

GARDNER-SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
GARDNER, IL 60424

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 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, Fellows, Irvin, Male and Wright. Mrs. Gerber arrived at 7:38 PM. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dr. Richard Decman and Principal Kristine Spiezio. All members were present "in person."

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE, INTRODUCTIONS: Mr. Mike Perrott, Jimmy Riley, Joe Elens, Matt Finn, Denny Christensen, Jennifer Kilmer, Chris Moeller, Dean Rankovich, Barb Baker, Tiffany Berger and Scott Engstrom (Ameresco).

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES: March 16, 2011 (Regular & Closed Meetings) and March 26, 2011 (Special & Closed Meetings) and April 11, 2011 (Special & Closed Meetings). Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mr. Male to approve the Regular & Special & Closed Meeting minutes for the months of March & April.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & APPROVAL OF PAYROLL: Mr. Fellows motioned and seconded by Mr. Irvin to approve the bills for the month of *April* and payroll for the month of *March*.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Barb Baker addressed the BOE with several issues. She asked who our Freedom of Information Contact was. The BOE responded with the answer of Chris Moeller, our bookkeeper. She said that information is not posted in the BOE meeting room. She also stated that our April 11th and April 20th meetings were not posted on-line on our web site and they need to be. She discussed several grant opportunities. She found the Lighting Grant on a website and it shows that GSW HS did not apply for this specific grant. She had a list of grants that we did not apply for. She left information on Building Grants and Energy Efficient Grants that she would like to see us apply for next year. She asked if we plan to make our building improvements public.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

1. Spring Play was April 8 & 9. "Super Freaks" The students and directors did an awesome job with only 22 days of practice.
2. April 16th was the IHSA Organizational held at Manteno High School. Our Band received a 1st place and our Choir received a 2nd place rating.

3. Our 1st Annual IHSA Bass Tournament will take place on Thursday, April 21st. Wally Debelak will be taking Jake Schultz & Cody Marks to participate. They will be fishing at the LaSalle Lake. Anthony Garrett & Kelsea Kellogg are the alternates if needed.
4. Easter Break will be this weekend, with Friday (April 22) and Monday (April 25) off. Ms. Spiezio will be sending out an Alert Now during break to remind students and parents of the state testing, blood drive, etc.
5. April 26th will prepare our students for their testing. We have a PJ & Hat Day scheduled, along with a smoothie day, senior auction, blood drive and a motivational assembly. Classes will run from 8:00 AM until 12:30 PM. Students will report to the gym at 12:30 PM for the Senior Auction, followed by the speaker. Money raised from the Senior Auction will go toward the Japan Relief Educational Fund.
6. April 27th the Freshmen will go to GAVC for a tour. The Sophomores will attend St. Francis College in Joliet. The Juniors will be testing and the Seniors will have a College Day.
7. April 28th the Freshmen will take the EXPLORE test, the Sophomores will take the PLAN test, the Juniors will take the PSAT, and the Seniors will have another College Day.
8. May 2nd thru May 6th is Teacher Appreciation Week.
9. May 3rd is Academics Awards Night at 7:00 PM
10. May 4th is the Day time Awards Program at 10:15 AM, and we have early dismissal at 11:30 AM.
11. May 6th is our CUBS game outing for students with Perfect Attendance/who have missed 1 day or less. There will be 43 students attending.
12. May 10th is our Annual Fine Arts Night at 7:00 PM
13. May 13th is the Senior Picnic at the South Wilmington Firemen's Beach Club.
14. May 15th is Graduation at 2:00 PM
15. Students Discipline Report – March 16 thru April 20.

OTHER REPORTS AND ITEMS DISCUSSED:

1. Ameresco presentation – Scott Engstrom, Account Executive from Ameresco, talked to the BOE about how his company can save GSW money and what he believes can be done to make the building a better place. He gave a presentation on his recommendations and the concept of performance based contracting. This is a second opinion for the BOE to consider when doing the upcoming renovations.
2. Guidance Up-Date – Jennifer Kilmer, Guidance Counselor, gave an up-date on what is occurring in the Guidance Department at GSW HS. She reviewed testing, scheduling, Honor's Night and other areas of her responsibility.
3. Shared Bookkeeping Services with GAVC = Dr. Decman reviewed a draft agreement for the board to consider, in regards to sharing our current bookkeeper with GAVC. The GAVC Board of Control will be meeting to consider this agreement as well. If GSW is comfortable with this agreement, it will be an action item, and Dr. Decman will be asking for approval. Lance Copes, Director of GAVC, wants to move very quickly on this item because he currently does not have a bookkeeper. Chris Moeller, GSW bookkeeper, was also present to speak about this job possibility.
4. Summer Workers - Dr. Decman had spoken to Walter Debelak, Head Maintenance, about the hiring of summer workers. Wally requested hiring two or three adults for the 2011 summer work, instead of three students as in previous years.
5. Summer Work Possibilities & Bids - Dr. Decman reviewed two bids for some sidewalk work in front of the building. In addition to this, he discussed a bid to add a drop ceiling in our first floor hallway. Finally, he reviewed a summary list of the

- projects that Wally would like to work on this summer, as well as some e-mails for work requested by teachers.
6. Building Work Priorities - The BOE needs to begin to determine how they would like to proceed with any potential building projects. In addition to this, the BOE will need to determine if they would like to go with performance contracting or the traditional architect bid for the renovations. Dr. Decman gave an estimate from our architects on how much it would cost to demolish the 1920s building and replace it.
 7. Parent/Student Handbook – 2nd reading - Last month, Ms. Spiezio presented the BOE with an up-dated copy of the 2011-2012 GSW Parent/Student Handbook. The BOE will be asked for approval of the recommended changes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mr. Irvin to go into closed session at 9:10 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

REGULAR SESSION: Mr. Fellows motioned and seconded by Mr. Irvin to return to regular session at 10:40 p.m.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Fellows, Gerber, Irvin and Wright. (Mr. Male left at 9:30 PM.)

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT BOYS' BASKETBALL

COACH: Mr. Irvin regretfully motioned and seconded by Mr. Fellows to approve the resignation of Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach – Brock Riggi.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVAL OF IHSA MEMBERSHIP FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wright to approve the IHSA Membership for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT OF SUMMER WORKERS: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to approve the employment of 3 Summer Workers – Adam Leigh, John Korelc and Jessica Douglass.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

MOTION TO ACCEPT BIDS FOR SIDEWALK WORK AND/OR DROP CEILING ON THE FIRST FLOOR: Tabled.

MOTION TO APPROVE SUMMER PROJECTS, AS PRESENTED: Tabled.

ACTION ON 2nd BOARD MEETING: Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 7:00 PM to recognize members leaving the board and to seat new board members.

MOTION TO APPROVE SHARED BOOKKEEPING SERVICES WITH GAVC: Mrs. Gerber motioned and seconded by Mrs. Brooks to approve shared bookkeeping services with GAVC – “Bookkeeper Joint Agreement.”

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION ITEMS: Superintendent Decman reviewed Legislative Up-Date, District Financial Profile, Facts about School Consolidation Article, LECET News, Board & Administrator Notes, Graduation and Academic Honors Night.

ADJOURN: Mr. Irvin motioned and seconded by Mr. Fellows to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

PRESIDENT, DAVID DOGLIO

SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON