

## GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE

# **REVISED MINUTES**

**THURSDAY**, MAY 15, 2018

7:00 PM-EXECUTIVE SESSION → 7:30 PM-REGULAR MEETING SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE → HIGH SCHOOL GYM → 10:00 - 8:00 PM

Revised to include probationary appointment information added to the Consent Agenda, Linda Jackowski seconding the motion to adjourn and Stacey Caruso-Sharpe leaving the meeting when the Board recessed.

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Jay Anderson, Board of Education President, at 7:00 PM in the High School Conference Room.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - was recited

## **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

All Board members were present with the exception of Michelle Bombard who arrived later in the meeting. Stacey Caruso-Sharpe left the meeting when the board recessed and was not in attendance for the remainder of the meeting.

#### **CLERK PRO TEM**

Motion was made by Melodye Eldeen, second by Dennis Schaperjahn to appoint Frank Ferraro as Clerk Pro Tem as the District Clerk is required to be at the polling site.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 6-Yes 0-No

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, second by Linda Jackowski to go into executive session at 7:00 PM to discuss specific personnel matters.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 6-Yes 0-No

#### **REGULAR SESSION**

Motion was made by Dennis Schaperjahn, second by Melodye Eldeen to move out of executive session and into regular session in the High School Library at 7:30 PM.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 6-Yes 0-No

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Shannon C. Shine, Superintendent of Schools; Frank Ferraro, Business Administrator; Employees and Community Members

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA – were noted

#### PERSONNEL

Motion Melodye Eldeen, Second Linda Jackowski

Approve an unpaid leave of absence, per Article 24.1 of the current GTA contract, for Amy David effective through the remainder of the 2017 - 2018 school year with an expected return to work on September 4, 2018.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 6-Yes 0-No

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Linda Jackowski

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District hereby approves the appointment of Brita Donovan to the position of Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2018 at a salary of \$135,000/year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District hereby approves an Employment Agreement between the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District and Brita Donovan for the period July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2023 setting forth the terms and conditions of employment and that the President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the District.

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 6-Yes 0-No

## APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Melodye Eldeen to approve the following:

CONSENT AGENDA				
FINANCIAL REPORTS / BOARD MEETING MINUTES				
April 2018	Student Activity Accounts Treasurer's Report			
April 2018	District Treasurer's Report			
May 3, 2018 May 10, 2018	Board of Education Meeting Minutes			
APPOINTMENTS				
NAME	TITLE	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE	
Timothy Davis	Probationary appointment as a Cleaner for a one-year probationary period effective 5/16/18 - 5/15/19.	\$12.47/hour	05/16/18	
Terry Campney	Substitute Bus Driver	\$16.01/hour	05/18/18	

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 6-Yes 0-No

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The District's annual fire inspection for 2018 has been completed. Minor incomformances have been corrected and fire safety reports have been transmitted to SED.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

A community resident questioned how the Board of Education could hire a new Superintendent of Schools, the most important position in the school district, without following the District's Recruiting and Hiring Policy that requires the position to be posted, applications be accepted, interview committees established, community input be obtained, etc. It was stated that the Board was not transparent and hired a new Superintendent without the community knowing that a candidate was even being considered for the position and that the Board of Education was not granted this power when they were elected to office. Some defended the Board's decision and Jay Anderson, Board President, defended the search process and said due diligence was done before appointing Brita Donovan as the District's new Superintendent of Schools earlier in the meeting. Various other comments were made by those in attendance.

#### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Comments were made throughout the meeting.

#### **RECESS**

At this point in the meeting the Board of Education recessed to the High School Gym to obtain election results. Stacey Caruso-Sharpe left the meeting at this time.

<u>ELECTION RESULTS</u> - A total of 388 votes were cast. Four were absentee ballot votes. Motion Linda Jackowski, Second Melodye Eldeen to accept Proposition #1 election results:

**PROPOSITION #1**: Shall the proposed budget of expenditures for the Galway Central School District for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$21,500,482 and for the purposes shown in the statement of estimated expenditures adopted by the Board of Education, be approved and the amount thereof be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, after first deducting monies available from State Aid and other sources as provided by law?

YES VOTES: 261 NO VOTES: 127 PASSED All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 6-Yes 0-No

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Melodye Eldeen to accept Proposition #2 election results: **PROPOSITION #2**: Shall the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District be authorized to: (1) Acquire one school bus at a maximum aggregate cost not to exceed \$118,000 and expend such sum for such purpose; (2) Acquire two minivans at a maximum aggregate cost not to exceed \$86,000; (3) Expend an amount not to exceed \$204,000 of the district's unassigned fund balance to pay for the acquisition of these vehicles?

YES VOTES: 273 NO VOTES: 115 PASSED All voted age to approve the motion. Motion passed. 6-Yes 0-No

## **ELECTION RESULTS** (Continued)

**BOARD MEMBER ELECTION:** There was one vacancy on the Board of Education for a four-year term office on the Board of Education effective July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2022 due to Joan Slagle's term of office on the Board expiring on June 30, 2018.

Motion Linda Jackowski, Second Dennis Schaperjahn to accept Board Member election results:

353 Votes	ELECT
2 Votes	
2 Votes	
1 Vote	
	2 Votes 2 Votes 1 Vote

All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 6-Yes 0-No

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Dennis Schaperjahn, Second Linda Jackowski to adjourn at 9:00 PM All voted aye to approve the motion. Motion passed. 6-Yes 0-No

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Ferraro
District Clerk Pro Tem