

# **GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73**

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## **BOARD BRIEFS** **Highlights of the Regular Meeting** **May 19, 2010**

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### **PARENT-STUDENT HANDBOOK**

At last month's BOE meeting, Principal Kris Spiezio handed out a copy of the current handbook with the proposed changes as a 1<sup>st</sup> reading. She asked the members if they had any questions and/or changes. The BOE approved all changes/additions as presented by Ms. Spiezio.

### **GARDNER TIF II UPDATE**

David Doglio, Dr. Decman and the GSW school attorney have met with Dick Hileman, Village Commission, to discuss a potential agreement a few months ago, in regards to revenue sharing with the city of Gardner. A Counter Offer has been given to our school attorney, Ken Florey. Dr. Decman and the BOE President, David Doglio, will be reviewing this offer very soon.

### **MATH DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION**

The GSW Math Department, Shane Tucker, Marla Eltrevoog and Scott Hunt were present to discuss what they have been working on with the Math Consultant. The BOE watched a Power point Presentation, given by Shane Tucker. Specifically, the Math Department aligned their curriculum to the State & ACT standards. They are hoping by doing this, our test scores will improve.

### **ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ben Bailey, Athletic Director, was present to review the Spring Athletic season and his coaching recommendations for next year.

### **FUNDRAISING/REVENUE SHARING CONCEPTS**

The Athletic Department wants to make sure that they have the correct directive from the BOE. The fundraising topic was discussed at length at our last BOE meeting. There will be one fundraiser allowed per activity per year, pending approval from the Athletic Director and Principal. Also, Ben Bailey will report back to the BOE next month with a proposed Revenue Sharing Plan for all sports.

### **BOE MEETING DATES**

Dr. Decman reviewed next year's proposed meeting dates and will be asking the BOE for approval.

### **TAX LEVY INFORMATION**

Dr. Decman reviewed this year's tax levy information that was recently received from the Gundy & Kankakee County Clerks. Currently, it is showing a slightly greater than 3% increase in EAV.

### **RACE TO THE TOP APPLICATION-PHASE II**

Dr. Decman discussed the Race to the Top Application Memo of Understanding. If Illinois wins the grant, GSW HS would receive financial assistance to implement some of the new requirements, in regards to evaluations and teacher performance as well as other Federal requirements. Currently, our Teacher's Union has refused to sign this agreement. The BOE was asked to approve the signing of this document because Dr. Decman feels that GSW HS can use any possible financial assistance that is available.

## **GROW YOUR OWN VEGGIES PLAN**

Anthony Cozzi (English teacher) and Dr. Decman have been discussing the possibility of growing vegetables on our recently purchased land. We are hoping to use these vegetables in and for our student/faculty lunches. We have discussed the idea of using approximately ¼ to ½ an acre to grow these vegetables. Mr. Cozzi would be given a preparation hour every day to work on this project. Mr. Cozzi would also volunteer a day a week during the summer to check on the growth, water, etc. The BOE was asked their thoughts on this plan before Dr. Decman and Mr. Cozzi move forward on this project.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- Approval of the revisions/changes to the 2010-2011 Parent-Student Handbook.
- Approval of the employment of the list of Coaches for the 2010-2011 school year, as presented by Ben Bailey, Athletic Director.
- Approval of the employment of the Junior Class Sponsor – Anthony Cozzi
- Approval of the signing of the Race to the Top Application
- Approval of the resignation of Non-Certified employee – Mary Anderson
- Approval of the 3-year Teachers' Contract with the following raises:
  - Year 1 = Step \$950 (soft freeze)
  - Year 2 = Step +\$200
  - Year 3 = Step +\$300
- Cancel 2<sup>nd</sup> Board of Education meeting for the month of May.

## **Superintendent Information Items:**

- Legislative Up-Date – Dr. Decman discussed how the latest proposed laws may affect school districts.
- GAVC Up-Date – Renovation/Construction – In light of the recent economic woes, Coal City H.S. brought up the idea of doing the construction at GAVC over 2-3 phases. The first phase will be the changes that are deemed most essential. Phase two and then possibly phase three would be prioritized in the same fashion. The cost for the project to GSW HS would be approximately \$4,200/year for 20-years for Phase one and then \$10,000 for Phase two & three per year for 20-years.
- Governor's Budget Proposal – Dr. Decman reviewed a brief summary of the latest budget proposal from our Governor. He did a brief analysis of how this could affect our State revenues.
- Board & Administrator Notes – The latest edition of these notes were reviewed.

### **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