

# GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

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## BOARD BRIEFS

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

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2021**

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**PRESENTATION OF FY 2022 DISTRICT BUDGET:** Mr. DeLong presented the FY 22 District Budget to board members. While this is a deficit budget of approximately \$300,000, Mr. DeLong does not anticipate the deficit being as high as presented. Most of the deficit is due to transportation and special education costs.

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

- The school year is going well so far. Volleyball and fall baseball games are in full swing.
- The GSW Fall Play has been canceled due to low numbers. We only had 3 students committed, due to various reasons. Hopefully we will be able to have a Spring Play.
- Aug 25, 2021 – Morris Hospital staff was at GSW HS and held their Rhythm of our Youth Cardiac testing. This was free to all students who wanted to participate. We tested 117 students that day.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** NONE. Ms. Dallio, Academics Coordinator and Mr. Williamson, Technology Director were both asked to submit written reports for next month. These will be discussed at our October meeting.

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

- Café / kitchen update – we are still waiting on several pieces of equipment from the vendor. Like most things during the pandemic, items are on backorder.
- Baseball field / scoreboard update – A new scoreboard has been ordered and should be arriving any day. It will be installed and ready for the Spring Season. We will also be doing field prep this fall.
- Building tours recap – The tours seemed to go well. It was a little slow at first, but busier the final hour.
- Parking lot renovation – The parking lot renovation will be a go for this summer. We will look to widen the West parking lot, fix drainage, put in angle parking, add additional parking, fix the sidewalks out front and look at adding another entry/exit.

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

- October 5<sup>th</sup> – There will be home volleyball games, a home fall baseball game, parent/teacher conferences from 3:00 – 6:30 PM and the Grundy County Health Department will be presenting the "In Plain Sight" trailer at GSW from 3:00 - 6:30 PM.
- Mr. DeLong informed the board that he signed a document that went to ISBE and media outlets in Springfield in support of local control for School Boards.
- GSW Band – did an awesome job at the Dwight Harvest Days parade. They got 1<sup>st</sup> place in every category they were entered in.
- Triple I Conference update: The board conference in Chicago is still a go at this point.
- Vaccine / testing mandate: GSW has a plan in place, but we are still waiting for further direction as the guidance from the state changes often.
- TIF Extension: The TIF I extension was approved by the state. The extension will run through 2034 and benefits the district.
- Solar Farm update: We were told by the GEDC that this is still in the developmental stage. It will be a while before this project is complete, but in the end, it is a good thing for the taxing bodies.
- GSW Website – Ms. Dallio has been working on giving our website a fresh makeover.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Hire Kurt Fosnaugh as part-time cook
- Hire John Sippel as part-time custodian
- Approve the second reading of job descriptions for custodial and kitchen positions
- Approve the second reading of Press Policy Update 107
- Approve the fiscal year 2022 district budget
- Approve the fiscal year 2021 teacher/administration compensation report
- Approve Chamlin & Associates as project design engineer for the parking lot renovation project
- Approve early graduation request

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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Principal: John Engelman

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