

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS **Highlights of the Regular Meeting** **July 18, 2012**

DISTRICT NAME CHANGE

Superintendent Perrott stated that there has been some public inquiry regarding changing the name of Gardner South Wilmington High School to be inclusive and representative of Braceville. The Mayor of Braceville had attended an earlier board meeting to request that GSW change its' name to add Braceville. Since that meeting Perrott has spoken to the Illinois State Board of Education and the school's attorney. The State Board indicated this decision lies with the current local school board to decide to change the name or leave it as is. The GSW BOE discussed this item and would like to have dialog with the members of the community before any decision is made. The board instructed Perrott to lay out a time line and opportunities for the community to communicate with the Board. The GSW Board indicated that they would like to create as much opportunity as possible for the community to give input. Perrott was instructed to explore opportunities like public forums, internet surveys and paper surveys. The BOE will not vote on this item until the December 2012 meeting or later.

ROOF AND RENOVATION UPDATE

Mr. Perrott informed the board that the roof work is almost complete. He is also very pleased with the work and timeline on the bathroom renovations. Restrooms are being painted, the floors are being put in, windows have been, toilets, sinks and hand-dryers are all being installed. Construction is coming along very well and will be completed before the start of school.

INTERFUND TRANSFER

Superintendent Perrott stated that we need to transfer \$600,000 from the O&M Fund to the Capital Projects Fund as was discussed during the roof and renovation planning. The Capital Projects Fund was created to specifically hold the funds from the bond referendum and other revenues and to track expenditures for the roof / renovation projects. Revenues transferred into the Capital Project Fund from the O&M Fund consist of TIF revenue and local tax revenue. The school district also received a \$50,000 construction grant from the state that was deposited into the Capital Project Fund.

START OF SCHOOL

Mr. Perrott gave a few important dates:

- August 1st (8am to 12 noon) and August 2nd (4-8pm) are Student Registration Days in the cafeteria
- August 13 at 6:30 PM is 8th Grade Algebra Orientation in the cafeteria
- August 13 at 7:00 PM is Freshman Orientation in the cafeteria
- August 15 – Teacher Institute
- August 16 – 1st day of Student Attendance

BUILDING SUMMER MAINTENANCE WORK

Superintendent Perrott informed the board that the summer maintenance crew is working hard. Most of the classrooms been cleaned, with the exception of a little dust remaining from the construction work. The hallways will be cleaned after all current construction work is complete. The exterior window sills and frames are being repainted. A few areas of the front lawn are being graded and re-seeded. Several bushes are being removed from front of the building. New hand railings for the upper gym area are being installed. At least two additional Handicap parking spaces will be added to the front area parking lot near the gym entrance. They have been measured to regulation and will soon be painted & stenciled.

PSAE SCORES

Superintendent Perrott and Mrs. Susan Heerdt discussed PSAE scores and compared this year's numbers to last year's. In Reading: this year 44% met or exceeded, last year we were at 37%. In Math: 54% met or exceeded, last year we were at 42%. In Biology: 54% met or exceeded, last year we were at 51%. These scores are preliminary and may be subject to change if there are corrections in student information.

OLD BUSINESS

- Township Electronic Technology Recycle = Sunday, July 22 from 8AM to 12 noon is the date to drop off any computers, printers, monitors, batteries, televisions, etc. at the Village Township Building. Mr. Justin Stevenson, GSW teacher / Boys Basketball Coach, recruited some members of the GSW boys basketball team have volunteered to assist. The local Boy Scouts were also contacted to assist.

ACTION ITEMS

- Approval of District Name Change = TABLED
- Approval of Interfund Transfer: Approval to transfer \$600,000 from the O&M fund to the Capital Projects fund.
- Approval to hire Jennifer Fisher as part-time Cafeteria/Kitchen position for 2012-13 school year.
- Approval of Austin McDowell as JV Boys' Basketball Coach for 2012-13 school year,
- Approval of Austin McDowell as Varsity Baseball Coach for 2012-13 school year,
- Approval of part-time Band/Chorus teacher for 2012-13 school year = TABLED
- Approval of Varsity Softball Coach for 2012-13 school year = TABLED
- Approval of JV Softball Coach for 2012-13 school year = TABLED
- Approval to rehire part-time Cafeteria worker (cook), Lori Mack.
- Approval to rehire part-time janitor, Jon Korelc.
- Approval to Cancel the July 25, 2012 meeting

Superintendent Information Items:

- FOIA Requests = There were no FOIA requests since the June board meeting.
- School District Financial Recognition = GSW has been recognized by ISBE for its solid financial practice. Districts are selected by using five indicators of financial performance:
 - Fund Balance to Revenue Ratio
 - Expenditures to Revenues Ratio
 - Days Cash on Hand
 - Percent of Short-term Borrowing Available
 - Percent of Long-term Debt Remaining

GSW has the highest scores in all categories.

Board items:

- The Board commended Mr. Wally Debelak and his summer maintenance crew for all of the hard work that they are putting in during the summer months to prepare the building for students and faculty in August.
- Reminder that Freshmen and Sophomore students that work the concession stand during the school year can earn the privilege to attend the "prom lock-in" in the Spring.
- The Board would like to personally thank and recognize teacher Susan Heerdt for her consistent efforts for the students of GSW and attitude of professionalism that she shows. The Board also recognizes that we have many teachers that put forward good effort that means a great deal to our school and community.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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