

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS **Highlights of the Regular Meeting** **JUNE 19, 2013**

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Principal John Engelman reported on the following:

- All teachers turned in curriculum for at least one subject at the end of the school year.
- A school-wide writing rubric was created for use in all classes.
- The Pippins (a husband & wife Math team) came in for a 1-day workshop with the Math teachers.
- The English Department met and reviewed their curriculum. They also developed an English rubric.

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Work is progressing nicely for summer. Tile abatement is lined up. We have three separate project costs for the three separate projects (teacher lounge, carpeted hallway, guidance office). The three abatement projects will cost approximately \$36,120. The floors will be started on July 8. The main entrance security door work is lining up. Final drawings for the main security door entryway and drawings for the concrete are complete.

LEASE AGREEMENT WITH GARDNER VILLAGE TIF DISTRICT

Mr. Perrott reported several townspeople were present at the Gardner Village Board Meeting that was held on Monday, June 10th with questions about the licensing (tif) money owed to GSW High School. He also stated that there will not be a resolution until the end of October due to the Village appealing the judges decision.

ILLINOIS COUNTY SCHOOL FACILITY TAX

There is good conversation starting around the county regarding a 1% sales tax increase to directly support the schools. The money would have to be used for OM type of expenditures / abatement of taxes. School districts must pass a resolution in the fall for the question to be placed on the March election ballot.

PRAIRIE STATE INSURANCE COOPERATIVE RENEWAL

Mr. Perrott stated that we are in this coop for worker's compensation and property & casualty. Our P/C cost has decreased due to lack of claim experience and worker's comp is up a bit. Mr. Perrott is recommending that the board approve our continued participation in the coop and fees to be paid in July for FY14. He also informed the board that he would like to bring in the coop representative to explain the program, coop and benefits at the July meeting.

HEALTH BENEFIT PROVIDER

Mr. Perrott made the recommendation to move from our current broker provider Dan Cantu Agent/ Downers Grove to the Horton Group in Orland Park. We will maintain Blue Cross/ Blue Shield, but will be upgrading the service that we receive from our agent/broker group. There is not a difference in cost to benefits. Because of the changes that are coming in the insurance law (Obama-care) we need a broker that is willing to help us navigate the changes. Mr. Perrott distributed a sheet with insurance costs for FY14.

RVC OFFICIALS SALARY SCALES

Mr. Perrott informed the board that only the basketball officials pay was increased by \$5.00 per game. All others stayed the same. The River Valley Conference is trying to stay competitive with official's salaries with other area schools / athletic conferences.

FY 14 BUDGET PROCESS

Mr. Perrott has prepared a time line. His goal is to complete the process within our regular BOE meeting schedule. The budget process will begin tonight with designating a person to prepare the budget. Then at the next few regular meetings, GSW will present the budget, send to The Paper, put on display, have a Public Hearing and then submit to the state by September 20, 2013.

FALL SCHOOL REGISTRATION

GSW HS had previously discussed putting together an online and mail-in pre-registration. This will not be put into effect for the 2013-14 school year. The logistics were not worked out by the time that they need to happen. We will run the traditional “walk-in” registration as in years past. Registration Day will be held on Thursday, August 1 from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM in the cafeteria.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Building Items:
 - Adler Roofing is finishing several punch items. Healy Bender & Associates has been contacting them but have received no response. GSW is holding \$64,479 that will be paid to Adler when they complete the punch list.

ACTION ITEMS

- Designation of Superintendent Perrott to prepare Tentative Budget
- Approval of Continued Lease Agreement with Christensen Brothers Farms
- Approval of Prevailing Wages for Construction Trades effective 7/1/13
- Approve hire of Abigail Brown for English Maternity Leave
- Approval of teacher resignation; Biology Teacher David Blackburn
- Approval of Curriculum Material: English Department Vocabulary Books
- Approval of Prairie State Insurance Cooperative Renewal
- Approval of Cheerleading Camp in Zion, Illinois July 17-19
- Approval of Spring Play Sponsor Resignation; Diantha Harper
- Approve hire of Spring Play Sponsor: Cassie Bashayreh
- Approval of Pantherette Volunteer Coach: Hannah Conger
- Approval of Cheerleading Volunteer Coach: Allison Serena
- Approval of Freshman Class Sponsor: Scott Hunt
- Approval of Health Benefit Broker/Agent: The Horton Group, Orland Park
- Cancel the June 26, 2013 meeting

Superintendent Information Items:

- FOIA Requests = Three requests were received from three sources. Sheet Metal Workers Union, Barbara Baker, and Dick Hileman/ Village of Gardner.
- GSW Athletic Booster Golf Outing was held on Saturday, June 8th with 12 noon shotgun start at the Dwight Country Club. \$2,095 was raised from this event for athletic programs at GSW.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUESTS

In response to appeals expressed by Gardner citizens the GSW Board requested that Superintendent Perrott prepare a communication to Gardner Village Board. The letter is to communicate that the High School is willing to waive currently owed penalty interest fees imposed by the court on the Village. In exchange the Village would withdraw its court appeal and abide by the decision that was already handed down by the Circuit Court in Grundy County. This agreement would save additional attorney fees for GSW and the Village. In addition GSW would be allowed to prepare a budget for the upcoming year without the fear of losing additional money.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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