

# GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

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## BOARD BRIEFS

*Highlights of the Regular Meeting*

**NOVEMBER 15, 2023**

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### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

### **FY23 Audit Report from Mack & Associates:**

Laurie Pope from Mack & Associates was present to review the FY 23 Audit with board members. The auditor discussed the opinion of the audit. The audit was uploaded to the IL State Board. Mrs. Avery will file the AFR/ASA with the ROE and both Grundy and Kankakee County.

### **DIRECTORS' REPORTS:** Amber Eisha, Athletic Director, was present at tonight's meeting to discuss:

- Fixed basketball hoops in the gym. They are now on an electronic system using a key to move them up and down.
- Huddle – price went up to \$8,000 this year and will be going up again for next school year. We are looking at different options. We plan to switch over to NFHS next year. The public would pay a monthly fee to view on-line games.
- Volleyball Regionals – GSW hosted in October and made approximately \$1,400 in admissions.
- Girls Basketball – GSW will host Sectionals this year.
- Athletic Trainer – We are currently using Dwight's Athletic Trainer when she is available. We have her scheduled for a few games. She is from Morris Hospital. There are no other trainers available in this area, as none of the hospitals have trainers to offer. Amber is going to reach out to the Gardner Fire Department to see if they can help out and send a paramedic to our home games in case of head injuries.
- Coaches Training – the Athletic Trainer has offered to do a 30-minute session for our GSW HS coaches to learn how to wrap fingers, hands, ankles, etc. with sports injuries.
- Ice Machine – We are looking at buying an industrial ice machine to keep in the squad room. We will make ice bags for sports injuries.
- Officials – discussed officials pay.

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Mr. Brian Davis, Principal, reported the following:

- Discipline Summary – Lots of tardies, (2) threats, disrespect to teachers, dress code issues and (1) student with knife and vape in bag. This year teachers are entering discipline into our Teacher Ease system electronically so all issues are documented.
- Problem Solving Team – Currently we are monitoring 12 students. Mrs. Ridgway is running the HOPS program and helping 4 students.
- November 9<sup>th</sup> – our 2<sup>nd</sup> Fire Drill was completed, along with the Gardner Fire Department
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Truancy Officer visited GSW. She reviewed the attendance process and procedures. We are going to start sending out letters to students who are at a certain number of absences.
- Guidance Committee – we have formed a committee consisting of several teachers and Guidance Counselor Secretary, Holly Stellano. There are duties that have been split up amongst the committee members. The team is going to step it up, solve issues and work through them.
- Curriculum Committee – Looking at the master schedule for next school year. We are also looking at adding new AP classes so our students can take dual-credit classes and receive college credit through Joliet Junior College.
- November 8<sup>th</sup> – SIP Day – 11:30 AM early dismissal for students and in the afternoon, Mr. Davis met with the teachers for a brief meeting to discuss:
  - Study Guides
  - Evaluations

- o Café Supervision
- o Hallway Supervision
- o Cell Phone use
- o Hand bags, book bags, purses
- o Discipline

After the meeting, the teachers went bowling to Victory Lanes in Dwight for team-building and care-based leadership.

- November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Day of the Dead – Mrs. Ortega (Spanish teacher) and Ms. Dallio (Art teacher) hosted a Day of the Dead for Spanish classes / Art classes and guests.
- November 4<sup>th</sup> – Autumn Ball Dance at GSW High School
- November 11<sup>th</sup> – Orange & Black Night at GSW High School – Winter Sports preview
- November 16<sup>th</sup> – RVC Principal’s Meeting
- November 22-23-24 – Thanksgiving Break
- Care-Based Leadership – Administration started last school year. Once a year – on a half-day – the teachers will be treated to a team building / bonding activity. We want to create a We Care environment.

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

- Boiler – pipes have a few leaks. Those are being repaired.
- 1<sup>st</sup> floor faculty restroom had a leak – has been repaired
- Lift – was having some issues – company came out on Tues, Nov. 14 and fixed the issue. Repaired cables inside of the control panel / box. Then, today we were experiencing some hesitation issues. So, the company will be back tomorrow to look at the lift again.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:** Mrs. Avery presented on the following:

- Triple I Conference Update – Administration and board members will be attending the Annual Board Convention in Chicago this weekend. Conference tickets, badges and itinerary were handed out.
- This month is Board Appreciation Month – Mrs. Avery distributed Thank You cards and gift cards to each board member.
- Thanksgiving Break – November 22-23-24
- Winter Break – December 25 thru January 8. Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> is a Teacher Institute Day.
- Emergency Days – if we have an emergency day / snow day – it will be a Remote Learning Day and students will do on-line work from home. Teachers will be available during the school day hours to help students if needed.
- Tax Levy – Mrs. Avery reviewed the Tax Levy with board members.
- GAVC Directors Awards – Emma Simms won the award for the month of October for Health Occupations II. Emma is a senior at GSW and this is her 2<sup>nd</sup> year in GAVC.
- GAVC Financing Report – GAVC is looking at adding on to the existing GAVC building – extension / renovation plan. They are waiting to see what Minooka and Morris are planning to do, before moving forward with plans.

**BOE MEMBERS REPORTS:**

None at this time.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Appoint Mrs. Avery and Mr. Davis as district representatives for the SB7 committee
- Approve the Estimate of Aggregate Tax Levy
- Approve the Truth in Taxation Resolution since the proposed tax levy exceeds 105% of last year’s tax levy extension
- Approve the First Reading of Press Policy 113
- Approve FY23 Tax Audit, as presented

**OTHERS:**

None at this time.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

President: Katy Wepprecht

Vice-President: Kori Speed

Kristen Ashley, Tim Harvey, Terry Schultz,

David Simms & Allison Wright

Principal: Mr. Brian Davis

Superintendent: Mrs. Susan Avery