

# GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

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## BOARD BRIEFS

### Highlights of the Regular Meeting

**February 21, 2012**

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#### **TIF JOINT REVIEW BOARD**

The Joint Review Board meeting will be held on Monday, February 27 at 11:00 AM at the Gardner Village Hall. This meeting is being called by the County Clerk to review the Gardner TIF. Taxing entities affected by the TIF have been invited to participate. Each board member will be given a CD with the reports that will be reviewed at this particular meeting. Mr. Perrott stated that he will be attending the meeting as a GSW representative.

#### **GRUNDY COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION CO-OP FUND REDISTRIBUTION**

The Special Education Cooperative is redistributing back to the partner schools funds from fund balances. One of the fund balances was incurred due to disproportionate funds paid by member schools into the insurance fund. GSW HS will be refunded \$55,768. On the flip-side, the co-op is requesting \$3,471 from GSW for roof repairs at the GCSEC building. Districts within the co-op will be billed for the roofing project at a later date.

#### **2012-2013 GSW HS SCHOOL CALENDAR**

As discussed at the last BOE meeting, Mr Perrott and Mr Engelman have worked to create a school calendar that coincides with the elementary feeder school districts and GAVC. Each board member was given a copy with a side by side comparison, the individual dates and the "Public School Calendar" as it will be submitted to the ISBE. Listed are the itemized dates for the 2012-13 school year:

Student start date	Thursday, August 16, 2012
Student end date	Wednesday, May 22, 2013
Graduation	Sunday, May 19, 2013
Full day Teacher Institutes (TI)	Aug 15, Dec 21, Jan 3, May 23
Half day Student Attendance (XHS)	Sept 14, Oct 5, Dec 7, Feb 6, May 1
Parent Teacher Conference Days (FPT)	Oct 19 and March 15
Parent Teacher Conference Evenings	Oct 18 and March 14
Christmas Break (students)	December 21 - Jan 3 (TI on Dec 21 and Jan 3)
Spring Break	March 25 - April 1 (week and day after Easter)

1st quarter ends	Friday, October 12, 2012
1st semester ends	Friday, December 21, 2012
3rd quarter ends	Friday, March 08, 2013
2nd semester ends	Thursday, May 23, 2013
1st semester Final exams	December 19 and 20
2nd semester Final exams	May 21 and 22
PSAE Testing	April 23 and 24

#### **Holidays - No School**

Labor Day	Monday, September 03, 2012
Columbus Day	Monday, October 08, 2012
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 22, 2012
Christmas	Tuesday, December 25, 2012

New Years Day	Tuesday, January 01, 2013
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 21, 2013
President's Day	Monday, February 18, 2013
Pulaski Day	Monday, March 04, 2013
Easter	Sunday, March 31, 2013

### **SENATE BILL 7 – RIF ORDER (SB7)**

The new bill has the teachers grouped into 4 categories. In the past, a RIF (reduction in force) would eliminate a position and teachers with the least seniority would be the first to be subject to RIF. The new law requires that teacher release due to RIF follow the new format. Teachers will be released according to a combination of evaluation statue, certification, and seniority. A team combined of union and district administration developed the new ranking for the teachers at GSW based on the requirements of the new law.

### **BATHROOM RENOVATION UPDATE**

On Tuesday, February 21, bids were opened at 2:00 PM. A total of seven contractors picked up bid work and 5 were returned. GSW HS was pleased with all received bids.

### **ROOF PROJECT UPDATE**

On Monday, February 13, the Building Renovation Committee met to review the bidding documents for the Roof Project. The committee met with Architect, Scott Anderle, to look at the re-bidding procedure. The new bid opening date / time is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28 at 2:00 PM. The board members were given copies of the originally submitted bids and a roof plan of the school.

### **GARBAGE COLLECTION**

GSW HS has prepared a new contract with Waste Management which cancels our current contract and extends it for 3-years. The new contract down-sizes our current garbage/recycling bins. The old contract was set to expire in February 2013. If we cancel the current contract and go to another hauler, it would cost us approximately \$2,200 to cancel the contract. Pricing from other companies was gathered and the administration is pleased with the Waste Management contract. Walter Debelak, Head of Maintenance, is comfortable with down-sizing the garbage bins. The board members were given copies of the comparisons and savings that were negotiated.

### **COPY MACHINE LEASE**

Amy Gegenheimer, district bookkeeper, and Ben Seeman, IT Director, have done a great deal of work meeting with vendors and negotiating agreements for copy machines. The current lease was set to expire in August 2012. The recommended lease is for 5-years, beginning in February 2012. A spreadsheet showing comparisons and savings that were negotiated was distributed to board members. Our current vendor, McGrath Office, in the end presented the best savings for the district.

### **ADDITIONAL HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES**

Walter Debelak, Head of Maintenance, and Superintendent Perrott have made some measurements to the existing parking lot and believe that 3 additional handicap spaces can be created into an unused area by the front of the school. The new parking will be laid out and marked when the weather breaks.

### **DEAN'S REPORT**

Our very 1<sup>st</sup> Dress for Success Day was held on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> with a total of 32 students participating. The 4 winners each received a Casey's General Store gift card. Our next Dress for Success Day will be on Wed, March 7<sup>th</sup>, which is also an 11:30 AM early release for students. This day we are also implementing a new event called "Panthers in the World" – we will have eight guest speakers covering different work-related topics. The students will move from session to session during the school day. Topics discussed will include:

interview tips, mock interviews, resumes, law enforcement, drug education, trades, and team-building groups with the Armed Forces. On this same day, the teachers will be traveling to other schools to observe teachers in their fields.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Emergency Call Numbers** = We are currently working on obtaining and correcting Emergency Call Numbers for our auto-dial call message system.
- **Student Eligibility** = Teachers calculate and post grades weekly. A weekly Progress Report is forwarded to the administration, coaches and RTI teachers. IHSA requires weekly eligibility checks, which we have been following.
- **Board Meeting Dates** = There was discussion during the past few meetings about changing dates for board meetings. The board has agreed to keep the meetings the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month for the remainder of the school year. For the 2012-13 school year, meetings may be changed back to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. More discussion will happen at later board meetings.
- **Student Accounts** = Notices regarding overdue fees were sent out in December and some money was received/collected. Notices will be sent out again at the end of this month.
- **Softball Numbers** = We have 23 girls interested in participating in Softball. The numbers have been broken down to 12 Varsity and 11 JV members.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- Accept donation of \$150.00 from BP Fabric of America Fund  
Mr. Frank Chandler through an employee program at BP recommended GSW for this donation.
- Approve Garbage/Recycling Contract with Waste Management
- Reduction in Force – NO ACTION TAKEN AT THIS TIME
- Approval of the 2012-2013 GSW HS School Calendar, as presented
- Appoint Darren Sorensen as volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach for the 2012 Season
- Appoint Terry Grimler as volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach for the 2012 Season
- Approval of Ben Crater as volunteer Assistant JV Baseball Coach for the 2012 Season
- Appoint Matt Grimler as volunteer Assistant JV Baseball Coach for the 2012 Season
- Appoint Cassie Bexson as volunteer Assistant Softball Coach for the 2012 Season
- Appoint Terry Speed as volunteer Assistant JV Softball Coach for the 2012 Season
- Appoint Chris Christensen as JV Baseball Coach for the 2012 Season
- Appoint Michelle Lardi as Varsity Softball Coach for the 2012 Season
- Approval of Copy Machine Lease with McGrath Office, as presented
- Faculty Tenure Status = TABLED
- Approval of student request for early graduation, pending successful completion of graduation requirements
- Board Meeting Dates = NO ACTION TAKEN AT THIS TIME
- February 28 meeting = NO ACTION TAKEN AT THIS TIME

## **Superintendent Information Items:**

- FOIA Requests = There were no requests for the month of February.
- Soccer Co-op = IHSA approved. Girls are starting to workout with the Reed-Custer team. GSW has 3-5 girls who have shown interest for the spring season.

- GSW Orange Jacket Golf Outing = GSW Athletic Golf Outing: June 9, 2012 at 12 Noon, Dwight Country Club, \$75 per person. We are looking for four person teams. Contact GSW Athletic Director Shane Tucker.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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Craig Male, Rita Wright

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