

Minutes

Board of Education Meeting

April 21, 2010

7:00 P.M.

High School Library

Draft until approved by the Board at their next meeting.

CALL TO ORDER	President John Sutton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the High School Board of Education Room.
ROLL CALL	Was conducted by Board President Sutton. A quorum was present.
ATTENDEES	All board members were present: Janet Glenn Bradley Rooke John Sutton Terry Ostrander Joan Slagle Mark Pribis Cheryl Smith
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Was recited
ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA	None
BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM	None
EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION	A Facilities Improvement Project update from CS Arch took place followed by an Art Department Presentation from Art Teachers Rosemarie Wysocki, Lynn Wasserman, Maureen Mierzwa and Enrichment Teacher Katherine McCleneghan.
PUBLIC COMMENT	Board President John Sutton said that this is his 2nd budget process since the country took a tumble two years ago when the stock market went down, the real estate market bottomed out, thousands lost their jobs, etc. It has been a struggle for many. The district is seeing a drastic change in revenue from the State that was promised by our State leadership. He explained that when developing next year's budget the Board tried to balance the needs of what's important to the people they serve and had to make some very difficult decisions. He asked that everyone including teachers, support staff, administrators, parents, taxpayers, etc. all help by doing more in such difficult times. Several were in attendance to show their support in reinstating the School Secretary position in the Transportation Department that was eliminated in next year's budget. The Board listened to their comments, suggestions and concerns. Mr. Sutton reported that every line item on the budget was carefully reviewed before making the difficult decisions that had to be made and that if the State were to come through with additional revenue there might be some flexibility in the Budget for next year.

**PUBLIC COMMENT
(CONTINUED)**

Superintendent Marcelle said the preparation of the 2010-2011 proposed budget has been one of the most trying of his 35-year career. He said the anticipated loss of \$1.1 million in state aid was a driving factor in the school board's need to cut spending. "Our hope was we'd know what state aid will be by now, but we don't so we are going with a worst case scenario," he said. Included in the proposed spending plan is a 1.4-position reduction in teaching staff, but Marcelle said he is meeting with the Galway Teacher's Association that has indicated concessions may be found to save enough money to retain the jobs. A cleaning position and clerical position are being cut along with the Assistant Middle and High School Principal/Athletic Director position held by Mr. Brian Bishop. Marcelle said those duties will now be spread among other employees in the district.

The cost of JV sports has also been cut from the proposed budget for next year. Marcelle said soccer, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, cheerleading, baseball and softball are being eliminated to save \$45,000. "The cost includes coaches, officials and transportation," he said. "If state aid is increased, all cuts will be reconsidered. The board hasn't given an order for what would be returned."

The proposed budget does allow for the reinstatement of a special education teacher and teacher's aide that were cut in this year's budget and the reinstatement of One-Act plays and SADD next year.

Marcelle said the number of students with special needs warrants the hiring of professionals to help them.

"Many economists are predicting that these difficult times will last into 2012," Marcelle said. "We've had 11 public budget meetings this year. In January, we initiated a long and detailed process that looked at every program and service. "

A public hearing outlining the entire 2010-11 school budget will begin at 6:30 p.m. on May 5 in the high school library. The budget vote will take place from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the auditorium lobby on May 18.

In addition to the budget, voters will decide whether the district will lease a pair of 72-passenger buses for five years.

Board member Bradley Rooke is running unopposed for a four-year term.

Below is additional budget information:

- 2010 – 2011 School Budget \$17,705,838
- .95% spending increase in dollars
- \$165,838 spending increase in dollars
- No more than 3.11% tax levy increase
- Received 1.1 million dollars less in State Aid from Governor Paterson
- Started the 2010 – 2011 budget development process on January 6th
- Held eleven (11) public meetings
- Reviewed every line of the 2009 – 2010 budget
- Reduced the initial budget by a total of \$1,127,162
- Realized reductions in all areas – supplies, equipment, contractual, staff development, and personnel.

<p>PUBLIC COMMENT (CONTINUED)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced administration by 1.0 • Reduced custodial staff by 1.0 • Reduced clerical staff by 1.0 • Reduced instructional staff by 1.4 • Eliminated Junior Varsity Athletics • Eliminated field trips • Eliminated department heads, team leaders and grade level leaders • Added 1.0 Special Education – Primary Grades • Added 1.0 Special Education Aide – Primary Grades • Added 1.5 Regular Education Teacher Aides – Elementary School • Added 2 Week Middle School Summer Enrichment Experience • Reinstated One Act Plays • Reinstated SADD • Maximized revenues via BOCES • Used a portion of fund balance to increase revenues yet maintained enough for 2011 – 2012 • Lobbied with area Legislators for additional State Aid • Will consider reinstating positions and services eliminated if the following happen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ additional State Aid is realized ◆ a successful budget vote takes place
<p>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</p>	<p>Mr. Marcelle reported on the 2010-11 proposed budget. See above.</p>
<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p>	<p>Motion: Cheryl Smith Second: Bradley Rooke To approve the Consent Agenda which contains the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March District Treasurer's Report • March Student Activity Accounts Treasurer's Report • Minutes of the March 17, 2010 Board Meeting • Minutes of the March 31, 2010 Work Session/Board Meeting • Minutes of the April 14, 2010 Work Session/Board Meeting • Minutes of the April 20, 2010 Board <p>All voted Aye to approve the motion. Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion Carried</p>
<p>REPORTS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS</p>	

PERSONNEL

Motion: Terry Ostrander Second: Cheryl Smith
To approve the following [Instructional Personnel Items](#):

Approve a paid/unpaid maternity medical leave of absence for Jessica Carter from her **Elementary Teacher** position per the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 effective March 23, 2010 to June 30, 2010. This leave time will run concurrent with her sick time.

Approve an additional one year unpaid leave of absence for Joanne Donnan from her Technology Teacher position as per the Memorandum of Agreement with the Galway Teachers' Association for the 2010-2011 school year.

Appoint Ethel Rubley as a Long-Term Substitute Elementary Teacher for Edie Frisbie who is on maternity leave of absence effective April 12, 2010 - June 30, 2010 at Step M1 of the salary schedule \$41,200/year pro-rated. She has fingerprint clearance.

Appoint Ashleigh VanGuilder as a Long-Term Substitute Elementary Teacher for Jessica Carter who is on leave of absence. effective April 12, 2010 – June 30, 2010 at Step B1 of the salary schedule \$38,800/year pro-rated. She has fingerprint clearance.

Amend the appointment of Edie Frisbie as Grade Level Leader for 3rd Grade to be effective until April 11, 2010 instead of June 30, 2010 due to maternity leave and approve a revised stipend of \$1,450.88.

Appoint Lucinda Ormiston as a Substitute Grade Level Leader for 3rd Grade replacing Edie Frisbie effective April 12, 2010 – June 30, 2010 at a stipend of \$816.12. The \$2,267 stipend for this position is being shared with Edie Frisbie.

Amend the appointment of Jessica Carter as Grade Level Leader for Kindergarten to be effective until April 9, 2010 instead of June 30, 2010 due to maternity leave and approve a revised stipend of \$1,450.88 instead of \$2,267.

Appoint Regina Culbert as a Rec Night and Dance Chaperone for the 2009-10 school year effective March 23, 2010 at a stipend of \$85 per event. She was previously a volunteer.

Award tenure to Trent Clay effective July 1, 2010 in the tenure area of administration who has permanent SDA certification and provisional SAS that expires January 31, 2012.

<p>PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)</p>	<p>Award tenure to Jeanine Flinton effective September 8, 2010 in the tenure area of Elementary who has initial certification that expires February 1, 2012.</p> <p>Award tenure to Jennifer Mazzone effective September 8, 2010 in the tenure area of Remedial Reading who has initial certification that expires February 1, 2012.</p> <p>Award tenure to Katherine McCleneghen effective September 8, 2010 in the tenure area of Gifted and Talented who has permanent gifted education extension certification.</p> <p>Award tenure to Jill Miller effective September 8, 2010 in the tenure area of Family Consumer Science who has permanent certification.</p> <p>Award tenure to Susan Slater effective September 8, 2010 in the tenure area of Home & Career Skills who has initial certification that expires September 1, 2011.</p> <p>All voted Aye to approve the motion. Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion Carried</p>
	<p>Motion: Bradley Rooke Second: Terry Ostrander To approve the following <u>Non-Instructional Personnel Items</u>.</p> <p>Accept the resignation of Andrew Forneris from his Auto Repairer-12 month position effective April 9, 2009 due to other employment.</p> <p>Approve an Unpaid LOA for Kerry Munn from her Cook position effective March 29, 2010 – Approx. May 14, 2010 for personal reasons.</p> <p>Appoint Linda Hoffman as an Asst. Food Service Helper effective March 29, 2010 at a rate of \$8.09/hour. She has fingerprint clearance and was previously a Substitute Cafeteria Worker.</p> <p>All voted Aye to approve the motion. Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion Carried</p>
<p>OLD BUSINESS</p>	
<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	<p>Motion: Mark Pribis Second: Joan Slagle To have a 2nd Reading and adopt revised Policy #4321.2 - Child Find and Register of Students with Disabling Conditions.</p> <p>All voted Aye to approve the motion. Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion Carried</p> <p>Motion: Terry Ostrander Second: Janet Glenn To have a 2nd Reading and adopt revised Regulation #4526-R – Acceptable Use Regulation.</p> <p>All voted Aye to approve the motion. Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion Carried</p>

**NEW BUSINESS
(CONTINUED)**

Motion: John Sutton Second: Cheryl Smith

To accept the following **donations** with thanks and appreciation.

- \$100 **donation** from Joan Slagle in memory of Mr. Ernest Sutton to be used toward stage improvements & authorize the treasurer to increase account code A2110.400.
- Kitchen equipment **donation** from Knolls:
Cleveland convection oven, Volcan oven, Victory 8 door refrigerator, Blodgett oven, Garland stove, 3 salad bars, warming bar, Pitco fryer, Amanda microwave, 2 hotdog warmers, stainless steel cart, sub cart, grill, cooling tray, stainless steel serving station, fryer, cooling ray, Blodgett oven, soup station, sink with sprayer, 4 tables, 1 table with glass, 2 pizza warmers, double panini maker, toaster, coffee machine, soup pot, slicer, table with drawers & warming tray.

All voted Aye to approve the motion. Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion Carried

Motion: Joan Slagle Second: Cheryl Smith

To extend the **Memorial Day Holiday** to include Friday, May 28, 2010 for all district employees provided that additional school closing days are available at that time.

All voted Aye to approve the motion. Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion Carried

Motion: Cheryl Smith Second: Terry Ostrander

To **adopt the following propositions** to appear on the ballot on Election Day – May 18, 2010 at which time polls will be open to vote from 10 AM – 9 PM:

Proposition #1: Shall the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District be authorized to spend \$17,705,838 for general fund appropriations for the 2010-11 school year and to authorize that the requisite portion be raised by taxation on the taxable property of said School District?

Proposition #2: Shall the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District be authorized to lease two (2) seventy-two passenger school buses for a five year term at an annual cost not to exceed \$30,600 and to levy the necessary tax?

There is one vacancy on the Board of Education - a four-year term of office that begins on July 1, 2010 and ends on June 30, 2014 that is currently held by Bradley Rooke whose term of office expires on June 30, 2010. (He is running unopposed for a four-year term.)

All voted Aye to approve the motion. Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT	The Board responded to questions and listened to comments and suggestions regarding the upcoming budget and other topics.
EXECUTIVE SESSION	<p>Motion: Cheryl Smith Second: Janet Glenn To move into executive session at 8:46 PM for CSE/CPSE recommendations and specific personnel matters. All voted Aye to approve the motion. Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion Carried</p> <p>Motion: Janet Glenn Second: Bradley Rooke To arrange placement of the following students as recommended by the CSE/CPSE: 5041, 2679, 3003, 5076, 5055, 2685, 7057, 220303, 3780, 5085, 2119996, 2012007, 4564, 3015, 5027, 3544, 4599, 2696, 3407, 3159, 2700, 4550, 4307, 4605, 3028, 3473, 42504, 2711, 4281, 3629, 3513, 3280, 3622, 3054, 5201, 5051, 2188, 2757, 2879, 5088, 3497, 3346, 3631, 2882, 2978, 472605, 3276, 3085, 3195, 2207, 5037, 5036, 2778, 2501, 2159, 7385, 6019, 4628, 32720804, 2834, 6028, 4629, 3028, 5260, 6031, 3325, 5033, 5120, 3490, 6029 All voted Aye to approve the motion. Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion Carried</p>
REGULAR SESSION	<p>Motion: Janet Glenn Second: Terry Ostrander To return to regular session at 10:00 PM. All voted Aye to approve the motion. Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion Carried</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>Motion: Terry Ostrander Second: Bradley Rooke To adjourn at 10:00 PM. All voted Aye to approve the motion. Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Motion Carried</p>

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Casatelli

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District Clerk

