

GARDNER-SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
GARDNER, IL 60424

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 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 7:18 p.m. by President David Doglio.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, 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: November 15, 2011 (Regular & Closed Meetings) and December 1, 2011 (Building Renovation Committee Meeting). Mrs. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Brooks to approve the meeting minutes for the months of November and December, 2011.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were some members of the public in attendance to talk to the Board members about the Varsity Boys Basketball Coach. They were told that this issue would be discussed in Closed Session. The audience agreed to stay and discuss the situation in Closed Session with the board members.

OTHER REPORTS AND ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- **2011-2012 Tax Levy** = Mr. Perrott discussed the 2011-2012 Tax Levy and gave a short presentation. The final EAV calculations for the 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 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 Levy and thus the final tax computation will be lower than predicted in the tentative levy.

- **Soccer Co-Op with Reed-Custer High School** = Mr. Perrott discussed the Intergovernmental Agreement between Reed-Custer CUSD #255 and Gardner-South Wilmington High School District #73. The Board agreed last month that this is a good opportunity for our GSW students and plan to approve the agreement tonight. The River Valley Conference has given its approval to allow for this cooperative agreement. GSW students will play under the Reed-Custer banner. Reed-Custer competes in the Interstate – 8 athletic conference. The Girls Team will play this Spring and the Boys Team will play in the Fall 2012, next school year.
- **Senate Bill 7** = Mr. Perrott explained the various changes in the education reform package proposed in Senate Bill 7, which became law in Illinois on June 13, 2011. New reduction-in-force (RIF) procedures apply to Illinois school districts beginning in the 2011-12 school year. The new Act creates 4 groups in which teachers must be categorized for purposes of a RIF. The Board reviewed this new information, but stated that at the current time, there is not an anticipated reduction in the number of teaching positions at GSW. Student scheduling for 2012 drive the number of teachers needed to fill teaching schedules/ positions. Schedules for the 2012-13 school year are currently being created.
- **Snow Removal Bid** = Mr. Perrott stated that the Snow Removal Bids were opened on December 16, 2011 at 1:00 PM at the GSW HS board room. GSW received a total of 4 bids. A spreadsheet that compared the bids was distributed. After discussion, the Board decided to approve the bid from Fatlan Trucking and Excavating for the 2011-12 school year.
- **Building Renovation Update** = Mr. Perrott has been in contact with Mr. Scott Anderle from Healy-Bender & Associates, Inc. He has been working with our attorney to put together bidding documents that should be finished by the end of next week. A Healy-Bender representative and contractor will be out on December 22nd to begin work for video scoping of waste and vent piping. The scoping of the pipes will allow the architects to most accurately identify positioning of pipes and potential concerns. The scope results should be available after the New Year, which will allow the completion of the planning and bid specifications. Bathroom renovation bids go out on or about January 16th and Bid Opens on Feb. 7th. The Roof bids scheduled to go out on or about Dec. 26th and open on Jan. 18th.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Building Renovation Up-date** = was previously discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the President, Mr. David Doglio, Mrs. Gerber motioned and seconded by Mr. Elens to go into closed session at 8:05 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, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

REGULAR SESSION: Mrs. Wright motioned and seconded by Mr. Finn to return to regular session at 9:53 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVAL OF THE 2011-2012 TAX LEVY, AS PRESENTED: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to approve the 2011-2012 Tax Levy, as presented:
AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright.
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVAL OF THE SOCCER CO-OP WITH REED-CUSTER HIGH SCHOOL: Mr. Finn motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wright to approve the Soccer Co-Op with Reed Custer High School.
AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright.
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVAL OF THE DISMISSAL OF STAFF: Mr. Male motioned and seconded by Mr. Elens to approve the Dismissal of Staff, Boys Head Basketball Coach, effective immediately.
AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright.
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVAL OF SNOW REMOVAL BID: Mrs. Gerber motioned and seconded by Mrs. Brooks to approval the Snow Removal Bid from Fatlan Trucking and Excavating for the 2011-2012 snow removal season.
AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright.
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

ACTION ON DECEMBER 27, 2011 BOARD MEETING: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wright to cancel the December 27, 2011 Board Meeting for the month of *December*.
AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright.
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION ITEMS: Superintendent Perrott reviewed the following:

- **FOIA Requests** = There was one new request submitted on December 12, 2011
- **Spring Play** = The spring play will be on the weekend of April 20 – 21, 2012. The theater students are also preparing for the IHSA March 17 competition.
- **Library Report** = A brief written report was prepared by the district librarian, Becky Morgan, and given to the Board of Education. The report describes some of the services and opportunities provided by the GSW library to the students and staff.

ADJOURN: Mr. Male motioned and seconded by Mr. Finn to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m.
AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright.
MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

PRESIDENT, DAVID DOGLIO

SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON