

GARDNER-SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
GARDNER, IL 60424

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2011
REGULAR 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 7:01 p.m. by President David Doglio.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Brooks, Doglio, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright. Also in attendance was Superintendent Mr. Michael Perrott and Dean of Student, Mr. John Engelman. All members were present "in person."

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES: September 15, 2011 (Building Renovation Committee Meeting), October 18, 2011 (Budget Hearing), October 18, 2011 (Regular & Closed Meetings), and November 1, 2011 (Special & Closed Meetings). Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mr. Finn to approve the meeting minutes for the months of September, October and November. AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright.
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & PAYROLL: Mr. Male motioned and seconded by Mr. Finn to approve the bills for the month of *November* and payroll for the month of *October*. AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright.
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were several local community members present to support the Soccer Co-op with Reed-Custer High School. A few audience members spoke to the board about the rec clubs and summer leagues that both the GSW and Reed-Custer students are involved in. They were in full support of the schools combining, since the students have played together on teams for the past several years.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mrs. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Brooks to approve the Financial Reports for the month of *October*. AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright.
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

OTHER REPORTS AND ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- **Dean of Student's Report** = Mr. John Engelman, Dean of Students, discussed several items with the Board of Education. He discussed student detention totals, the Fall Play/Dinner Theatre, Student Assembly (to view the play) held on Wed, Nov. 9th, the NHS Food Drive, the new Step-It-Up Program w/positive behavior "post-cards" being added, and student attendance to date.
- **Tax Levy Timetable** = Mr. Perrott reviewed the Tax Levy Timetable and stated that the Public Hearing will be on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at our Regular Monthly Board Meeting.
- **Tentative 2011-2012 Tax Levy** = Mr. Perrott discussed the Tentative Tax Levy. The final EAV calculations for the 2011 tax levy are not yet completed. EAV calculations for the Gardner-South Wilmington High School District are estimate based on last year's EAV and trends in property assessments in the county. Best estimates show that farm

property assessments may be up 10% while residential and commercial properties are lower by 2.8%. Based on these best estimates to date from the county assessor Mr. Perrott prepared the tentative 2011 Tax Levy. This year's levy is being calculated using last year's EAV plus 5%. A slight higher estimation of the 2011 EAV will allow the district to capture entitled revenues. When final EAV numbers for the county are presented for properties within the GSW School District the tax computations will be adjusted to accurately reflect the correct EAV. Perrott is predicting that final EAV will be lower than the EAV used to calculate the 2011 Levy and thus the final tax computation will be lower than predicted in the tentative levy.

- **Estimate of Aggregate Levy** = Mr. Perrott discussed the estimate of Aggregate Levy. During the 2011 Levy discussion Perrott presented the aggregate levy which included the new bond and interest calculation. The levy for bond and interest has dramatically increased due to the newly issued construction bonds.
- **Soccer Co-op with Reed-Custer High School** = Mr. Perrott reviewed the Intergovernmental Agreement between Reed-Custer CUSD #255 and Gardner-South Wilmington High School District #73. He has been in contact with Supt. John Butts from Reed-Custer to research the various issues surrounding such a co-op. He informed the board about enrollment, transportation, coaching personnel, fees, and conference approval from Interstate 8 and River Valley. The Board agreed that this is a good opportunity for our GSW students. This will be an Action Item at next month's board meeting.
- **FY2012 School District Library Grant Program Application** = Mrs. Becky Morgan, Librarian, submitted an application for GSW HS for a Library Grant. The application is an Action Item to be approved by the board.
- **Board Convention Update** = Mr. Perrott discussed the Convention that is being held in Chicago on November 18, 19 & 20. He gave each board member a folder containing necessary information such as conference agendas and information regarding workshops, etc.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Building Renovation Up-date** = GSW has received blue-prints from Healy-Bender & Associates, Inc. stating that they are 60% final. Ideal Environmental is preparing estimates, and we are still on schedule. Mr. Perrott is just dealing with small architectural details at the current time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the President, Mr. David Doglio, Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wright to go into closed session at 8:42 p.m.

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- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

REGULAR SESSION: Mrs. Gerber motioned and seconded by Mr. Male to return to regular session at 9:58 p.m.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

TENTATIVE 2011-2012 TAX LEVY: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mr. Male to approve the Tentative 2011-2012 Tax Levy:

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVAL OF THE ESTIMATE OF AGGREGATE LEVY: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mr. Male to approve the estimate of Aggregate Levy.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVAL OF THE TRUTH IN TAXATION RESOLUTION: Mrs. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to approve the Truth in Taxation Resolution.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVAL TO SET THE MEETING FOR THE TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING/2011-2012 TAX LEVY HEARING: Mr. Finn motioned and seconded by Mrs. Brooks to set the meeting for the Truth in Taxation Hearing/2011-2012 Tax Levy Hearing for December 20, 2011 at 6:55 PM.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVAL TO HIRE DISTRICT BOOKKEEPER: Mrs. Wright motioned and seconded by Mr. Male to hire District Bookkeeper, Amelia (Amy) Gegenheimer.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

APPOINTMENT OF THE DISTRICT FOIA OFFICER: Mr. Male motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to appoint Amelia (Amy) Gegenheimer as the District FOIA Officer.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVAL OF THE FY2012 SCHOOL DISTRICT LIBRARY GRANT PROGRAM

APPLICATION: Mrs. Gerber motioned and seconded by Mrs. Brooks to approve the FY2012 School District Library Grant Program Application.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

ACTION ON NOVEMBER 22, 2011 BOARD MEETING: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mr. Finn to cancel the November 22 Board Meeting for the month of *November*.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION ITEMS: Superintendent Perrott reviewed the following:

- **FOIA Requests** = There have been no requests since June 15, 2011
- **Fall Play** = The Dinner Theatre was held on Friday, November 4 and Saturday, November 5 at 6:30 PM.
The dinner was sold out both evenings. Students did a nice job of presenting several small plays during dinner and a full play in the gym.
- **Gift from Exxon Mobile** = Check for \$500 for volunteer work that Dan Ragan, an employee for Exxon Mobile and GSW parent, completed for the school district. Mr.

Ragan worked with Baseball Coach, Mr. Posing, on some baseball field ground keeping and maintenance. Exxon Mobile made a donation back to the school district in recognition of Mr. Ragan's volunteer efforts.

- **STUDS (Safe Teen Ultimate Driving Squad)** = Mr. Blackburn is the sponsor this year. The BOE reviewed a list of activities planned for the school year.

ADJOURN: Mr. Male motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wright to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 p.m.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

PRESIDENT, DAVID DOGLIO

SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON