

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting

November 17, 2010

TIF AGREEMENT

Dr. Decman reviewed the agreement that has already been approved by the Village of Gardner. The agreement is a “make-whole” agreement, which means that GSW HS will receive the same amount of tax money from the Village of Gardner if there were no TIF.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Shane Tucker, Athletic Director, was present to give the BOE a summary of the Fall Sports Season and a preview of the Winter Season. He also discussed the potential addition of soccer to our extra-curricular activities.

TENTATIVE 2010-2011 TAX LEVY

Dr. Decman gave a summary of next year’s levy request. He is projecting a 4.43% increase of the tax extension from last year.

BOARD POLICIES 1st READING

Dr. Decman, Chris Irvin and Rita Wright have already met and reviewed the latest batch of board policy revisions. A copy of these revisions were given to the Board Members. At this time, most of the items are grammatical in nature.

LUNCH ANALYSIS

Each board member received an analysis of our Lunch Program per request. It is very difficult to analyze this information mid-year due to numerous variables. The discussion was tabled until next month’s meeting.

BOARD CONVENTION PACKET

The BOE members received a packet of information to help them navigate the upcoming Board Convention being held in Chicago on November 19, 20 and 21, 2010.

SNOW PLOWING TRUCK

Dr. Decman has received a couple of quotes for snow plowing trucks in the past few weeks. He reviewed these quotes and asked how the BOE feels about having Walter Debelek, Head Maintenance, plow and salt our lots, in lieu of having Fatlan Trucking. Currently, we are paying \$3,000-\$5,000 per year on plowing/salting services. Dr. Decman believes if we purchase a truck, we may be able to work out an agreement with some of our Grade Schools to plow their lots. This discussion was tabled until more information can be provided, such as cost of insurance, storage of the vehicle, etc.

WIND MILL DISCUSSION

An article about Coal City CUSD #1 entering into discussions about purchasing a wind mill was discussed. The BOE was asked if they would reconsider the concept of putting up a windmill on our recently purchased property. The BOE discussed a windmill as a possibility, but preferred to wait and see what happens in our neighboring Districts.

AIR QUALITY ISSUES

Dr. Decman has been receiving a lot of correspondence in regards to the smells in some of the hallways and bathrooms. Information about air quality was given, and the BOE discussed how they would like to proceed in addressing this situation.

USAGAIN DROP BOX

A representative for USAgain stopped by GSW High School to see if we were interested in their program. They are a for-profit enterprise that would provide a drop box on our property for shoes, boots, clothing items, linens, blankets, towels, gloves & hats. They would service the box once a week. The school district would receive a check every quarter.

LIGHTING GRANT

We received a grant for \$20,043.00 from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity to install high efficiency lighting at GSW High School. The project must be completed by May 15, 2011.

ACTION ITEMS

- Consideration and Action on a Resolution declaring the intent of Gardner-South Wilmington High School District #73 to issue Working Cash Fund Bonds.
- Approval of Tentative 2010-2011 Tax Levy
- Approval of the Resolution to abate Working Cash Fund to Operations and Maintenance
- Approval of TIF Agreement with Village of Gardner
- Motion to approve the employment of Johnson-Downs Company for the high efficiency lighting project.
- Cancel 2nd Board of Education meeting for the month of November

Superintendent Information Items:

- Replacement Pump
- April 5, 2011 Consolidated Election – Petitions
- Entry Ways – Add Double Entries on all entries/exits of school building with heat, benches, etc.
- Board & Administrator Notes
- Legislative Up-Dates
- School Board Convention Up-Date

BOARD OF EDUCATION

President: David Doglio

Vice-President: Chris Irvin

Pamela Brooks, Ed Fellows, Cindy Gerber,

Craig Male, Rita Wright

Principal: Kristine L. Spiezio

Superintendent: Dr. Richard Decman