



GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 27, 2015
6:30 PM – High School Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Board President Melodye Eldeen called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the High School Conference Room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Melodye Eldeen, Linda Jackowski, Dennis Schaperjahn, Joan Slagle

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Anita Crawford, Jay Anderson, Thomas Rumsey

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, second by Joan Slagle to move into executive session at 6:00 PM regarding specific personnel matters. All voted aye to approve the motion.

Motion passed. 4-Yes 0-No

REGULAR SESSION

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, second by Linda Jackowski to move out of executive session and into regular session in the High School Library at 6:30 PM.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 4-Yes 0-No

OTHERS PRESENT

Shannon C. Shine, Superintendent of Schools; Tim Hilker, Business Administrator; Michael Healey, Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Brita Donovan, Associate Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Michelle McDougall, Elementary School Principal; community members.

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA – were noted

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

A community member asked what the difference is between a Board work session and a Board meeting. It was explained that both are official board meetings. Typically more discussion takes place at a work session than at a meeting. Work sessions can include discussions between board members and also with the public who are present at the meeting. The Board can vote on matters at both work sessions and meetings. One Board member commented that she prefers that voting at work sessions be held to a minimum. It was also asked if a gentlemen's agreement or something similar exists when the Board votes on an agenda item. It was explained that there may be instances where all board members are not in agreement and the votes are divided. A gentlemen's agreement or something similar does not exist.

DISTRICT COMPONENT UPDATES - NoneBOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Facilities Committee continues to work toward an upcoming capital project that will include collaboration with the Galway community to finalize the scope and total estimated costs for the project. Residents will receive additional communication from the district as the process moves forward, as well as specific dates and locations for additional stakeholder input. As capital projects take quite some time to receive state approval and to put out construction bids, it is anticipated that a public vote (referendum) may take place as early as December, 2015. If the community supports the school district's project in December, construction would tentatively begin in the summer of 2017. More details and opportunities for community input will be forthcoming. This project involves refurbishing what we currently have.

The Policy Committee continues to work on the handbook and recommended policies from the NYSSBA.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

"Galway at a Glance" is a promotional brochure that was developed to distribute to businesses, real estate agents, etc. to promote our school and attract more families to our community and school district. This information and other valuable information will also be included in the next issue of the school newsletter being sent in early September and handed out to faculty and staff on opening day of school.

PERSONNEL

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Linda Jackowski to:

Approve the four year probationary appointment of Christin Lewis as a Special Education Teacher effective September 1, 2015 – August 31, 2019 in the tenure area of Education of Children with Handicapping Conditions-General Special Education at Step M1 of the GTA Salary Schedule \$45,516/year. Christin has the initial certifications shown below and must complete the requirements for Professional Certification by the expiration dates listed below.

Students With Disabilities (Grades 1-6)	Initial Certificate	Expires 1/31/16
Students With Disabilities (Birth-Grade 2)	Initial Certificate	Expires 8/31/19
Students With Disabilities (Grades 7-12) – Generalist	Initial Certificate	Expires 8/31/19
Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)	Initial Certificate	Expires 1/31/16
Early Childhood Education (Birth-Grade 2)	Initial Certificate	Expires 8/31/19

In order to be eligible for tenure, individuals receiving a probationary appointment as a classroom teacher must receive annual composite or overall APPR ratings of Highly Effective or Effective in at least three of the four preceding years. If the individual received a rating of Ineffective in the final year of the probationary period, (he or she) will not be eligible for tenure at that time. The regulations do not require that a teacher have Professional Certification at the time of tenure but the District may make it a requirement.

All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion Passed 4-Yes 0-No

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Melodye Eldeen to accept the following Consent Agenda:

CONSENT AGENDA			
FINANCIAL REPORT / BOARD MEETING MINUTES			
June 2015	Budget Status Report		
August 13, 2015	Board Meeting Minutes		
RESIGNATION			
NAME	TITLE		EFFECTIVE DATE
Shianne Denton	Teacher Aide		9/4/15
LEAVE OF ABSENCE			
NAME	TITLE		EFFECTIVE DATE
Fran Hoffman	Approve a requested Leave of Absence for medical reasons.		9/1/15-1/3/16
APPOINTMENTS			
NAME	TITLE	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Diane Kriser	Teacher Aide	\$ 8.75/hour	9/1/15
Christine Carmel	Teacher Aide	\$ 8.75/hour	9/1/15
Marcella Carbone	AIS Substitute Reading Teacher (for Jessica Dolan)	Step M1 \$45,065/year pro-rated	9/1/15 – 1/4/16
Nicole Provost	Substitute Special Ed/Reading Teacher (for Francine Hoffman)	Step M1 \$45,065/year pro-rated	9/1/15 – 1/4/16
Christine Adams	Mentor (for Nicole Provost)	\$29/hour	9/1/15
Allison Reynolds	Mentor (for Marcella Carbone)	\$29/hour	9/1/15
Amanda Grimm	Substitute Bus Monitor Substitute Cafeteria Worker Substitute Custodian/Cleaner	\$ 8.75/hour \$ 9.00/hour \$12.47/hour	9/1/15
Gary Mancini	Substitute Bus Driver	\$16.01/hour	9/1/15
Judy Kenyon	Substitute Bus Driver	\$16.01/hour	9/1/15
Russell Brush	Substitute Bus Driver	\$16.01/hour	9/1/15

All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion Passed 4-Yes 0-No

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Various comments were made by the Board.

SPOTLIGHT ON ACADEMICS

Grades 3-8 ELA & Math results for 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 were reviewed and will be brought up at the next meeting for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Linda Jackowski to:

Award a transportation bid to Durrin, Inc. from Saratoga Springs, NY in the amount of \$158 per day and \$2 per mile for additional miles over and beyond the original contract for any additional students added to the run and authorize the Board President and Superintendent of Schools to sign a Transportation Contract on behalf of the District. Bids were publicly opened and read on August 14, 2015. One other bid was received. Durrin Transportation was the low bidder.

All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion Passed 4-Yes 0-No

PUBLIC COMMENT

A community member spoke about some upcoming events, including one where a 50 year time capsule will be opened. An update on power to push was provided. A parent appreciated the review of the District's grading policy procedures.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Joan Slagle, Second Linda Jackowski to adjourn at 7:25 PM.

All voted Aye to approve the motion. Motion Passed 4-Yes 0-No

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda M. Casatelli
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District Clerk