

# GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

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## BOARD BRIEFS

### *Highlights of the Budget Hearing & Regular Meeting*

**OCTOBER 20, 2021**

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**FY21 AUDIT REPORT:** Tawnya Mack from Mack & Associates was present to review the FY21 Audit Report. There were no big findings and no major issues. The accounting was done in the old system for 6-months and then switched over to the new system for the remaining 6-months. They did have to clean up and make a lot of adjustments this year due to software system issues during the switch over.

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

- September 29<sup>th</sup> SIP Day = teachers looked into what they are currently teaching. They reviewed their curriculum and are getting ideas about revising and/or adding new classes. Administration will meet with teachers over the next few weeks to get input. There may be at least 4 or 5 new classes added for next school year. We are also looking at a STEAM Program.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Both Ms. Dallio, Student Services Coordinator, and Mr. Williamsen, Technology Director, submitted their written reports electronically to the board members.

- Mr. Williamsen has been working on 1:1 Chrome books with chargers and cases, updating the network/system, MAP testing set-up, several state reports and the communications update in Teacher Ease. We are still waiting on the new computers for Room 205 / lab.
- Ms. Dallio has been working on RTI, Map testing, Problem Solving Committee meetings, writing grants and has revised the GSW HS website by updating and giving it a fresh look this year.

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

- Café / kitchen update – Our dishwasher and new café tables arrived. The dishwasher has been installed and café tables have been put together and will be added to the café for students to start using. We do have some damaged equipment and are also waiting for the delivery personnel to return to GSW and put our remaining equipment together.
- Baseball field / scoreboard update – The baseball field prep work is done. The scoreboard should be arriving soon.
- Boiler / steam pipes – We have hired Pope Joy (lowest bid) to come out and fix the large 6-inch pipe issues in the band room and in the tunnels.
- Phone systems – We are getting several quotes for a new phone system. The existing is very old and needs to be replaced and modernized. This would be a huge project for the building. Mr. DeLong is hoping it could take place over the summer months.

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

- Triple I Conference update: The Annual Board Conference is still on for this November.
- Vaccine / testing mandate: We have a company that is coming out to GSW every Wednesday and doing testing in the board room from 3:00 to 5:00 PM for GSW High School, Gardner Grade School, Braceville Elementary School and South Wilmington Grade School employees.
- Early Levy work: The EAV is going up but our tax rate should stay steady.
- Digital Equity Grant: Last year we received money from this grant and used it to purchase Chrome books and cases and update our network. We received money again this year. Plans are to purchase new lap tops for our teachers and several new network printers for the building.
- Commendable Summative Designation on State Report Card: We receive this annually.
- Meets Requirements for Annual LEA Determination: We receive this annual for our Special Education department.

- GAVC Director’s Award – Trey Schweitzer, Criminal Justice II – for the month of September 2021. Trey is a Senior and this is his 2<sup>nd</sup> year at GAVC.
- FY21 Audit – Mr. DeLong recapped the audit with board members. He said that there were a lot of written comments in regards to our software system – Power School. We are the only school in the area using this system, as others are using SDS. Our auditor knows the issues stemmed from switching over from the old system to this new system. So, next year we should be good.
- Bereavement Days – Currently the teacher contract has 3-days. They would like the “wording” to be changed to add nieces and nephews. Mr. DeLong also informed the board members that the non-certified staff currently have NO bereavement days. He would like to add 3-days to their contracts and use the same wording as certified staff.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Approve the FY2021 District Audit
- Approve the FY2022 Seniority List
- Accept Kurt Fosnaugh’s resignation as a kitchen worker

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