

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

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 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 7:02 p.m. by President David Doglio.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Brooks, Doglio, Finn and Wright. Mr. Male arrived at 7:10 PM. Also in attendance were Superintendent Mr. Michael Perrott and Principal Mr. John Engelman. All members were present "in person."

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES: October 17, 2012 (Regular & Closed Meetings)  
Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wright to approve the meeting minutes for the month of *October*.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Finn and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.

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

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Finn and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Student Presentation regarding District name Change:** Jenny Rodgers, student at GSW High School, was present to discuss her upcoming article in The Panther Press, a newsletter that the Student Publications Class at GSW HS distributes quarterly. She stated that she collected data and researched for historical information regarding the formation of Gardner-South Wilmington High School. She also interviewed the Mayor of Braceville, James Homa and Mr. James Monfredini, Superintendent of Braceville Grade school in regards to adding the name of Braceville to GSW HS.

**Statistics Class Presentation regarding District Name Change:** Ms. Nicole Emperor's Statistics class was given the project of breaking down the numbers and categorizing comments & reasons regarding the district name change. Three students from the class were present to review their findings, Chelsea Schultz, Abby Horrie and Megan Jett. The students gave a PowerPoint presentation to the board of education reviewing the history of GSW High School, the percentage of students from each town, community surveys, school surveys and the overall results of students' and individual towns' opinions.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

**OTHER REPORTS AND ITEMS DISCUSSED:**

- **School Name Change Public Forum December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** = Mr. Perrott reminded the board about the upcoming Public Forum that will be held in the GSW High School

cafeteria. He received many on-line surveys, in addition to several mail-in surveys from the public. All of the questions & comments from the surveys and the information received from the Statistics Class will be reported at this meeting.

- **Data Cohort State Project** = Mr. Engelman, Principal, and several teachers are over-taking a large project in regards to the rules & regulations with the Special Education Department. They have formed a Data Analysis Team that is working with the State of IL on improving the IEP Process. The group has been to two separate meetings in Springfield to ensure GSW is in regulation.
- **District Continuous Improvement Plan/Rising Star** = Mr. Engelman has put together a team to work on a State mandated program. GSW HS is in the state of “corrective action” due to the fact of not meeting AYP for the 4<sup>th</sup> year. Mr. Engelman and teachers, Ms. Emperor and Mrs. Scaccia, were trained in October and have already started to complete requirements of the program. Since then, they have added more members to their team, Ms. Kilmer, Mr. Leigh and Mr. Stevenson. The team is looking at the core curriculum, changes to the existing curriculum and using outside sources to assist.
- **November 27, 6:00 PM District Achievement Meeting** = GSW HS will hold a District Achievement Meeting in the café at 6:00 PM. This meeting is open to all parents and the public to discuss SES – Supplemental Educational Services.
- **School Choice and Supplemental Educational Services** = Mr. Perrott informed the board members that because GSW HS did not meet AYP, the school has to offer school choice to students. Because there are no other schools available at this time to accept GSW students, due to surrounding schools not meeting AYP or declining our students because of financial trouble, we have to offer a 2<sup>nd</sup> choice. This choice would be SES – supplemental educational services. These providers would be paid for through Title I funds.
- **River Valley Conference Information** = Mr. Engelman informed the board that he was contacted and invited to attend a meeting about the SVC – Sagamon Valley Conference. Dwight has been 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. After several discussions in regards to GSW and other RVC teams joining the SVC, it was decided that GSW HS remain in the existing RVC. The RVC may have future conversations with the SVC. If Dwight does join the SVC, GSW will still co-op for existing sports.
- **Snow Removal Bids** = Mr. Perrott informed the board that GSW HS received only two bids for the snow removal. The two bids were from Fatlan Trucking in Gardner and HL Landscaping in Joliet.
- **Application for Recognition of Public Schools** = Every year, GSW HS has to submit a Recognition of Public Schools and needs board approval.
- **Student Ranking** = Mr. Perrott brought up Student Ranking for discussion. Currently, the students at GSW HS are ranked by percentage and not GPA. He asked the board members if we should switch over to the traditional 4.0 scale, as almost all other high schools are currently using this type of grading scale. It will also help assist the students as they fill out their college applications / send transcripts.
- **Tax Levy Estimate of Aggregate Levy** = There will be a notice in The Paper in regards to the Tax Levy Hearing being held on Wed, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:55 PM with the regular board meeting immediately following at 7:00 PM.
- **District Organizational Chart** = The current chart was revised with only two changes being made to positions. Mr. Perrott’s title was changed from Superintendent/Principal to Superintendent and Mr. Engelman’s was changed from Dean of Students to Principal. All other areas of the chart remained the same.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the President, Mr. David Doglio, Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wright to go into closed session at 9:15 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).

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

REGULAR SESSION: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mr. Finn to return to regular session at 10:45 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE TAX LEVY ESTIMATE OF AGGREGATE LEVY: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mr. Finn to approve the Tax Levy Estimate of Aggregate Levy.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Finn, Male and Wright

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

MOTION TO ACCEPT SNOW REMOVAL BID FROM FATLAN TRUCKING: Mr. Male motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wright to accept the Snow Removal Bid from Fatlan Trucking for snow removal for the 2012-13 school year.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Finn, Male and Wright

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

APPROVAL TO HIRE DISTRICT BOOKKEEPER: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mr. Male to hire District Bookkeeper, Keeley Christensen.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wright to approve the 2012-2013 School Year Application for Recognition of Public Schools.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE DISTRICT ORGANIZATION CHART: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wright to approve the District Organization Chart, as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

MOTION TO APPROVE DISTRICT CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PLAN: Mr. Male motioned and seconded by Mr. Finn to approve the District Continuous Improvement Plan.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Finn, Male and Wright

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

NOVEMBER 28, 2012 MEETING: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wright to cancel the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting for the month of November (November 28, 2012).

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

MOTION TO SET DECEMBER 5, 2012 7:00PM BOARD MEETING / PUBLIC FORUM REGARDING DISTRICT NAME CHANGE: Mr. Finn motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wright to set the December 5, 2012 7:00 PM Board Meeting / Public Forum regarding District Name Change:

SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION ITEMS: Superintendent Perrott reviewed the following:

- FOIA Requests = none requested.
- Orange & Black Night = held on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM with girls basketball, boys basketball and performances from the Pantherettes & Cheerleaders.
- Students enrolled at JJC = GSW HS received a plaque for having the highest percentage of students graduating from GSW HS that now attend JJC.
- Copies of Audit = The previously approved Audit was given to board members.
- Fall Play = held on Fri, Nov 1<sup>st</sup> & Sat, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> being a Dinner Theater with meal served during the two plays in the gym.

BOARD ITEMS:

- Minutes reflecting order of the vote?

ADJOURN: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mr. Finn to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

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PRESIDENT, DAVID DOGLIO

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SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON