



**GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MINUTES**

Thursday, September 14, 2023

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by Vice President Stacey Caruso-Sharpe in the absence of President Jay Anderson at 6:35 PM in the High School Library.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Karen English, Second Michelle Bombard

To enter Executive Session at 6:00 PM for Specific Personnel Matters.

All voted Aye to approve the Motion. Motion Approved Yes 5 No 0

REGULAR SESSION

Motion Jeremy Sowle, Second Michelle Bombard

To return to regular session at 6:35 PM in the High School Library

All voted aye to approve the Motion. Motion approved Yes 5 No 0

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – was recited.

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA – were noted

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT – Stacey Caruso-Sharpe, Karen English, Michelle Bombard, Krystal Pashley and Jeremy Sowle.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT - Jay Anderson and David Page

PRESENTATIONS - None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Donovan provided the Board with the draft Communications Plan for the 2023-2024 school year which includes the launch of ParentSquare, a website conversion, capital project, bus driver/staff recruitment and an update on mission, vision and goals. Once the plan is approved it will be presented to the parents.

PERSONNEL

1. Motion Michelle Bombard, Second Krystal Pashley

To Approve the four year 1.0 FTE probationary appointment of Kirsten Wolf as a Kindergarten Teacher effective September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2027 in the tenure area of Elementary Education at Step 1 Masters of the GTA Salary Schedule.

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 Yes 5 No 0

2. Motion Karen English, Second Michelle Bombard

To Approve the one year 1.0 FTE probationary appointment of Cory Jensen as a Spanish Teacher effective September 1, 2023 at Step 7 Masters of the GTA Salary Schedule.

All voted aye to approve the Motion. Motion passed Yes 5 No 0

3. Motion Michelle Bombard, Second Jeremy Sowle

To Approve an unpaid parental leave of absence, per Article 24.1 of the current GTA Contract, for Brianne Lushkevich, effective October 20, 2023 with an expected return to work September 1, 2024.

All voted aye to approve the Motion. Motion passed Yes 5 No 0

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Jeremy Sowle, Second Michelle Bombard to accept the following Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA			
FINANCIAL REPORTS/BOARD MEETING MINUTES			
August 17, 2023	Board Meeting Minutes		
August 21, 2023	Board Meeting Minutes		
September 7, 2023	Board Meeting Minutes		
July 2023	Treasurer's Report		
August 2023	Student Activities Report		
CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS			
Approve CSE/CPSE Recommendations as presented to the Board prior to the meeting for the following students:			
RESIGNATIONS/OTHER			
Accept the Resignation of Shannen Moore from her Teacher position effective September 29, 2023.			
Accept the Resignation of Roger Powers from his Assistant Principal position effective September 12, 2023.			
Accept the Resignation of Bradley Kissinger from his Bus Driver position effective August 24, 2023.			
Accept the Resignation of Ashley Keefe from her Teacher Aide position effective August 31, 2023.			
Accept the Resignation of Cindy Klock from her Food Service Helper position effective August 31, 2023.			
APPOINTMENTS			
NAME	DESCRIPTION	RATE OF PAY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Leslie Perkins	Teacher Aide	\$14.20/hr.	9/5/2023
Ariel Jacinto	Substitute Cleaner	\$14.50/hr.	9/11/2023
Brian Bishop	Food Service Helper	\$14.20/hr.	9/5/2023
Paul Cramer	Bus Driver	\$19/hr.	9/5/2023
Beth DeLuca	Summer School Teacher	\$43/hr.	7/1/2023
Joshua Schaperjahn	Summer School Teacher (Substitute)	\$43/hr.	8/1/2023
Crystal Silsby	Summer School Teacher	\$43/hr.	8/1/2023

Chris Staulters	Volunteer Soccer Coach	-	9/1/2023
Nichole Evans	Odyssey of the Mind Advisor (Co-Curricular)	\$411	9/1/2023
Abigail Duffy	Art Club Advisor (Co-Curricular)	\$1,045	9/1/2023
Beth DeLuca	1st Year Mentor - Math	\$30 per hour/30 hours	9/1/2023
Paul Levin	1st Year Mentor - Living Environment	\$30 per hour/30 hours	9/1/2023
Mellenie Booth	1st Year Mentor - Elementary Music	\$30 per hour/30 hours	9/1/2023
Paula Canell	1st Year Mentor - Elementary Physical Education	\$30 per hour/30 hours	9/1/2023
Ross Hayden	1st Year Mentor - Jr./Sr. High Physical Education	\$30 per hour/30 hours	9/1/2023
Allison Reynolds	1st Year Mentor - Elementary AIS	\$30 per hour/30 hours	9/1/2023
Christine Adams	1st Year Mentor - Elementary Art	\$30 per hour/30 hours	9/1/2023
Jennifer Lembo	1st Year Mentor - Special Education	\$30 per hour/30 hours	9/1/2023
Julia Sirianni	1st Year Mentor - Special Education	\$30 per hour/30 hours	9/1/2023
Alicia Dunbar	1st Year Mentor - Elementary	\$30 per hour/30 hours	9/1/2023
Kristen Downen	1st Year Mentor - Spanish	\$30 per hour/30 hours	9/1/2023

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Kristin Ostrander	1st Year Mentor - US History	\$30 per hour/30 hours	9/1/2023	
Rachel Montalbano	1st Year Mentor - Special Education	\$30 per hour/30 hours	9/1/2023	
Christine Bornt	2nd Year Mentor - Psychology	\$30 per hour/15 hours	9/1/2023	
Paul Levin	2nd Year Mentor - Agriculture	\$30 per hour/15 hours	9/1/2023	
Kelly O'Brien-Yetto	2nd Year Mentor - Elementary	\$30 per hour/15 hours	9/1/2023	
Jeanine Flinton	2nd Year Mentor - Elementary STEM	\$30 per hour/15 hours	9/1/2023	
Kathy Morck	2nd Year Mentor - Psychology	\$30 per hour/15 hours	9/1/2023	
Shannon Britten	2nd Year Mentor - Guidance	\$30 per hour/15 hours	9/1/2023	
David Lotto	Long Term Substitute - Social Studies - effective September 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024	Per SASIE Contract - Step 1B	9/1/2023	
The probationary term of Darlene Morrison, Bus Driver, has ended and the position is now permanent effective September 5, 2023.				
Jennifer Fischer was appointed as an Elementary Music Teacher for a four year 1.0 probationary period at the Board Meeting held on July 11, 2023. The probationary effective date should be for three years from September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2026 in place of September 1, 2023-August 31, 2027.				
Rescind the Co-curricular appointment of Brianne Lushkevich as Co-Student Senate Advisor. Kristen Downen will remain as Student Senate Advisor.				
Change the Board Meeting date of December 14, 2023 to December 12th, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.				

All voted aye to approve the Motion. Motion passed. Yes 5 No 0

NEW BUSINESS - NoneBOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Krystal Pashley is happy to be on the Public Relations Committee. She was impressed with meet the teacher night and her daughters are excited for the school year.
- Michelle Bombard thanked the community for attending the meeting. It is always nice to see everyone. She is excited for the new communications platform.
- Jeremy Sowle thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
- Stacey Caruso-Sharpe is excited for a new year and hopes the Board can pick up where they left off last year. She is looking forward to a great year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Natalie Neidhammer, a senior of Galway, is representing other students on behalf of the remembrance of Tyler Scocca, the student who lost his life in a car accident this past summer. They have come to the Board to discuss things that they would like done in remembrance of Tyler. Multiple students have reached out to the school with suggestions for the remembrance of Tyler and their ideas have been shut down or nothing has been done. A ceremony, dedication, moment of silence, keeping his locker empty and decorating it so he is still a part of the senior class, a celebration for his birthday in March or an empty chair at graduation. They are open to any ideas that the school will let them participate in but all feel very strongly about an empty chair at graduation.
- Sarah Tarashuk has a petition signed by 57 individuals on behalf of Tyler Scocca and wants the Board to consider the suggestions by Natalie Neidhammer for the remembrance of Tyler.
- Neil Evans feels it is important for the students to have closure for Tyler Scocca and hopes the school will decide what they feel is the best way to give the students closure. Please come out and support our athletic teams. We would love to see the support.
- Mildred Restivo would like to see the athletic games televised so the community has an opportunity to see the games when they cannot attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Dumblewski
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District Clerk