

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

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF MAY 17, 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 7:00 p.m. by President David Doglio.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dr. Richard Decman and Principal Kristine Spiezio. All members were present "in person."

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE, INTRODUCTIONS: Janet Rivera and Dave from Honeywell, Barb Baker, Jimmy Riley, Ben Seeman, Technology Director and Shane Tucker, Athletic Director.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES: April 27, 2011 (Regular & Closed Meetings) and May 5 & May 12, 2011 (Building Renovation Committee Meetings). Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wright to approve the Regular & Closed Meeting minutes and the Building Renovation Committee Meeting minutes for the month of April & May, with correction as noted. *(Remove Rita Wright from Building Renovation Committee)*

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mrs. Wright motioned and seconded by Mr. Finn to approve the Financial Reports for the month of *April*.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: NONE

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Principal Spiezio discussed the following items with the BOE:

1. Student Discipline Report for month of April/May – handout
2. Prom & Prom Lock-In held on Sat, April 30th. Had a good turnout. Prom Lock-In has rebooked Hidden Cove in Bradley for 2012.
3. Teacher Appreciation Week was the 1st week in May. They had smoothies on Monday and little treats each day throughout the week. Lunch was provided on Friday by the National Honor Society group.
4. Academic Awards Night was held on May 3rd. We had a good student turnout.
5. Cubs Field Trip was held on May 6th for Perfect Attendance and students missing less than 2 days for the entire school year. 43 students attended.

6. RVC Scholar Athlete Dinner was held May 10 at Tuscany's Steakhouse in Manteno. Tyler Posing and Courtney Gallup represented GSW HS. The \$500 winner was from Illinois Lutheran / Grant Park.
7. Fine Arts Night was held May 10th at 7PM. It was a very nice program ran by both Ms. Gamez (band, choir) and Miss Dallio (art).
8. Senior Picnic was held on May 13th at the South Wilmington Firemen's Beach Club. It was a great time until the severe storm blew in and everyone had to head back to the school and go thru a tornado drill.
9. Graduation was held May 15th at 2PM. It was very nice, except for the weather. We have not heard any complaints about this year's ceremony.
10. Final Exams will be Mon & Tues – May 23 & 24.
11. Teacher Institute Day is Wed, May 25.

OTHER REPORTS AND ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- **Athletic Director's Report** = Shane Tucker, Athletic Director, was present to update the BOE on several issues. He asked the board to approve the IHSA Co-op Agreement Form with Dwight Township High School for the 2011-2012 school year. This Agreement needs to be approved annually by both school boards. We will co-op the following sports with Dwight=football, cross-country, wrestling, golf and track. GSW HS is hosting an IHSA Sports Physical Day on June 7. There will be a \$25 fee per student. The 2nd Annual GSW HS Athletic Golf Outing will be on Saturday, June 11 at the Dwight Country Club. \$75.00 per person, 4-person scramble, 18-holes. A steak dinner will be provided at the end of round. Mr. Tucker also addressed the board about the need for new banners/signage in the gymnasium. With the addition of Tri-Point to our RVC Conference and the deterioration of the existing banner, this would be a good time to update our signage. The BOE asked Mr. Tucker to put together a recommendation for the June meeting.
- **Board Meeting Dates for 2011-12 Fiscal Year** = The BOE reviewed the list of meeting dates for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, including the May and June meetings of the current school year. The meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7PM in the GSW HS board room. If needed, the 2nd meeting of the month would be held on the 4th Tuesday of the month. The board agreed to review the dates when the sports schedule comes out for the 2011-12 school year. If needed, some of the meetings may be moved to a different night.
- **Intercom System** = Ben Seeman, Technology Director, was present to inform the board about the need for the school to up-date the intercom system. Currently, the system cannot be heard in several areas of the building (gym, band room, hallways, several new offices) and has been recommended to be fixed by the Crises Management team. In addition to this, many of the wires are corroding, causing static and loss of use at times. The current wiring was designed for a one-way communication, but has been retrofitted to handle two-way communication. The retrofitting is what is corroding (it is a thin copper shield that is basically falling apart). Ben discussed the difference in price ranging from \$55,000 to fix our current system (which is analog) to \$100,000 for a brand new digital system. The BOE asked Ben to put together some detailed pricing for the June meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Building Renovation Committee Up-Date** = The Building Renovation Committee/BOE met on Thursday, May 5 and Thursday, May 12, 2011 to discuss the summer work and the future building renovation. Matt Finn, Joe Elens and Craig Male gave an up-date to the BOE members that were unable to attend. They reviewed the 2007 Life Safety

Survey and the 2011 Building Analysis from Healy-Bender. They informed the board that they spoke to Walter Debelak, Head Maintenance, and came to the conclusion that they need to take some of the very time consuming jobs off Wally's project list to free up his time to work on the bigger tasks during the summer. Two of these jobs are lawn maintenance and floor cleaning. The BOE agreed to hire Jon Posing to do the lawn maintenance over the summer and to get a bid from a local company (Custom Cleaning Inc.-John Gretz) to do the floor cleaning. The committee reviewed their list, with the roof being the #1 priority, followed by the restrooms & gas smells and the electric feed coming into the building (electrical service). They also discussed the vestibule at the front of the building, windows and the boiler.

- **Announcements:** After doing some research and contacting fellow Superintendents, Dr. Decman found that most Districts are announcing/determining some of the their vendors and services. As a result, GSW HS announced the following:
 - Newspaper of Record = The Paper in Dwight
 - Vendor of Record for Bonds = MidState Bonds in Bloomington
 - Firm representing GSW in Legal Matters = Robins, Schwartz
 - Firm representing GSW for Architectural Services = Healy, Bender, Assoc.
 - Banks currently approved for investments = Standard Bank in Gardner & Bank of Pontiac

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

REGULAR SESSION: Mr. Male motioned and seconded by Mr. Finn to return to regular session at 10:41 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE REVISIONS/CHANGES TO THE 2011-2012 PARENT-STUDENT HANDBOOK: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wright to approve the revisions/changes to the 2011-2012 Parent-Student Handbook, as presented at the March BOE meeting.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE RECOMMENDED LIST OF COACHES FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR, AS PRESENTED BY THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: **TABLED**

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER: Mr. Elens motioned and seconded by Mrs. Brooks to approve the resignation of Special Education teacher, Jeanne Skube.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright (regretfully).

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR: Mr. Male motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to approve the employment of Special Education teacher, Christina Sukley, for the 2011-2012.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RETURN TO FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT OF THE GUIDANCE COUNSELOR FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR: Mrs. Gerber motioned and seconded by Mr. Elens to approve the return to full-time employment of the Guidance Counselor, Jennifer Kilmer, for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVAL OF THE RESIGNATION OF THE HEAD GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL COACH: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mr. Finn to approve the resignation of the Head Girls' Volleyball Coach, Carrie Claudnic.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE DEAN OF STUDENTS FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wright to approve the employment of the Dean of Students, John Engelman, for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT OF ASSISTANT GIRLS' BASKETBALL COACH: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mr. Finn to approve the employment of Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach, Christina Sukley.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF HEAD BOYS' BASKETBALL COACH: Mr. Elens regrettably motioned and regrettably seconded by Mr. Male to approve the resignation of Head Boys' Basketball Coach, Shane Tucker.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

ACTION ON 2nd BOARD MEETING: Mr. Finn motioned and seconded by Mrs. Brooks to cancel the 2nd Board Meeting for the month of *May*.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE IHSA CO-OP AGREEMENT WITH DWIGHT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL: Mr. Elens motioned and seconded by Mr. Male to approve the IHSA Co-op Agreement with Dwight Township High School.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT OF PART-TIME LAWN MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL FOR SUMMER: Mr. Elens motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to approve the employment of Jon Posing as part-time lawn maintenance personnel for summer 2011.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION ITEMS: Superintendent Decman reviewed the following:

- Legislative Up-Date = Latest news from the legislature about education

- Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services Letter = letter about the audit that occurred a few months ago.
- FOIA Requests = 2 requests this past month. We received at least two requests from Barb Baker (community member). It took us about 2-3 hours to complete her requests.
- Superintendent's Summer Schedule = Dr. Decman's last day at GSW HS will be June 22nd. He will be taking the last week in June for vacation. He will be in the office for the majority of the rest of time in June. He will be working closely with Mr. Mike Perrott to ensure that he is up-to-date on any issues and that all is covered for a smooth transition. He does have a couple of seminars/clinics and a couple of advisory meetings to attend in June.
- Board & Administrator Notes – Latest edition of notes

ADJOURN: Mr. Male motioned and seconded by Mrs. Brooks to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

PRESIDENT, DAVID DOGLIO

SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON