

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

**Highlights of the Regular Meeting
November 14, 2012**

STUDENT PRESENTATION REGARDING DISTRICT NAME CHANGE

Jenny Rodgers, student at GSW High School, was present to discuss her upcoming article in The Panther Press, a newsletter that the Student Publications Class at GSW HS distributes quarterly. She stated that she collected data and researched for historical information regarding the formation of Gardner-South Wilmington High School. She also interviewed the Mayor of Braceville, James Homa and Mr. James Monfredini, Superintendent of Braceville Grade school in regards to adding the name of Braceville to GSW HS.

STATISTICS CLASS PRESENTATION REGARDING DISTRICT NAME CHANGE

Ms. Nicole Emperor's Statistics class was given the project of breaking down the numbers and categorizing comments & reasons regarding the district name change. Three students from the class were present to review their findings, Chelsea Schultz, Abby Horrie and Megan Jett. The students gave a PowerPoint presentation to the board of education reviewing the history of GSW High School, the percentage of students from each town, community surveys, school surveys and the overall results of students' and individual towns' opinions.

SCHOOL NAME CHANGE PUBLIC FORUM – DECEMBER 5TH AT 7:00 PM

Mr. Perrott reminded the board about the upcoming Public Forum that will be held in the GSW High School cafeteria. He received many on-line surveys, in addition to several mail-in surveys from the public. All of the questions & comments from the surveys and the information received from the Statistics Class will be reported at this meeting.

DATA COHORT STATE REPORT

Mr. Engelman, Principal, and several teachers are over-taking a large project in regards to the rules & regulations with the Special Education Department. They have formed a Data Analysis Team that is working with the State of IL on improving the IEP Process. The group has been to two separate meetings in Springfield to ensure GSW is in regulation.

DISTRICT CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PLAN / RISING START

Mr. Engelman has put together a team to work on a State mandated program. GSW HS is in the state of "correction action" due to the fact of not meeting AYP for the 4th year. Mr. Engelman and teachers, Ms. Emperor and Mrs. Scaccia, were trained in October and have already started to complete requirements of the program. Since then, they have added more members to their team, Ms. Kilmer, Mr. Leigh and Mr. Stevenson. The team is looking at the core curriculum, changes to the existing curriculum and using outside sources to assist.

NOVEMBER 27TH, 6:00 PM DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENT MEETING

GSW HS will hold a District Achievement Meeting in the café at 6:00 PM. This meeting is open to all parents and the public to discuss SES – Supplemental Educational Services.

SCHOOL CHOICE AND SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Mr. Perrott informed the board members that because GSW HS did not meet AYP, the school has to offer school choice to students. Because there are no other schools available at this time to accept GSW students, due to surrounding schools not meeting AYP or declining our students because of financial trouble, we have to offer a 2nd choice. This choice would be SES – supplemental educational services. These providers would be paid for through Title I funds.

RIVER VALLEY CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Mr. Engelman informed the board that he was contacted and invited to attend a meeting about the SVC – Sagamon Valley Conference. Dwight has been asked to join the SVC; GSW, Tri Point and Donovan were invited to an SVC meeting. Mr. Tucker attended a RVC – River Valley Conference meeting that same week. After several discussions in regards to GSW and other RVC teams joining the SVC, it was decided that GSW HS remain in the existing RVC. The RVC may have future conversations with the SVC. If Dwight does join the SVC, GSW will still co-op for existing sports.

SNOW REMOVAL BIDS

Mr. Perrott informed the bid that GSW HS received only two bids for the snow removal. The two bids were from Fatlan Trucking in Gardner and HL Landscaping in Joliet.

APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Every year, GSW HS has to submit a Recognition of Public Schools and needs board approval.

STUDENT RANKING

Mr. Perrott brought up Student Ranking for discussion. Currently, the students at GSW HS are ranked by percentage and not GPA. He asked the board members if we should switch over to the traditional 4.0 scale, as almost all other high schools are currently using this type of grading scale. It will also help assist the students as they fill out their college applications / send transcripts.

TAX LEVY ESTIMATE OF AGGREGATE LEVY

There will be a notice in The Paper in regards to the Tax Levy Hearing being held on Wed, Dec 19th at 6:55 PM with the regular board meeting will immediately follow at 7:00 PM.

DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

The current chart was revised with only two changes being made to positions. Mr. Perrott's title was changed from Superintendent/Principal to Superintendent and Mr. Engelman's was changed from Dean of Students to Principal. All other areas of the chart remained the same.

OLD BUSINESS

- None at this time.

ACTION ITEMS

- Approval of Tax Levy Estimate of Aggregate Levy
- Approval of Snow Removal Bid – Fatlan Trucking
- Approval to hire District Bookkeeper – Keeley Christensen
- Approval of 2012-2013 School Year Application for Recognition of Public Schools
- Approval of District Organization Chart
- Approval of District Continuous Improvement Plan
- Cancel 2nd meeting for the month of November = November 28, 2012
- Approval / set December 5, 2012 7:00 PM Board Meeting / Public Forum Regarding District Name Change

Superintendent Information Items:

- FOIA Requests = none requested.
- Orange & Black Night = held on Saturday, November 10th at 6:00 PM with girls basketball, boys basketball and performances from the Pantherettes & Cheerleaders
- Students enrolled at JJC; GSW HS received a plaque for having the highest percentage of students graduating from GSW HS that now attend JJC.

- The previously approved Audit was given to board members.
- Fall Play = held on Fri, Nov 1st & Sat, Nov 2nd being a Dinner Theater with meal served during the two plays in the gym.

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