

# GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

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## BOARD BRIEFS

### Highlights of the Regular Meeting

### MAY 15, 2012

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#### **2012-2013 BOARD MEETING CALENDAR**

The Board discussed that starting in July 2012, the Board Meetings will change back to the third Wednesday of the month and the fourth Wednesday of the month for a 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, if needed. Mr. Perrott gave each board member a list of the meetings for the 2012-2013 school year showing dates reflecting Wednesday meetings.

July 18, 2012

July 25, 2012

August 15, 2012

August 22, 2012

September 19, 2012

September 26, 2012

October 17, 2012

October 24, 2012

November 14, 2012

November 21, 2012

December 19, 2012

December 26, 2012

January 16, 2013

January 23, 2013

February 20, 2013

February 27, 2013

March 20, 2013

March 27, 2013

April 17, 2013

April 24, 2013

May 15, 2013

May 22, 2013

June 19, 2013

June 26, 2013

#### **BUS/TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT**

At last month's board meeting, members tabled the contract and requested that Mr. Perrott ask some additional questions regarding fees on the pending contract. Mr. Perrott reported back to the board with a detailed listing

of the routes and broken down fees. The new contract reflects increases due to special education routes that are no longer shared with other school districts. Special education bus transportation makes up approximately 44% of the transportation budget. The new contract reflects a \$56,000 increase over last year.

### **STUDENT HANDBOOK**

Mr. Engelman discussed with the board members that a Student Handbook Committee consisting of teachers, staff, administration and parents was put together to review the current student handbook. Recommendations from the committee have been made for changes in the wording used within handbook. The board members discussed making additional revisions to the Final Exams and Extra-Curricular sections. They asked Mr. Engelman to take these issues back to the Handbook Committee and teachers for review. This item was tabled and will be brought back to the June board meeting for additional discussion and action.

### **STUDENT FEES**

Mr. Perrott told the board members that he is not recommending an increase to the various student fee amounts for the 2012-2013 school year. There was discussion regarding adding a "Conference Fee" that would be refundable to parents if they attended at least 1 Parent/Teacher Conference during the school year (either Fall or Spring Conferences). The discussion of student fees approval was tabled and will be brought back to the June board meeting for additional discussion and action.

### **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

Mr. Perrott informed the board that the main office will be open for public access Monday thru Thursday from 10AM until 1PM. Mrs. Tiffany Berger will be working most Wednesdays throughout the summer break to assist students and families with registration and records. Mr. Perrott plans to hire a part time person at minimum wage to work the remaining 3-days (Mon-Tues-Thurs) to perform office tasks and maintain reduced office hours. Messages from the district phone will be retrieved daily. The district maintenance staff and Mr. Perrott will be in the building Monday through Friday.

### **SCHOOL MAINTENANCE PROJECT GRANT**

As approved at a previous board meeting Mr. Perrott reapplied for the State of Illinois School Maintenance Project Grant and attached it to the upcoming Roof Project. Perrott was informed that GSW will receive the \$50,000 grant. This is a matching grant so the roof project must be at least \$100,000 for GSW to receive the grant money. The total cost of the roof project will be approximately \$640,000.

### **ROOF AND RENOVATION UPDATE**

The Roof and Bathroom Renovation projects are lined up and ready to start as soon as school is over. Mr. Perrott has informed staff and faculty to reduce activity around the building over the summer months. The roof project should be completed by the first week in July barring inclement weather. The gym floors will be cleaned/varnished on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> after the roof work is complete. There was a concern that vibrations from the roof work would cause dust to settle on the wet varnish.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Student Accounts** = Notices regarding overdue fees have been sent out monthly and money has been received/collected. The bookkeeper started at around \$4600 in un-paid student fees and is now down to under \$500.00. Ms Gegenheimer / district bookkeeper has been diligently working with students and families to collect fees.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- Approval of Student request for early graduation
- Approval of Bus/Transportation Contract with Illinois Central Bus
- Motion to approve Student Fees for 2012-2013, as presented - TABLED
- Approval of faculty FMLA request

- Approval of hiring of Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach for 2012-2013 school year – Justin Stevenson
- Motion to approve revisions to Student Handbook, as presented – TABLED
- Approval of the 2012-2013 Board Meeting Calendar
- Motion to cancel the May 22, 2012 meeting

**Superintendent Information Items:**

- FOIA Requests = No requests for April

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

President: David Doglio

Vice-President: Pam Brooks

Joe Elens, Matt Finn, Cindy Gerber,

Craig Male, Rita Wright

Dean of Students: John Engelman

Superintendent/Principal: Michael Perrott