

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Budget Hearing & 2nd Regular Meeting August 22, 2012

FY 13 TENTATIVE BUDGET PRESENTATION

Superintendent Perrott reviewed the tentative budget with the Board for the 2nd time this month. He discussed in detail the itemized list of Revenue & Expenditures. Revenues in local property taxes are down due to the decreased property values across the school district like other areas of the state. Of significant note is the deficit in revenues in the Education fund. This is due to several items, most substantially the request of the village TIF board for GSW to recode funds from the Education Fund into the Operations/Maintenance fund. Recoding of the TIF funds, less revenue from the state, and property taxes will have a negative effect on the education fund. It is anticipated that total revenues in the Education fund will be down of \$93,510 as compared to last fiscal year. GSW has been named a beneficiary in an estate will, with \$100,000 being donated to the school district. These funds will be placed in the education fund. Although this is a welcome surprise, if these revenues are not received the Education fund will be down an additional \$100,000 for a total of \$193,510 as compared to last year.

The board questioned Perrott regarding expenditures. Perrott explained that cuts have been made but “GSW is up against increases in hard costs.” The total Education fund expenditures are up \$170,316 compared to last year. The majority (\$154,407) of increased expenditure is due to the anticipated “hard” costs of special education and teacher salaries. This leaves a deficit between the total revenues and expenditures in the education fund of \$241,311. Perrott explained that revenues coming into the Education fund are down and hard costs have increased. The district will have to use fund balances accumulated from previous year’s savings.

The budget will be on public display for a month, with copies being available in the GSW HS main office. The budget will be discussed at our next Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting on September 19th with final approval at the 2nd Regular Meeting on September 26th.

NO ACTION ITEMS

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