

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS **Highlights of the Regular Meeting** **October 17, 2012**

BOY SCOUTS PRESENTATION

Mr. Rob Benson, representative of the local boy scouts troop in Gardner, was present to discuss the benefits of being involved with his troop. Boy Scouts have been in existence for 102 years and the Gardner group has been around for 90 years. He announced that they are holding an Open House on Saturday, October 27th for all boys 11 thru 18 years of age. He would like to recruit some more members from the area to keep the scouts around for many more years. Fliers and pamphlets were left to distribute to any interested GSW HS students.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FY2012

Janet Brown was present to discuss the audit with the board members. She stated that GSW HS is run very well. All items were in order, very organized and our bookkeeping system is set-up well. All reports were very accurate with the necessary documentation provided.

GAVC AUDIT REPORT

Janet Brown also reported that she conducted the Audit for Grundy Area Vocational Center in Morris. Their audit was "clean" and appropriate.

TIF REVENUES

GSW HS, through their attorney, filed a complaint against the Village of Gardner for the Villages violation of an Intergovernmental Agreement entered between the High School and the Village in 1986. Currently, the attorneys for the Village, TIF District, and GSW are working together to review the agreement and define the areas where the parties are in disagreement. Mr. Ken Florey, GSW HS attorney, was present to discuss the Litigation with the board members in Closed Session.

TAX LEVY TIMETABLE

Mr. Perrott stated that the Tax Levy is being planned and that he will be preparing documents over the next few months. He has been in contact with area Superintendents to discuss county EAV. There seems to be a consensus that EAVs around the county may be dropping again. GSW will not likely be moving into a Truth & Taxation.

MANDATED BOE TRAINING INFORMATION

The Open Meetings Act training needs to be completed by the end of the year. All board members need to make sure they complete this on-line session, print certificate and turn into the main office. Mr. Perrott also distributed a copy of Compliance Training for all BOE members. The Illinois School Board Association is offering or is planning on offering trainings for school board members.

SNOW REMOVAL BIDS

With the winter season quickly approaching, GSW HS will be accepting Snow Removal Bids. All companies that bid last year were sent a letter for re-bid this year and a bid request was placed in The Paper and the Morris Herald. Bids are due to the GSW High School office on November 2 for a 3pm opening.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICE CONTRACT

Mr. Perrott and Mr. Engelman have been researching ways to better train / prepare our teachers for state mandated Professional Development. Perrott made a recommendation to enter into a three year contract with Public School Works International online professional development providers. The program provides online trainings that bring us in compliance with all the various state required trainings for teachers. Because the

trainings are online they can be done at anytime / plan period/ home instead of using teacher institute / in-service time. The company makes sure that ALL Illinois required trainings are included.

In response to several questions Mr. Perrott felt it was appropriate to share with the board and public information regarding various “vendors of record”. Traditionally these vendors are identified at the time when a new board is seated. The following vendors have not changed since the last board seating in 2011.

ANNOUNCE NEWSPAPER OF RECORD

The Paper – Dwight, IL

ANNOUNCE VENDOR OF RECORD FOR BONDS

First Midstate, INC - Bloomington, IL

ANNOUNCE FIRM REPRESENTING GSW IN LEGAL MATTERS

Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas Lifton & Taylor, LTD. - Chicago, IL

ANNOUNCE FIRM REPRESENTING GSW FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

Healy-Bender & Associates, Inc. - Naperville, IL

ANNOUNCE BANKS CURRENTLY APPROVED FOR INVESTMENTS

Standard Bank & Trust – Gardner, IL

US Bank (The Illinois Funds)- Springfield, IL

NON-CERTIFIED SALARY AND BENEFITS REPORT

At the September board meeting, the Certified and Administration Salaries & Benefits report was reviewed. This report was sent to the Illinois State Board of Education and also posted on the GSW HS website. The Non-Certified Staff report was completed and reviewed by the board. The board decided to not post it on the GSW HS website.

OLD BUSINESS

- District Name = A survey is posted online on the GSW HS website and was printed in The Paper. Mr. Perrott has received a few surveys mailed in from the newspaper. The GSW Statistics class will also be conducting the survey with all the current GSW students. This survey information and the information gathered from communications received by Mr. Perrott will be presented at the November board meeting. Information and opinions from the community will be collated and ready for the December 5th Public Forum.

ACTION ITEMS

- Approval of Volunteer Baseball Coach, Chad Harvey, for 2012-13 school year
- Acceptance of the resignation of District Bookkeeper, Amy Gegenheimer
- Approval to hire District Bookkeeper = TABELED.
- Acceptance of Independent Auditor’s Annual Financial Report FY 2012
- Approval of Spring Play Sponsor / Director, Diantha Harper
- Approval of Professional Development Service Contract
- Cancel the 2nd meeting for the month of October (October 24)

Superintendent Information Items:

- FOIA REQUESTS – two recent requests from James Riley. 1. Admin Contracts 2. 1986 TIF agreement.

- FIRST QUARTER ENDED ON OCTOBER 12 – Report cards will go home with parents that attend the parent- teacher conferences on October 18 and 19
- TEACHER INSTITUTE – In follow up to the last teacher institute, ongoing professional development focusing on developing Reading across the content areas and core learning standards will be continued. Teachers will be meeting with professional development provider, Kelly Duebeck, in small groups / content areas to continue the work.
- PARENT- TEACHER CONFERENCES - October 18, 4pm – 8pm and October 19,
- BOARD CONFERENCE – NOVEMBER 16-18 – registrations / reservations have been made. The conference program and session guide will be distributed to the BOE at the November meeting.
- RVC GOES PINK- on September 27 throughout the RVC conference students / fans raised money for the Susan G Coleman Breast Cancer foundation. At the home Volleyball game GSW raised money through admissions, T-shirt sales, split the pot, and donations. GSW raised \$374 to be sent to the RVC and forwarded to S G Coleman on behalf of the RVC conference-wide event.
- GAVC DIRECTOR AWARD – SEPTEMBER - Director Award for September in Fire Science went to GSW student Brett Jensen
- TREE PLANTING – the GSW Athletic Boosters purchased a number of trees going around the baseball field. Wally Debelak and Shane Tucker planted the trees using borrowed equipment donated by BOE member Craig Male. The trees will not only provide shade but will beautify the south end of the district property.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Craig Male, Rita Wright

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Superintendent: Michael Perrott