

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting

APRIL 19, 2023

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sheriff Ken Briley was present at tonight's meeting to discuss School Resource Officers (SRO). Chris Balkema, Grundy County Board Chairman, participated via phone conference. Sheriff Briley reviewed how the SRO program was developed. After several school shootings, parents started to request more police presence in the schools. Briley created an SRO position and currently has one officer splitting time between seven separate school buildings. His team is looking at placing one officer in each school, so that every school building has their own SRO. Depending on the need and want of each building, schools may discuss sharing an officer to split the cost. GSW HS is interested in exploring the option of sharing an officer with the three feeder grade schools (BES, GGS and SWGS).

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mr. Engelman, Principal, reported the following:

- Academic Awards Night was held tonight, Wed, April 19th
- Student of the Year – Teachers and staff voted on two boys and two girls from each class that they believed are the students of the year. The criteria were: these are the type of students that you enjoy in your class that you wish all students were like this student. These students were announced at the Academic Awards Ceremony tonight (one boy and one girl from each class).
- Math Team – going to State this Saturday, April 22 at Illinois State University.
- Senior Auction – was held on Monday, April 17. They raised \$600 for childhood diabetes, Pediatric Diabetes research.
- Discipline – behavior has been good.
- Mother's Day Program – being held on Friday, May 5th from 10:30 AM until 2:00 PM in the GSW HS gym. The Spanish and Art Classes are putting on this program, with lunch being provided to all participating students and their guests.
- Pre-Prom Event – this Friday, April 21st there will be a mock accident involving some of our students and parents. The accident scene will be outside in front of the school. The event will be from 8:45 AM to 10:45 AM. Students will view the accident and then head into the gym to attend an assembly to discuss drunk driving situations.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS: None at this time.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT: Mrs. Sue Avery discussed the following:

- We are hiring two student workers for our summer cleaning crew.
- The lift is still not working. It is supposed to be repaired sometime this month, in April.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mrs. Avery presented on the following:

- Prom – being held Friday, April 28th at The Odyssey in Tinley Park. This is the first year GSW has held an out-of-town Prom.
- Prom Lock-in – being held at The Enchanted Castle immediately after Prom.
- Prom Meeting – being held on Thursday, April 20th for all student attending Prom this year. Students will get an Agenda and go over details for both Prom and Prom Lock-in.
- Graduation – is set for Sunday, May 21st at 12 noon inside the GSW gym.
- GAVC Director's Award – Noah Wise won for the month of April for Building Trades II.
- Masonic Scholarship(s) – Mrs. Avery discussed the mix-up this year with the Masonic Scholarship(s) and our GSW students.

BOE MEMBERS REPORTS:

None at this time.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Accept Resignation of Head Spirit Line Coach – Mrs. Nicole Leigh
- Accept Resignation of Assistant Spirit Line Coach – Ms. Holly Swisher
- Hire Head Spirit Line Coach – Ms. Holly Swisher
- Hire Assistant Spirit Line Coach –Crystal Aukland
- Temporary Summer Building Cleaning – Noah King & Jacob Ozee
- Hire Volunteer Volleyball Coach – Heather Muzzarelli
- FY Board Meeting Dates for 2023-24

OTHERS:

Board member, Mr. Tim Harvey asked about the status of the marquee. The marquee was vandalized, along with three other area schools. Mrs. Avery informed him that we have ordered a special product to remove the graffiti and profanity from the marquee, but are still waiting for it to come in. The brick on the marquee is currently covered with a tarp. This case is still under investigation by the Grundy and Will County Police Departments.

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