

# **GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73**

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## **BOARD BRIEFS**

### **Highlights of the Regular Meeting SEPTEMBER 18, 2013**

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Kori Speed, community member & parent of a GSW HS student, was present to discuss the school's policy on a death in the community / school district. She wanted to know how the school / administration handled this type of situation. The board informed Mrs. Speed that a plan was in place for all faculty & staff to handle grieving students. Our on-site Social Worker is available for all students at GSW High School. She also discussed student attendance in regards to athletic participation. Principal, John Engelman, confirmed that students need to be in attendance at school for 5 clock hours in order to participate in a sporting event. Therefore, students need to be at school by 10:00 AM in order to play in a game that night.

#### **PRINCIPAL REPORT**

Principal John Engelman reported on the following:

- Mr. Engelman and 4 faculty members attended a Special Education Conference in Springfield last week. He feels that being involved in these conferences has helped communications with teachers, Grade Schools, staff, etc. They have helped to better mainstream students in regular education classes. The overall experience has been positive for all involved.
- Staff Development = on Wed, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, Kelly Dubek was at GSW HS to work on Academic Vocabulary curriculum with our faculty. She will be returning on Wed, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> for another School Improvement Day (SIP day).
- Writing Rubric = Developed last school year. This is a school wide initiative with every teacher using the Rubric to assess writing assignments in each class.
- Business Club Blood Drive = was held today, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 6:30 PM. They collected 28 units of blood, which is down from our goal of 50 units.
- CPR / AED training is scheduled for Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> for our remaining 4 outside coaches. Our training is going to be done by an outside service. The training will be given by an outside trainer. Previous trainings were conducted by the Gardner Fire Department but the fire department is unable to train at this time.
- JV Boys Basketball Coach = GSW is still looking to hire a JV Coach for Boys Basketball. The opening has to be posted in the Morris Herald, The Paper, and online sites.

#### **APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION OF SCHOOLS**

Mr. Perrott informed the board that this is a report / application that is completed every year. GSW High School fills out an application stating that the school is following the rules cited in the school code. Mr. Perrott provided each board member with a copy. This application needs board approval and will then be sent in.

#### **AGREEMENT WITH GARDNER VILLAGE TIF DISTRICT**

Mr. Perrott reviewed the brief filed by the Village of Gardner in the Appellate Court. GSW High School's response is due on October 9, 2013. Then, the Village of Gardner has an October 23 date to respond to our response.

#### **COUNTY SCHOOL FACILITY TAX**

Mr. Perrott gave the board information about the County School Facility Tax. A great deal of the sales tax in the county comes from Point of Sale business. An increase in the tax rate for identified retail sales might encourage the relocation of Point of Sales business. The potential loss of sales tax revenue will not win over the communities. A countywide meeting is being held at the Morris City Hall in October

## **FIRST MIDSTATE PRESENTATION**

David Pistorius from First Midstate will be at the next board meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss working cash bonds. He will go over the process and some alternatives for the district. The board will need to decide on a working cash bond to maintain our levy amount and bring some funds into the district.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Building Items:
  - East Parking Lot Entrance = Still working with state engineers to make improvements to the east drive entrance way.
  - Front Door Entrance = our on-site crew will be starting to prepare for the front door entrance project.
  - Building/Grounds Committee Meeting = Setting a date & time for the next committee meeting was discussed. A meeting should take place in the next 5 to 10 days.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- Approval of 2013-2014 GSW High School Operating Budget
- Approval of Application for Recognition of Schools
- Approval of Resignation of SADD Sponsor = Tiffany Berger
- Approval of SADD Sponsor = Cara Warzynski
- Hire of Part-time Cafeteria Assistant = Donna Walley
- Cancel the September 25, 2013 meeting

## **Superintendent Information Items:**

- FOIA Requests =  
James Riley: requesting information about Administrator / Athletic Director Angel Dallio's contract / salary.  
Randy Wilkey: requesting information about CPR training that teachers and coaches received during the past year.
- FY 13 Audit Presentation on October 16, 2013 = Janet Brown will have the audit prepared for presentation at our October board meeting.
- GAVC Enrollment = There are currently 30 GSW HS students enrolled at GAVC. The unduplicated enrollment for GAVC this school year is 553 students, which is down 27 students from last year's 580 students. Including all students from Wilmington and Braidwood we are serving 591 students this year, which is down 15 students from last year's 606.
- IASB (Illinois Association of School Boards) Fall Dinner Meeting = The topic is "Role of the BOE in Transitioning to the Common Core." The board members will let Mr. Perrott know if they want to attend.

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

President: David Doglio  
Vice-President: Pam Brooks  
Joe Elens, Matt Finn, Cindy Gerber,  
Craig Male, Allison Palermo  
Principal: John Engelman  
Superintendent: Michael Perrott