

**GARDNER-SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**  
**GARDNER, IL 60424**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 19, 2012**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Gardner-So. Wilmington High School Board of Education, Counties of Grundy and Kankakee, IL was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President David Doglio.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Gerber, Male and Wright. Mr. Finn arrived at 7:47 PM. Also in attendance were Superintendent Mr. Michael Perrott and Principal Mr. John Engelman. All members were present "in person."

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES: November 14, 2012 (Regular & Closed Meetings) and December 5, 2012 Public Forum regarding High School name change.

Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wright to approve the meeting minutes for the month of *November & December 2012*.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Gerber, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & PAYROLL: Mr. Elens motioned and seconded by Mrs. Brooks to approve the bills for the month of *December* and payroll for the month of *November*.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Gerber, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mrs. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Brooks to approve the Financial Reports for the month of *November*.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Gerber, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mrs. Susan Heerdt, President of the Teachers' Union, was at the meeting to give the Board of Education the "request to bargain" paperwork from the teachers. She also presented Mr. Craig Male, board member, with a gift certificate to La Piazza in Coal City for all of his extra help working on our sewer system. Mr. David Doglio, Board President, thanked the Administration, Faculty, Staff & Students of GSW High School for their involvement in the funeral procession for Sheriff Terry Marketti.

OTHER REPORTS AND ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- **Financial Reports** = There was a good deal of discussion and a number of questions for Superintendent Perrott regarding the bills presented for December payment. Beyond typical clarification regarding bills to be paid, Board President David Doglio inquired about the attorney fees accumulated relating to the district's legal suit against the Village of Gardner's refusal to forward \$400,000 of GSW TIF funds. Perrott reviewed the GSW attorney's current bill with the Board. Perrott shared that the \$13,900 bill was for legal services for the preparation of documents, research, and discussions that the district's attorney has had with the Village's attorney and GSW administration and board. Member Joe Elens inquired if the fees included attorney services for the Monday, December 17 court hearing. Perrott indicated that the fees for that day were not included

on this bill. Perrott indicated that he is anticipating additional fees for the court appearance. Anticipated work in December should be on the January bills.

- **School Name Change** = Mr. Perrott has not received any more letters or comments from the public regarding the school name change since the December 5, 2012 Public Forum. He has gathered all the information he received from the web survey and public comments and will give each board member a copy of this information along with the presentation made by the Probability & Statistics class students. The board agreed to further review all the information before bringing the topic up to vote. The board will take action at the January or February meeting.
- **River Valley Athletic Conference** = Principal, Mr. John Engelman informed the board that in November he was contacted and invited to attend a meeting about the SVC – Sagamon Valley Conference. Dwight was asked to join the SVC; GSW, Tri Point and Donovan were invited to an SVC meeting. Mr. Tucker attended a RVC – River Valley Conference meeting that same week. Since then, Dwight did join the SVC. GSW will still continue to co-op with Dwight for existing sports, football, golf, wrestling, cross country and track. There have been several discussions in regards to GSW and other RVC schools joining the SVC. The GSW administration and Athletic Director are recommending to the board that GSW HS remain in the existing RVC and decline the invitation to join the SVC. The RVC may have future conversations with the SVC regarding inter-conference competition.
- **April 9, 2013 Consolidated Election Petition Filing Dates** = As a result of a recent bill signed by Governor Pat Quinn, the filing deadline for nominating petition forms for the April 9, 2013 school board election for Gardner-South Wilmington High School District #73 has been changed. The deadline was moved back until December 26, 2012 at 5:00 PM. Previously, the date for the deadline of filing the petitions was December 24 at 5:00 PM. A school board candidate's petition must be filed in the District office no later than 5:00 PM on Wednesday, December 26, 2012. The GSW District office will be closed starting December 22 and will reopen on December 26 at 7:30 AM. Four seats on the High School's seven-member board of education will be filled at the April 9 election. All candidates elected will serve four-year terms expiring in April, 2017. There were 6 petitions taken out and as of today, only 3 were turned in.
- **ROE Health Life Safety Visit Report** = Assistant Regional Superintendent, Mr. Chris Mehochko came through the building and completed the Health Life Safety Visit. Our building received an A-status. There were just a few "easy" fixes that will be addressed. Ceiling tiles need to be in place, good housekeeping in the shop room and maintenance office areas, door closing mechanisms on the cafeteria doors, electric drop cords need to be addressed, chemicals in the science storage closets need to be properly disposed of.
- **Review of Closed Session Minutes** = Mr. Perrott informed the board that regularly, closed session recorded minutes need should be destroyed. The written closed session minutes need to be reviewed to be opened for public viewing. Mr. Perrott plans to continue this rotation every 6-months for the written minutes.
- **Abatement of Working Cash Fund** = Mr. Perrott reviewed the transfer of money from the Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund and the Education Fund. We are not abolishing the funds to a zero balance, but are abating funds out of one fund to another. Mr. Perrott is leaving a balance in the Working Cash Fund and moving \$23,000 to Transportation and \$34,000 to Education.
- **Dual District Superintendency** = GSW Board of Education was approached by the Braceville School Board about a Dual Superintendent role. Mr. James Monfredini, current Braceville Superintendent, will be retiring at the end of the school year in June 2013. The GSW HS board has had discussions with Mr. Perrott, Braceville board members and Mr. Monfredini. An intergovernmental Agreement was drawn up stating

that Braceville would pay 20% of Mr. Perrott's salary and benefits. Action will be taken at tonight's meeting. If approved by the GSW HS board, Braceville will approve at a Special Meeting on Thursday, December 20. Plans for a Principal to be hired for the Braceville Grade school are in works. Perrott anticipates the Braceville principal position will be posted very soon. Mr. Perrott will be involved with the hiring process for the new Braceville principal.

- **Roof Project** = There are a few projects that need to be wrapped up in order for the roof project to be complete. The lights over several entrance ways still need to be installed. The heat tape in the gutters of the vaulted roof still needs to be installed. Final payment to the roofing company is being delayed until all work is completed.
- **Contribution from B.P. America Inc. on behalf of Frank H. Chandler** = B.P. America Inc., donated a gift of money to GSW High School on behalf of Mr. Frank H. Chandler, employee of B.P. America Inc. Last year we also received a monetary donation from B.P. America Inc on behalf Mr. Chandler. Mr. Perrott will send a letter to both Mr. Chandler and the B.P. America Inc. corporate office thanking them for their generous donation.
- **Amended School Calendar** = Principal, Mr. Engelman had to revise the current GSW High School calendar and submit an Amended School Calendar to the IL State Board of Education. Due to a water main break in the Village of Gardner on Thursday, November 15, 2012, GSW had to end the school day at 12 noon. Mr. Engelman had to edit this day as an "interrupted day" to the school calendar.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- None at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the President, Mr. David Doglio, Mr. Male motioned and seconded by Mrs. Brooks to go into closed session at 9:05 p.m.

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- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).
- Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

REGULAR SESSION: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to return to regular session at 10:40 p.m.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2012 TAX LEVY, AS PRESENTED: Mrs. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to approve the 2012 Tax Levy, as presented.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

SCHOOL NAME CHANGE: Tabled – board members requested more information on subject.

MOTION TO REMAIN IN THE RIVER VALLEY CONFERENCE: Mr. Elens motioned and seconded by Mr. Finn to remain in the current River Valley Conference.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVAL OF DESTRUCTION OF ALL CLOSED MEETING MINUTE RECORDINGS PRIOR TO JUNE 2011: Mr. Male motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to approve the destruction of ALL Closed Meeting Minute Recordings prior to June 2011.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVAL OF THE OPENING OF ALL WRITTEN CLOSED MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 2009 TO NOVEMBER 2012: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wright to approve the opening of ALL written Closed Meeting Minutes from July 2009 to November 2012.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVAL OF SENIORITY LIST & MOTION TO OPEN FOR DISCUSSION: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mr. Elens to approve the Seniority List, as presented, and open for discussion.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

RESOLUTION FOR ABATEMENT OF WORKING CASH FUNDS TO TRANSPORTATION & EDUCATION FUNDS: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mr. Elens to approve the Resolution for Abatement of Working Cash Funds to Transportation & Education Funds.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT: Mr. Male motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to approve the Superintendent Contract.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR DUAL SUPERINTENDENT WITH BRACEVILLE GRADE SCHOOL, DIST. #75: Mr. Elens motioned and seconded by Mr. Male to approve the Resolution authorizing and approving the Intergovernmental Agreement for Dual Superintendent with Braceville Grade School, Dist. #75.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVAL OF ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTION FROM B.P. AMERICA INC. ON BEHALF OF FRANK H. CHANDLER: Mrs. Gerber motioned and seconded by Mr. Finn to accept the monetary contribution from B.P. America Inc. on behalf of Frank H. Chandler.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

DECEMBER 26, 2012 MEETING: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wright to cancel the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting for the month of December (December 26, 2012).

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION ITEMS: Superintendent Perrott reviewed the following:

- FOIA Requests = No requests this month
- Christmas Concert = The GSW HS Christmas Concert was held here at the high school on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.
- JJC Dual Credit = GSW has 18 students taking dual credit courses through Joliet Junior College on the GSW campus. JJC estimates that these students are saving approximately \$5778 in tuition.
- GAVC Welding Competition = GSW - GAVC Student Kaidon Hibler competed in a welding competition at Local 597 in Minooka. There were 59 students from high schools and colleges from around the state. Kaidon won 2<sup>nd</sup> place within the competition.
- Final Exam Schedule = Final exams will be held on Wednesday, December 19 with at 2:00 PM student dismissal and Thursday, December 20 with a 12 noon student dismissal.
- NHS Blood Drive on December 11, 2012
- Thanksgiving Food Baskets = The GSW National Honor Society and Business Club prepared food and Turkey baskets for community families in need. This year because of the generous contributions of members of the community, staff, business, and students more families were provided baskets.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUESTS: None at this time.

ADJOURN: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

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PRESIDENT, DAVID DOGLIO

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SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON