

**GARDNER-SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**  
**GARDNER, IL 60424**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2011**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Gardner-So. Wilmington High School Board of Education, Counties of Grundy and Kankakee, IL was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President David Doglio.

**ROLL CALL:** Members present: Brooks, Doglio, Fellows, Gerber, Irvin, Male and Wright. Also in attendance was Superintendent Dr. Richard Decman. All members were present "in person."

**PHYSICAL FACILITIES PLAN** – Healy, Bender & Associates, Inc. (Architectural Firm) was present to give the BOE and public a short PowerPoint Presentation. Dave Patton, from the Naperville office, spoke about the recent physical facilities plan. The "Draft Report" can be used as a starting point for our district to use to move towards the future. 12 million total, with 9 million in recommendations and 3 million in upgrades/updates.

**DISTRICT GOALS AND HISTORY** – David Doglio, Board President

**DISTRICT NEEDS** – Fix sewer smell (Methane gas leaks), fix heating situation, fix leaking roofs, improve energy efficiency (windows, entryways, etc.)

**BUILDING BONDS (\$670,000)** – Mid-State Bonds. Dave Pistorius with Mid-State Bonds, from the Bloomington office, was present to review Working Cash Bonds, Building Bonds, tax rates and Health/Life Safety.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:** Several questions were taken from the public.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES:** February 16, 2011 (Regular & Closed Meetings) and February 28, 2011 (Special & Closed Meetings) and March 8, 2011 (Special & Closed Meetings). Mrs. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Brooks to approve the Special & Regular & Closed Meeting minutes for the month of February.

**AYES:** Brooks, Doglio, Fellows, Gerber, Irvin, Male and Wright.

**MOTION CARRIED:** 7-0.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS & APPROVAL OF PAYROLL:** Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wright to approve the bills for the month of *March* and payroll for the month of *February*.

**AYES:** Brooks, Doglio, Fellows, Gerber, Irvin, Male and Wright.

**MOTION CARRIED:** 7-0.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mr. Irvin to approve the Financial Reports for the month of *February*.

**AYES:** Brooks, Doglio, Fellows, Gerber, Irvin, Male and Wright.

**MOTION CARRIED:** 7-0.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** None at this time

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Principal Spiezio was at a Conference, so a list of items was distributed to the BOE members for review, along with the Discipline Spreadsheet.

1. The Handbook Committee has finalized the recommendations for changes/additions for the 2011-2012 book. It is ready for the boards review.
2. Tyler Posing & Courtney Gallup have been nominated for the RVC Scholar Athlete Award. They will be honored at a dinner on May 10<sup>th</sup>.
3. Brooke Fosnaugh, Tyler Posing, Courtney Gallup and Kevin Lardi have been chosen as the RVC All Academic Team. They will have an article in the paper at a later date, receive a certificate and are honored on the RVC website.
4. Teacher Institute on Feb 25 – Teachers were trained along with area County Police and State Police on Rapid Deployment and what to expect from Police as they enter our building. Article were found in the Coal City paper, The Paper and the Joliet paper.
5. March 1<sup>st</sup> = yearly tornado drill was conducted in conjunction with the state wide drill.
6. NHS held their annual dinner on March 10<sup>th</sup>, with 8 new students being inducted this year.
7. March 11<sup>th</sup> = end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> 9-weeks
8. Black & White Dance was held on Sat, March 12<sup>th</sup> by the Student Council group.
9. The newly created SIP (School Improvement Parent Plan) team met on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Many new ideas were discussed and the team is currently working on a student survey to target student needs. Minutes from the meeting will be posted on our school website.
10. Student Discipline spreadsheet for 1-month (Feb 16 thru Mar 16)

#### OTHER REPORTS AND ITEMS DISCUSSED:

1. End of the Season Report = Shane Tucker, Athletic Director
2. Technology Report = Ben Seeman, Technology Director
3. Library Grant Application
4. 1<sup>st</sup> Review of the 2011-12 Parent-Student Handbook
5. Candidate Forum – previously scheduled for Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at GSW High School. We will not be participating in. Forum will not be held at the High School.
6. April BOE meeting will stay as scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>. We will need to hold 2 meetings in April, the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting date being April 27<sup>th</sup>. New Board members take seat 28-days after election.
7. Letter from new State Rep (75<sup>th</sup> District). She wants school Superintendent, plus 1 member from the BOE to attend a meeting on Wed-Mar. 23 at 6:30 PM at the Coal City Middle School.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mr. Fellows to go into closed session at 8:35 p.m.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Fellows, Gerber, Irvin, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

REGULAR SESSION: Mr. Male motioned and seconded by Mr. Irvin to return to regular session at 10:22 p.m.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Fellows, Gerber, Irvin, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

MOTION TO EMPLOY NON-TENURED TEACHERS AND SOCIAL WORKER FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to employ the Non-Tenured Teachers and Social Worker for the 2011-2012 school year.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Fellows, Gerber, Irvin, Male and Wright

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT OF TENURED TEACHERS FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR.: Mr. Irvin motioned and seconded by Mr. Male to approve the employment of Tenured Teachers for the 2011-2012 school year.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Fellows, Gerber, Irvin, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVAL OF NON-CERTIFIED EMPLOYEE RAISES, AS PRESENTED: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mr. Fellows to approve the Non-Certified Employee 3% raises.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Fellows, Gerber, Irvin, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT OF BUSINESS TEACHER FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR: Mrs. Wright motioned and seconded by Mr. Male to approve the employment of Business Teacher, Justin Stevenson, for the 2011-2012 school year.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Fellows, Gerber, Irvin, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE VOLUNTEER EMPLOYMENT OF A BASS FISHING TEAM COACH: Mr. Male motioned and seconded by Mrs. Brooks to approve the Volunteer Employment of a Bass Fishing Team Coach, Walter Debelak.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Fellows, Gerber, Irvin, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2011: Mrs. Brooks regrettably motioned and seconded by Mr. Fellows to accept the resignation of the Superintendent, Dr. Richard Decman, effective June 30, 2011.

AYES: Brooks (regrettably), Doglio, Fellows, Gerber, Irvin, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

ACTION ON 2<sup>nd</sup> BOARD MEETING: Mr. Male motioned and seconded by Mr. Fellows to cancel the 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting for the month of *March*.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Fellows, Gerber, Irvin, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVAL OF FY2011 SCHOOL DISTRICT LIBRARY GRANT PROGRAM

APPLICATION: Mrs. Gerber motioned and seconded by Mr. Irvin to approve the FY2011 School District Library Grant Program Application.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Fellows, Gerber, Irvin, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

MOTION TO INCREASE TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR'S SALARY TO \$45,640: Mr. Male motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to increase Technology Director, Ben Seeman's, salary to \$45,640.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Fellows, Gerber, Irvin, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

MOTION TO INCREASE HEAD OF MAINTENANCE'S SALARY TO \$48,625: Mr. Irvin motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to increase Head of Maintenance, Walter Debelak's, salary to \$48,625.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Fellows, Gerber, Irvin, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION ITEMS: Superintendent Decman reviewed Legislative Up-Date, School Consolidation Articles(s), Rapid Deployment Training Flyer and Board & Administrator Notes.

ADJOURN: Mrs. Gerber motioned and seconded by Mr. Fellows to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 p.m.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Fellows, Gerber, Irvin, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

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PRESIDENT, DAVID DOGLIO

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SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON