

BOARD BRIEFS
Highlights of the Regular Meeting
February 17, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public at tonight's meeting.

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

- Mrs. Nicole Leigh, GSW math teacher and Spiritline coach, was presented with the IHSA Teacher Spotlight Award (\$500 gift card) at tonight's home girls' basketball game. Her Spiritline team also performed. She was 1 of 24 teachers that received this award from Country Financial for going above and beyond. Dean Tambling from Country Financial presented this special surprise during half-time.
- Senior Scholarship meeting – Ms. Kilmer, Guidance Counselor, spoke to the senior class about many scholarship opportunities. Mr. Nick Morris, Nick Morris Productions, was also present at this meeting to discuss his \$1,000 scholarship offered to one lucky senior.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT(S):

- Academics Coordinator, Ms. Angel Dallio, electronically submitted her Student Services Report to the board. This 43-page report showed MAP scores for our current students, comparing last year to this year's Reading and Math scores, per class.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT: Mr. Josh DeLong presented the following:

- Building update =
- Cafeteria floor options = 3 different floor options were discussed: VTC tile, LVT tile and epoxy. The board agreed on installing an epoxy floor in the cafeteria area this summer. Bids will be reviewed at next month's meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. DeLong presented on the following:

- Vaccine update = Only 10 staff have received the first does so far. Grundy County is facing shortages at this time. Mr. DeLong and other county superintendents have been contacting legislators showing their frustration about the inequity between counties in getting teachers vaccinated.
- CTE Grant = GSW has been approved for \$52,000 to spend between now and June 2021. This money will be used for desktops, lap work spaces, course updates, supplies and professional development for our current business program.
- Curriculum = Mr DeLong has begun meeting with a few staff to begin discussing updating curriculum and course offerings for the 22-23 school year. This will be work that will be started this spring as we finish this school year and continue throughout next year.
- Moving towards a regular dismissal = GSW still plans to move to a full school day on Monday, March 15th with students attending until 3:00 PM. We currently have 28 remote students, and hopefully most of them will return to in-person for the last 9-weeks. Mr. DeLong and Mr Engelman are having conversations with those who will choose to remain on remote instruction.
- Discussion on if ISBE will require remote learning next year = GSW is hopeful that this will not be a requirement for next school year. IASA, IPA and the teacher unions are working together to let ISBE know their frustration with this.
- GAVC Director's Award Winner: Colton Alexander – Automotive Technology – for the month of January 2021. Colton is a Junior at GSW and this is his first year in the program.
- Calendar for the 2021-2022 school year = This item will be approved at tonight's meeting. We are closely aligned with GAVC and all 3 feeder grade schools.

- Online registration = This will be our 2nd year having online registration. It will open on March 2 and close on April 9. Anyone registering during this time frame will receive a fee discount.
- Transportation bid updates = A Pre-Bid Meeting was held last week and with two companies showing interest
- 1:1 plan for 2021-2022 = Our goal is for every student to have their own Chrome Book next school year.
- School fees = General fees will be raised from \$80 to \$125 (\$45 increase) to help implement our 1:1 plan. Fees have not been raised in many years. Our fees will be comparable to other area schools.
- Discussion on extra curriculars, graduation, prom, others:
 - Sports season is off to a great start. GSW is live-streaming both boys' and girls' home basketball games and this seems to be going well.
 - Prom – We are in the process of planning prom to be held on Sat, April 17 at the Gardner American Legion. This will be a “Senior Prom” only, to be able to follow the Phase 4 guidelines we will have to be in compliance with.
 - Graduation – A Committee Meeting will be held on Mon, Feb 22 at 4:30 PM to discuss this year's graduation and what options we may have.
- Donation from Knights of Columbus #1574 - \$737.00 donated to the GSW Special Education Department. Money came from their annual Tootsie Roll Fund Drive. Our two Special Education teachers, Mrs. Duffy and Mrs. Arrambide, will split the money to spend on each of their classrooms.

BOE MEMBERS REPORTS:

None at this time.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Approve Personnel Report:
 - Accept resignation of cafeteria worker – Jennifer Fisher
 - Hire temporary cafeteria worker – Betsy Elliot
 - Hire temporary cafeteria worker – Maria Serena
 - Hire assistant Spiritline coach – Holly Swisher
 - Accept resignation of summer office worker – Jessica Wilson
- Approve Milk Program Contract Renewal with Clover Leaf Farms
- Appoint Superintendent to begin Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2022
- Approve 2021-2022 District Calendar
- Approve Early Graduation request, as presented
- Approve increase in school fees for 2021-2022 school year
- Approve School Board Policy Manual updated
- Approve Press Policy Maintenance Contract

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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