

# GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

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## BOARD BRIEFS

### *Highlights of the Regular Meeting*

**January 19, 2022**

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comment.

#### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Mr. Engelman discussed the following:

- January 5<sup>th</sup> was a Teacher Institute Day – GSW teachers worked on curriculum for the seven new classes that will be offered next school year. They also worked in groups to discuss gaps in classes and grades due to the covid pandemic.

#### **BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT:** Mr. Josh DeLong discussed the following:

- ESSR-III Grant – Mr. DeLong plans to write in 5 or 6 of the roof-top units into this grant. That way, if we need to purchase new ones in the next 3-years, we will be covered.

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

- Superintendent search update – We had 8 total applications. All are solid candidates. Mr. DeLong and Mr. Engelman have completed 1<sup>st</sup> round interviews. They will recommend 5 candidates to our Committee to interview. This committee will determine 2 or 3 final candidates. A Special Meeting will be held on February 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Full GSW HS board to interview. It is anticipated that at the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting a Superintendent will be hired.
- School calendar 2022-2023 – The calendar will be approved next month at the February meeting. The calendar, as always, closely aligns with GAVC. Spring Break will be combined with Good Friday and Easter next year.
- Latest COVID Guidelines - GSW is following the latest CDC 5-day quarantine. Mr. DeLong praised the staff on being here consistently and our substitutes as well. GSW has been fortunate in regards to the staffing and substitute shortage issues.
- GSW HS Bass Fishing Team – Mr. Rodney Ford, a long-time Gardner resident, passed away on January 5, 2022 and his family asked for donations to be made to the GSW High School Bass Fishing Team. We have received almost \$700, with more to come.
- Hall of Fame / Homecoming Game – was held on Friday, January 14 at our boys' home basketball game vs. Reed-Custer. It was a nice evening, with a packed house to support our Panthers.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- Approved the Second Reading of Press Policy 108
- Approved the Second Reading of Paraprofessional job descriptions
- Approved the Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings 18-months and older
- Approved the Opening of Board of Education Closed Session Minutes from January 2021 – December 2021
- Approved the TRS Supplemental Savings Plan
- Approved the two-year Football Co-op Agreement (2022-2023) with Dwight Township High School
- Affirm the employment of Veronica Smolkovich as part-time kitchen worker
- Accept the Retirement Notice from PE Teacher, Jon Posing, effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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Kristen Ashley, Tim Harvey, Terry Schultz,

Kori Speed & Allison Wright

Principal: John Engelman

Superintendent: Joshua DeLong