

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting

January 19, 2012

SENIORITY LIST

Mr. Perrott stated that we need to submit a copy of the District Seniority list to the Local Union Leadership by February 1, 2012. A copy was given to the union leadership and was placed in the teachers' lunch room for review. There were a few changes/revisions made and the BOE was given the revised copy dated 1-19-12.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2012-2013

Mr. Perrott and Mr. Engelman have been working with the 3 Grade Schools and the Grundy Area Vocational Center to line up the 2012-2013 school calendar. The goal is to line up with GAVC as much as possible so that GSW can attend the same days as the vocational center. This is difficult because GAVC has to coordinate the calendars of four feeder high schools (Gardner, Coal City, Morris & Minooka). The GSW administration has also worked diligently with the Grade Schools to coordinate calendars to line up vacation days, starts and finishes, and professional development days as best they can. The BOE members were given copies of the revised draft calendar. The teachers' union was also given a copy for their input. Continued communication with the Grade Schools is happening as the draft calendar is being worked on.

NCLB STATUS

Mr. Perrott explained that because we have not met the AYP standards in Reading and Math for the past 3-years, we find ourselves in a position of "federal sanctioning." This year we must offer "choice" and "supplemental educational services". In "choice" students may select another school to attend that is making AYP that is within the district or neighboring GSW. We don't have another school within the district and the neighboring districts are not accepting students. So there is no "choice". Students must stay at GSW HS. Although there is no "choice" we still had to go through the motions of sending letters home to parents and having a meeting to tell parents that we are a failing school and there is NO CHOICE for their students. A letter was mailed home to parents on Friday, January 13th and the choice meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 31st at 6:00 PM in the GSW cafeteria. The second bullet is "supplemental educational services". This program is offered only to our low income students and is conducted by outside "approved providers". Mr. Perrott is currently getting interested providers lined up. The problem is that we have about \$6,500 to service students at \$1,050 each. We can service only 6 students that are low income and struggling.

What is GSW HS doing to address their short comings? GSW is working to improve the school's academic program by reviewing and aligning Math and Language Art curriculum to the Common Core Standards; providing tutoring/academic assistance during the school day; developing before and after school programs for Title I identified students; professional development for teachers regarding the delivery of core curriculum; implementation of district-wide reading strategies; use of data review teams for early identification of academically struggling students.

BUILDING RENOVATION UPDATE

Mr. Perrott told the BOE members that the Roof Bid documents are "on the street" at the current time. He distributed a list of contractors that have picked up bid packets from our architect, Healy, Bender & Associates, Inc. The scheduled Bid Opening for the roof is 2:00 PM on Wed, February 1st in the board room at GSW HS. The Bathroom renovation work bid packet should go out on or about January 23rd and Bid Opens on Feb. 16th. Mr. Perrott reported that in preparation for the Bathroom renovations, Wally Debelak, Head Custodian, has been cutting strategically positioned holes in the walls. Bricks and wall board was removed so that an inspection could be made of the current waste, ventilation, and water piping in the wall. Information from this inspection will be added to the bid packet / information.

ACTION ITEMS

- Approval of the District Seniority List, as presented
- Approval of the Varsity Boys Basketball Coach for remainder of 2011-12 Season, Shane Tucker

Superintendent Information Items:

- FOIA Requests = There were no requests for the month of December.
- Soccer Co-op = A meeting for Girls Spring Soccer is scheduled for Monday, January 23rd at 3:45 PM in the GSW HS cafe, The girls' soccer coach from Reed-Custer is coming over to meet with the 5-6 girls that have shown an interest in playing this Spring.
- Board Member Training Information = Mr. Perrott shared information about opportunities for the BOE to receive Board Member Training.
- A letter was received from We Care of Grundy County thanking and congratulating GSW Teacher, Terese Kukman, for coordinating the participation of GSW NHS students as Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringers. The GSW students raised \$717.48 during the holiday. Mrs. Kukman regularly organizes GSW students to assist with this volunteer activity.

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