Foundation in the amount of \$500 to be used toward the purchase of stability balls in the Elementary School with sincere thanks and appreciation.

Aye: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alyson Bingham showed a painting by student Molly Wood, that she purchased and had framed.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Dennis Schaperjahn would like to work on the budget early this year, at one of the work session meetings. He has been working on the greenhouse.

Tom Rumsey spoke with a National Grid representative to inquire their process for an energy audit. They will make a presentation at a future meeting.

Laura Sakala reiterated from earlier in the meeting that Homecoming was fantastic. Thanks to Brita and the booster club and all the others who worked very hard to make it all happen. She thanked the Matthews family for the donation of all the apples for the "Crunch Day" event.

Laura congratulated the soccer teams, cross country team on their season as well as the varsity volleyball team who is undefeated.

She thanked Mr. Gary Barrow for all he did for the All County Band Festival which was hosted at Galway last weekend.

Melodye Eldeen thanked Mr. Healey and Mrs. Donovan for the hot sauce and hopes they can grow the ingredients in the greenhouse next year. She also thanked him for organizing the school wide "Crunch Day".

Budget Calendar

Mr. Hilker will meet with administrators and department heads in November to discuss and develop budget parameters. Late December/early January he hopes to get input on what they need and or expect. Mid January the Governor's Budget Proposal for state aid distribution is made available to school districts. At the January 23, 2014 Board of Education meeting, Mr. Hilker will present the budget proposal. Mr. Rumsey stated we want a budget driven for academic excellence and district goals. In addition to holding budget presentations in the auditorium, Mr. Anderson suggested board members making presentations to community groups. February and March he will present the budget to the Board for review and comments. April 4th is the budget hearing; April 10th the Board adopts the 2014-15 budget and May 20th is the budget vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Laura Sakala to move into executive session at 8:30pm for the purpose of CSE/CPSE recommendations.

Aye: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried

REGULAR SESSION

Motion made by Jay Anderson, seconded by Dennis Schaperjahn to move out of executive session at 8:41pm.

Aye: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried

CSE/CPSE Recommendations

Motion was made by Jay Anderson, seconded by Dennis Schaperjahn, to approve CSE/CPSE recommendation for the following students: 6185, 6309, 6327, 6333, 6352, 6338, 6344, 6368, 6369, 3485, 3767, 6023, 5109, 3848, 5041, 3004, 6021, 5425, 4659, 3521.

Aye: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried

ADJOURNEMENT

Motion made by Dennis Schaperjahn, seconded by Tom Rumsey to adjourn at 9:04pm.

Aye: 6 No: 0 Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara A. Agresta

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District Clerk