

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS **Highlights of the Regular Meeting** **MAY 15, 2013**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Nicole Emperor, Math Teacher, and students from her Statistics Class gave a presentation on “Hypothesis Testing at GSW” to the board. Jon Scudieri, Chelsea Schultz, Miranda Faletti, Abigail Horrie and Rebecca Bernardy stated that they tested in (3) areas = Student participation from all feeder Grade Schools in After school activities, sports, and ACT scores.

Four students were present to discuss the Cheerleading Program with the board. Alison Scudieri, Amanda Conger, Jordin Kirk and Kaytlyn Harvey addressed the board with concerns about the current program. They informed the board that the 2012-2013 squad started out with 14 members and was down to only 8 by the end of the season. They presented a letter to the board to read and discuss.

A parent was present to ask the board and Administration about the student locker assignments for the 2013-14 school year. Kori Speed, Parent of Sophomore student, asked the board to consider keeping tradition and move the Juniors and Seniors upstairs as upper classmen and keep the Freshman and Sophomore classes downstairs on the first floor. She was informed by Mr. Perrott that he and his team had discussed keeping students at the same locker throughout their entire high school years. A student would come into GSW and have the same locker for all 4 years. We would not move classes and students every year. This would save our maintenance staff time not having to re-key every single locker and hopefully cause students to take care of their locker.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Principal John Engelman reported on the following:

- Prom was held on Saturday, May 4th at the Gardner American Legion.
- PSAT testing was completed at the end of April.
- MAP Testing is complete. We had a revised schedule for 9 days with testing from 8AM to 9AM and regular school classes starting at 9:00 AM.
- Final Exams for students will be Wed, May 22 and Thurs, May 23. Friday, May 24 will be a Teacher Institute Day.
- Math/English teachers will be working on curriculum during the summer.

LEASE AGREEMENT WITH GARDNER VILLAGE TIF DISTRICT

Mr. Perrott read the letter that he had read to the Gardner Village board on Monday night, May 13, at their regular meeting. He informed the board that GSW received 2 separate checks in the mail today (Wed-May 15). The first check was for \$349,941 and the second check was for \$345.15. GSW was shorted \$69,170 less than what was owed to them. Perrott reported that the school has already spent over \$46,000. Perrott reported that he believes that the Village of Gardner has spent a similar amount.

Perrott commented, “The Village is continuing an argument for what reason? How does the Village gain by withholding the money from the High School? The citizens of Gardner are being financially penalized twice for the Village’s refusal to turn over the funds. Tax Payers in Gardner are paying for the Village’s and the School district’s attorneys. All tax payers in the High School district are sharing the burden”.

There is a court status hearing on Monday, May 20 at 9:00 AM at the Grundy County Court House in Morris.

STATE OF ILLINOIS SCHOOL MAINTENANCE GRANT

The State of Illinois allows schools to participate in a Maintenance Grant that they will match up to \$50,000. GSW would have to select one particular project and move forward with the application. Mr. Perrott is recommending that we use the Front Entrance Project for this Grant.

COUNTY SCHOOL FACILITY TAX

There was a Special Board Meeting - Grundy County Wide BOE Work Session – held on Wednesday, May 8th at 7:00 PM in Coal City. Five of our seven GSW HS board members and Superintendent Perrott were present at this meeting. Each member received a binder with detailed information and a copy of the board minutes from the meeting were distributed to all members.

AED GRANT

Ms. Kris Spiezio and Mr. Perrott have been working with the Morris Hospital Foundation to participate in the AED Grant. GSW currently has two AEDs = 1 in the building on the stage area and 1 traveling AED, which travels with the boys baseball team. We are submitting an application in order to have 1 additional traveling AED, which will go with the girls softball team.

IDEA DISTRICT REVIEW

Mr. Perrott distributed a copy of the Illinois State Board of Education report to each board member. The state report shows that the high is in compliance with special education programming for GSW special education students.

BUS CONTRACT

Mr. Perrott is recommending renewing a one-year contract with Illinois Central School Bus. No other businesses have approached GSW inquiring bidding our bus service. There is a 2% increase on services. The final cost of transportation is dictated by how GSW uses the services. Use of services is dictated by the number, length and kinds of routes that are necessary next school year.

SUMMER ATHLETICS / OPEN GYM

Ms. Spiezio has been working with the coaches on summer activities. The coaches have submitted monthly schedules for basketball and volleyball in June and July.

GSW COACHES' HANDBOOK

Mr. Shane Tucker had presented the Coaches' Handbook to the board a few months ago. Mr. Engelman and Ms. Spiezio have also reviewed it. Mr. Perrott stated that this is the FINAL VERSION and will be asking for board approval. The board agreed to approve it as presented, with a few addendums.

SCHOOL FEES 2013-14 SCHOOL YEAR

Mr. Perrott recommended that the fees remain the same for the upcoming school year. A copy of the Fee Form was distributed to each board member. The board asked Mr. Perrott to look into an Incentive Program to increase parent participation at Parent/Teacher Conferences. Several ideas were given by board members. Mr. Perrott will talk to his committee and report back to the board at next month's meeting.

SUMMER HOURS FOR MAIN OFFICE

Mr. Perrott informed the board that the main office will open Monday thru Thursday from 10AM to 1 PM during the summer. The main office will be closed on Fridays. A Part time person was approved at last month's meeting as summer office help. The hours will be posted on the school marquee, main office door, on the answering machine, and website.

MAIL-IN / PRE-REGISTRATION

Perrott reported that a team is currently in the process of putting together Student Registration for the 2013-14 school year. The team is working on on-line pre-registration and on-line payment and mail-in registration. There will still be a walk-in registration.

BUD & MARGE GADDI ESTATE DONATION

Last summer, GSW HS was informed that we were the recipient of funds from the Estate of Marge Gaddi. Marge was a teacher for a number of years at GSW HS. A few weeks ago, GSW did receive a check for \$100,000. The board wanted to know if the family had any suggestions on the use of the donated money. Mr. Perrott said he will bring back ideas at next month's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Building Items:
 - Adler Roofing still has to complete a few minor projects in order to wrap-up the roof project.

ACTION ITEMS

- Approval of AED Grant Application
- Approval to hire Scholastic Bowl Sponsor – Susan Heerdt
- Approval of State of Illinois School Maintenance Grant
- Approval of One Year Bus Transportation Contract Renewal- Illinois Central Bus
- Approval of School Maintenance Grant – Deleted item / duplicated in agenda.
- Approval of GSW Coaches' Handbook, with addendum.
- Approval of over-night travel – Boys Basketball Summer Tournament
- Approval of Summer Hours for Main Office = (Monday thru Thursday 10 AM until 1 PM)
- Approval to hire summer help – Maintenance – Adam Leigh
- Approval to hire summer help – Grounds – Jon Posing
- Approval of Resignation of JV Boys Basketball Coach – Zach Myers
- Approval of School Fees for 2013-2014 school year
- Approval to cancel the 2nd meeting for the month of May = May 22, 2013 meeting

Superintendent Information Items:

- FOIA Requests = One request for two items from James Riley
- GSW Athletic Booster Golf Outing – Saturday, June 8th with 12 noon shotgun start
- GSW High School Graduation = Sunday, May 19th at 2:00 PM in gym
- Skills USA State Competition Winners: Kaidon Hibler 3rd place welding and Anthony Garrett 9th place welding at the State competition.
- Mrs. Kukman, NHS Sponsor, and the National Honor Society members “did a nice job again” with the latest blood drive. NHS Blood Drive was held Tuesday, May 14th. 28 pints of blood were donated. The next blood drive is September 2013 and is sponsored by the Business Club. The NHS and Business Club will be having a total of 4 blood drives during the 2013-14 school year. We have been approached to hold a 5th, but declined.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUESTS

- AED stationed at the gym on the stage area is wired to 911. Make sure that the AED is checked regularly. Principal Engelman stated that it is checked by the fire department during scheduled fire drills.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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