

Minutes
Galway BOE Work Session
Date: 3/3/2010

Present: John Sutton, Cheryl Smith, Joan Slagle, Terry Ostrander, Janet Glen, Mark Pribis, Bradley Rooke (until 8:10), Mike Marcelle (superintendent)

I. Budget Presentation

Mr. Marcelle, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Berry, Mr. Bednarek, Mr. Clay and Ms. Borucki presented the Instructional Program portion of the budget. Several Handouts were given.

- A. Elementary – Mr. Griffin spoke to the class size and gave a handout showing expected class size for the 2010-2011 school year based on having 24 elementary teachers. This is the current number of elementary teachers. It is expected that the incoming Kindergarten class will be smaller than previous years. A second hand out was given to request an additional 1.5 teacher aide position for 2010-2011 school year. Aides are needed to support classroom work, supervise lunchroom and supervise recess. Currently the computer lab is closed periodically to allow the aide to monitor playground and/or lunch room.
- B. Middle School – Mr. Berry had a multi-page handout requesting an additional teacher to have an additional section for the 6th grade based on the current 5th grade class size and past practices. In addition it was requested that the Family and Consumer Science teacher position be increased by .4 FTE to increase the instruction that 6th graders get in this subject area.
- C. High School – Mr. Bednarek presented a handout with the current teaching load and class schedule for the high school. He did not request any additional teachers. He proposed to keep the French teacher at one section to allow the students to finish out with French 4.
- D. Mr. Marcelle and Ms. Borucki went through the budget line by line and explained what expenditures were in each line item. Mr. Clay discussed Professional Development and what those monies were used. Mr. Bednarek discussed equipment needed in the high school for various programs

II. Policies

- A. Tobacco Free School – This policy is expected to be presented to the BOE in April
- B. Acceptable Use Policy – The committee is working on specific wording of the policy
- C. Student Health Services – The nurses are reviewing the policy and it will be reviewed by the School Health Advisory Committee
- D. Census and Registration of Students – It has been proposed that the name of this policy be changed to Child Find and Registration of

Students – There are some proposed changes to this policy and Ms. Jackowski and Mr. Marcelle are developing a form to send to community members to gather information on families in the district regarding special needs.

- E. Policy on Leaving Campus – Mr. Bednarek discussed the policy. He cited problems that exist in the lunch room if such a policy were enacted including there is only currently seating for 160 students. There are currently 3 lunch periods (A – for students who leave early for programs, B – 173 students, and C – 141 students) Currently 153 parents (11th and 12th graders only allowed) have given their student permission to go across the street. The high school experiences long lunch lines the first 1-2 weeks of school when students are not allowed to leave campus. Additional students would require additional supervision and there is the potential of scheduling problems if additional lunches are needed to be scheduled.

Mr. Bednarek also gave some philosophical thoughts on the subject which included the use of tobacco before and after school and increased discipline problems in the school for some students. This increase in discipline could result in some students not graduating or losing motivation to graduate.

Security was also addressed. The planned building modifications are designed to keep unwanted persons out of the school and during a lock down situation there are school personnel posted on the campus to keep people from entering.

Finally, it was questioned if this was the proper time to be addressing this issue.

It was proposed that a public forum be held on this at a later date once more research was done on the policy. Mr. Pribis stated he would rewrite the submitted policy to enact the policy over time with help from Mr. Bednarek. The board indicated that they would like more time to gather more information on such a policy.

III. Achievement and Goals

A revision of the Core Values and Beliefs, Characteristics of a Galway Graduate, and a revision of the mission statement were presented. The Curriculum and Development Committee and the Professional Development Committee had reviewed them. Discussions were had on the process used to develop the revisions relative to the process used during the strategic planning process. These will be brought forward to the BOE on March 17th.

IV. Next Meeting/Other

The next meeting of the board will take place on March 17th, 2010.

Mr. Marcelle presented a letter he drafted to our legislators regarding state aid and the school budget being developed. The board agreed to have him send the letter and follow with calls.

Respectfully submitted by:
Mark Pribis
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