

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting

June 19, 2012

TEXTBOOK PURCHASE: STATISTICS & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Mr. Perrott stated that we are offering two new classes for the 2012-13 school year. Statistics will be taught by Ms. Emperor and Environmental Science will be taught by Mr. Blackburn. Both of these classes need text books. He will be asking the BOE for approval to purchase classroom textbooks.

LEASE AGREEMENT

Mr. Perrott informed the board that the Christensen Brothers Farms will continue to lease the 42 acre district property for farming. Christensen Brothers Farms has leased the district property for farming since 2009. Mr. Brian Christensen submitted full payment as agreed upon in the lease. The Board briefly discussed the terms of the lease and asked that a review be done prior to next planting season. This will be an action item tonight.

SCHOOL YEAR 2012-2013 STUDENT FEES

Mr. Perrott proposed a small decrease in student fees for the 2012 – 2013 school year. He explained that there was a \$25 per year fee for PE. (\$12.50 per semester). In the past, GSW HS was in a block schedule and PE classes were 80 minutes. Because of the length of time, classes were taken to the local bowling alley. The \$25 fee was used to cover the expense of bowling and transportation. Mr. Perrott would like to reduce this fee to \$12.50 per year (\$6.25 per semester) now that GSW HS is back on a regular schedule with 50 minute classes. All other fees will remain the same for the 2012-2013 school year. This will be an action item tonight.

HEALTH & LIFE SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT

The Regional Office of Education conducted its regular Health and Life Safety inspection of the building and grounds. The building is in compliance, with the roof and plumbing issues being currently addressed. Some areas in need of work are the chemistry storage area, drop cords, ceiling tiles and other areas due to the roof leaks. These issues will all be taken care of with the current construction going on and by the GSW maintenance crew this summer. The Grundy / Kendall Regional Superintendent of Schools Paul Nordstrom complimented the GSW Board on the action and work that is being done on the roof and plumbing.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

As requested by the Board of Education Mr. John Engelman, Dean of Students, was present to discuss a few handbook changes for the 2012-13 school year. Engelman worked with the Handbook Committee this spring and reported the committee's recommendations to the BOE at the May meeting. The BOE asked Engelman to survey the teachers regarding items within the handbook and report back during the June meeting. Engelman surveyed the teachers regarding the perfect attendance policy and final exams. At this June 19 board meeting he informed the board that the student handbook will reflect that students taking Challenge Classes (honors) will take the final exams. Also, students with perfect attendance, along with an A, B or C in the class will not take final exams. If a student has a D in the class and perfect attendance, they will have to take final exams. If a student has an A in the class, the final will be optional. On another issue regarding Student Council, Engelman informed the board that the policy will remain the same. Student Council members violating the Activity Code will be removed for one calendar year.

2011-2012 DISCIPLINE REPORT

Mr. John Engelman, Dean of Students, reviewed the Discipline Report with board members. He compared information regarding discipline incidents from the 2010-11 school year to the current 2011-12 school year.

CRISIS MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK

Superintendent Perrott, Mr. Engelman, 1st Responders from the Gardner Fire Department, and Representatives from the Grundy County Sheriff's Office met on Wednesday, May 30th in the GSW HS board room to review the Crisis Management Handbook policies and procedures. Recommendations for improvements and modifications to the handbook / plan were made by the invited team of reviewers. The administration plans to put policies into effect with training sessions, handouts, drills, etc.

ROOF & RENOVATION UPDATE

As reported by Superintendent Perrott, the roof work is coming along well. The dry weather is allowing the roof contractor and crews to work without interruptions. The east end of the building is complete. The shingled roof should be complete within a week and the gym roof is coming along nicely. The soffit and fascia that trims and caps the roof wall areas will be completed as the roof areas are completed. The roofing project should be completed by the 1st week of July. The bathroom renovation work is also running on schedule. The demolition of old plumbing is 90% complete and a majority of the new plumbing is in place. During the plumbing renovation work several areas of concern were discovered outside of the bid scope of work. Additional repairs to existing waste lines that exit the building will have to be made. Perrott, Architect Representative, and contractor representatives meet once or twice a week to review the progress of the work on both projects.

OTHER ITEMS

- The board reviewed the past request from the Mayor of Braceville to add the town of Braceville to the name of the school. Board members asked Mr. Perrott to research information on how to handle the change of the school's name.
- The board also discussed adding handrails to the bleachers in upper balcony area of the gym. Mr. Perrott plans to discuss the project with Head of Maintenance, Walter Debelak, to coordinate the task for this summer.

ACTION ITEMS

- Approval of raises for Non-Certified Staff, as presented.
- Approval of textbook purchases: *Environmental Science* published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston
Elementary Statistics: A Step by Step Approach published by McGraw Hill
- Approval of Student Fees for 2012-13 school year, as presented
- Approval of Resignation of Band/Chorus teacher, Crystal Gamez
- Approval of Resignation of Part-time Kitchen/Cafeteria Staff, Jessica Douglass
- Approval of Resignation of Varsity Boys' Baseball Coach, Jon Posing
- Approval of Resignation of Varsity Girls' Softball Coach, Michelle Lardi
- Approval of Resignation of STUDS Volunteer Sponsor, David Blackburn
- Approval of Freshman Class Sponsor for the 2012-13 school year, Nicole Emperor
- Approval of revisions to Student Handbook, as presented
- Approval of The Prevailing Wages for Construction Trades, effective 7/1/12
- Approval of Lease Agreement of district property for farming
- Cancel the June 26, 2012 meeting

Superintendent Information Items:

- Student Council donation to Ronald McDonald House. The GSW Students Council raised \$800 for their charity project during this school year. Members of the student council chose the Ronald McDonald House as the organization to receive the funds. Members of the Student Council traveled to the Ronald McDonald House in Naperville to deliver a check. Students were able to tour the facility and talk with the facility supervisor. The funds raised by GSW Student Council will be used in the "day room"
- FOIA Requests = GSW received two requests
 - Dick Hileman –Village of Gardner 5/23/12
 - Moy Gregory – Loyola University Chicago 6/13/12

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Joe Elens, Matt Finn, Cindy Gerber,

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Dean of Students: John Engelman

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