

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS **Highlights of the Regular Meeting** **September 19, 2012**

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY PRESENTATION

Mrs. Terese Kukman (sponsor) and all the National Honor Society students were present at the meeting. Last school year, the NHS group put together several care packages and shipped over to Specialist Timothy Yeates and his unit, the 236th ICTC, in Afghanistan. The unit was so appreciative that GSW HS received an American Flag that was flown over Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan and an adjoining certificate from Michael J. Poll, II - First Sergeant, 236th ICTC, US Army. Mr. Timothy Yeates and his family were at the meeting tonight to present the flag and certificate to GSW High School and the Board of Education.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

John Engelman, Principal, told the board members that “Friday, September 14th was a great educational day at GSW High School.” It was an 11:30 AM early dismissal day for students. During the morning students were split into 12 separate groups, which rotated every 16-mins to various types of sessions. Some of the educational sessions were: A Healthy Lifestyle, Networking, Budgeting, Being Nice to Others, Dress for the job you want, Positive People, Relaxation, Public Speaking, & Relationships. Students were surveyed and there was positive feedback. In the afternoon, Kelly Doubek worked with the teachers on Professional Development. She reviewed the Common Core and School Wide Literacy Program. Ms. Doubek will return to GSW High School on October 5 to work with the teachers again on our next 11:30 AM student dismissal day.

DISTRICT NAME

Superintendent Perrott informed the board that he has been moving forward, as directed by the board, in obtaining information in regards to changing the name of Gardner-South Wilmington High School to be inclusive and representative of Braceville. So far, Mr. Perrott has received about a dozen responses from the public. Currently, he is working with Tech Director, Ben Seeman, to create an on-line survey to be placed on the GSW HS web-site for public response and additional comments. The board set Wednesday, December 5th at 7:00 PM for a Public Forum to discuss the name change and to answer any questions.

ESTATE DISTRIBUTION

Superintendent Perrott informed the Board that GSW High School has been named a beneficiary the Margery Gaddo estate/will. Mrs. Gaddo spent her career as a teacher at GSW and was a lifelong member of the community. The school is named to receive \$100,000. The family members have requested that GSW use some of this money to honor the family name for such a generous donation. Mr. Perrott was directed to explore an appropriate way to honor Mrs. Gaddo and her years of service to the community and GSW High School.

BUDGET REVENUE

Mr. Perrott stated that GSA (General State Aid) is expected to be forwarded to school districts around the state at 89% of what is actually being calculated. Locally, approximately 90% of TIF funds have been distributed to the Village. As of today, GSW HS has not received any TIF money from the Village of Gardner. We are currently due approximately \$350,000 in funds, which is currently being held from GSW by the Village. Mr. Perrott stated that he has had conversations with Mr. Hileman from the Village Board regarding releasing the money to the school district. The village is not yet going to release the funds. The current TIF agreement states that Village should pay GSW within 5-days after the Village receives it. The Village of Gardner received a great deal of the TIF funds in early July 2012 and continues to hold it.

DISTANCE LEARNING

Superintendent Perrott discussed an online computer program (E20-20) that is currently being used by Premier Academy in Morris. This is an online program that students can use to take a variety of classes and can also be used to work on-line from home. This is a great program for recovery credits and to address the education of students that find themselves homebound. GSW HS just purchased (2) portals for approximately \$200 per portal. We are currently using (1) portal for a homebound student.

OLD BUSINESS

- As required by federal lunch program and as approved by the Board in August 2011 the price of school lunches has increased. Last December the price of school lunches was stepped up and at the beginning of this school year the cost of school lunch was raised to the full price. Last year, student *paid* lunches cost \$2.25. At the start of 2nd Semester in January 2012 *paid* lunches went to \$2.35 and then another \$0.11 to \$2.46 as required for the start of the 2012-13 school year in August 2012. Currently, student paid lunches cost \$2.46, adult paid lunches cost \$2.71 and student *reduced* lunches are still at \$0.40. We currently have 46 students on *free* meals and 14 on *reduced* meals.
- Board Development = Mr. Perrott reviewed training sessions and seminars for the board members. By the end of the year (Dec 2012) the current board members will need to complete the "Open Acts" on-line training session. They will need to print out the certificate and turn-in to the board secretary.
- Board Conference = The School Board Convention will be held in Chicago on Nov 16, 17 & 18. Hotel reservations have been made near the site of the conference / convention.
- Roof & Renovation Update = The architects were in the building last week to review the punch list. They walked the project with Perrott and Wally Debelak, Head of Maintenance. They estimate about 10-15 hours worth of "punch list" work in the different trades.

ACTION ITEMS

- Approval of Resignation of Varsity Baseball Coach & JV Boys Basketball Coach, Austin McDowell, for the 2012-13 school year.
- Approval of Varsity Baseball Coach, Todd Grief, for the 2012-13 school year.
- Approval of *Volunteer* Baseball Coach for 2012-13 school year = TABLED.
- Approval of JV Boys Basketball Coach, Zach Myers, for the 2012-13 school year.
- Approval of Co-Play Directors, Diantha Harper & Cassie Bashayreh, for the 2012-13 school year.
- Approval of part-time cashier / substitute cook, Kimberly Patton.
- Hold 2nd meeting for the month of September – Sept 26th at 7:00 PM for Budget Approval.

Superintendent Information Items:

- FOIA Requests = None
- November Board Meeting = Reminder the November board meeting has been moved up to the 2nd Wednesday in November, which will be Nov. 14th, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Appreciation Letter from Church of Hope = GSW Art students last year were commissioned to create several art works for the Church. The church made a contribution back to the Art Club in appreciation. The art works are hanging in the church.
- Evaluation Training for Administrators = Both Principal Engelman and Superintendent Perrott participated in online Teacher / Administration Evaluation training. With the advent of the new PERA law Administrators who evaluate teachers or principals must be trained. Mr. Engelman completed the teacher evaluation training and Mr. Perrott completed the principal evaluation training. Combined, the two GSW Administrators spent 50-60 hours online completing the trainings. The trainings also included assessments that had to be passed. Both administrators passed.
- IHSA Boys Soccer Co-op Reed-Custer = IHSA approved the boys soccer coop between Reed-Custer and GSW for the fy2013 and fy2014 school years.
- GAVC Enrollment= Currently GSW has 30 students enrolled at GAVC (Grundy Area Vocational Center) in the various programs.

Board items:

- Board minutes reflecting the order of the vote?
Perrott is researching this question.
- Collaborating with local districts for trainings?
Perrott has contacted Coal City School District about sharing building maintenance trainings. Coal City is currently using offsite training opportunities for their staff.

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