

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS **Highlights of the Regular Meeting** **MARCH 20, 2013**

FINANCIAL REPORTS

There was more discussion this month regarding the bills presented for the month of March. Mr. Perrott informed the board that we are now at a total of \$18,454.58 for work related to the TIF issue.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennie Rodgers, GSW HS student, addressed the board about cutting the current Art Program down to a 3/7 position. She gave the board members a petition signed by 155 students at GSW to show their support for the Art Program. Dakota Beegle, a GSW HS senior, put together this petition and circulated it for signatures.

Mrs. Sara Rodgers, a GSW HS parent, talked about how the incoming 8th grade students were told at their 8th Grade Registration Night that they could take Art classes and now the program is being cut down to 3/7. She asked the board members not to reduce the Art program. She said there is student interest and not a lack of student numbers.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Principal John Engelman reported on the following:

- PSAT Testing = GSW has started PSAT Prep for our Juniors. We have 6 days of review thus far and after Spring Break we will get another 9 days of review in before the tests at the end of April (April 23 & 24). Mr. Perrott, Mr. Engelman and Ms. Kilmer have all met with the students and have talked about the testing, as well as presenting the students with incentives.
- Rewards = GSW has continued this year with monthly drawings for our “Step It Up Program”
- Safety = We continue to try and keep GSW HS a safe place for our students. Grundy County Police were present with the “K9 unit/drug dog” to do a search of the building. We are proud to say that nothing was found. There was also a random search of students performed as they entered the building on March 13th.
- Blood Drive = April 18th from 2:00 to 6:30 PM sponsored by NHS.
- Black & White Dance = was held on Sat, March 9th from 6:30 to 9:30 PM. Ms. Kris Spiezio supervised the dance and “did a great job”.
- Military Box Drive = NHS is collecting various items from March 18 to 22 that they will send to some of the soldiers who have graduated from GSW.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Mr. Engelman, Mr. Perrott, teachers and several parents have reviewed the student handbook. The board members received copies of the recommendations. The board agreed on all the suggested changes and new language, with the exception of one amendment.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2013-2014

Mr. Perrott and Mr. Engelman reviewed the School Calendar with the Grade Schools one last time since the February board meeting. The board members reviewed the final copy of the GSW calendar compared to other area school calendars. This will be an action item.

BUILDING ITEMS

Superintendent Perrott reported on the following projects / building items:

- A new fire-alarm “call out system” is being installed this Friday March 22. The call out system sends a message to the fire department if an alarm is triggered. The old “call out” system is operational but the

new system being installed runs a daily test to assure that it is working. If the call out system is not working we are contacted.

- The door closers for the cafeteria are being installed during spring break. The closers on the doors are activated if a fire alarm is triggered.
- Additional testing and upgrading of the fire detection / fire alert devices in the gym wing of the building is being done during the spring break.
- We had an incident with snow sliding off of the west side of the gym roof. After a recent snow, a pile of snow/ice slide off the roof and landed where cars are normally parked. A conversation was had with Scott Anderly / architect who in turn talked to the manufacturer. The architect is getting us information about a snow retention product that the roof manufacturer approves that will not void our roof warranty.
- We are scheduling the Gym floor yearly refinishing for early late July early August.

SCHOOL DISTRICT LIBRARY PROGRAM GRANT AWARD

As requirement of the State District Library Program grant that we receive from the State of Illinois, the BOE must acknowledge / review our library. Mr. Perrott reviewed some of the services that our GSW HS library provides. Mrs. Becky Morgan, Librarian, “does a great job at keeping the students interested in reading and providing materials to faculty, staff & students”.

GRUNDY COUNTY RECIPROCAL REPORTING AGREEMENT

Every year we sign a reciprocal reporting agreement with Grundy County Sheriff. The agreement allows /encourages the sharing of serious discipline information about students with the sheriff and they share information with us about events that are occurring in the area. This agreement continues to strengthen the relationship that GSW has with the Sheriff’s Department.

OLD BUSINESS:

- NONE

ACTION ITEMS

- Approve Athletic Director Job Description
- Approve Academic Services Coordinator Job Description
- Accept Math Teacher Resignation – Shane Tucker
- Accept Business Teacher Resignation – Justin Stevenson
- Accept Pantherette Sponsor Resignation – Michelle Scaccia
- Approve Resolution Teacher Reduction in Force (RIF) – MATH
- Approve Resolution Teacher Reduction in Force (RIF) – ART
- Approve hiring of Academic Services Coordinator – Angel Dallio
- Approval of School Calendar for 2013-2014 school year
- Approval of IHSA Membership Renewal
- Approval of Student Handbook for 2013-2014 school year
- Approve Grundy County Reciprocal Reporting Agreement
- Approve hiring of Athletic Director – Kristine Spiezio
- Approval to cancel the 2nd meeting for the month of March = March 27, 2013 meeting

Superintendent Information Items:

- **FOIA Requests** = Mayor of Braceville, James Homa sent a request for the school name change information that was taken from the surveys and the power points that were used in the presentation to the community.
- **National Honor Society** = NHS Induction Ceremony was held on Monday, March 11 at 6:00 PM. 12 students were inducted this year.

- **Illinois Association of School Boards Recognition of GSW Board Member** = David Doglio received recognition for his participation in the IASA Delegate Assembly.
- **Skills USA – State Championship Qualifiers** = GSW has 4 students competing in the state level competition in Springfield on April 11-13. All four of these young men are in Welding at GAVC. They are Cody Harvey, Kaidon Hibler, Vaughan Reed, and Anthony Garrett.
- **School District Library Program Grant Award** = GSW has received \$735 from the state for library materials/ resources/ subscriptions.
- **ISBE Certificate of Recognition** = GSW has met the standards for public schools set forth in the School code. A copy of the certification is hanging in BOE room.
- **GAVC Director Award Winner for February 2013** = Kaidon Hibler was February's selection for Welding at GAVC.
- **Heavy Equipment Technology Program** = We have two students who have completed the application process and have been invited to the 150 training facility for interviews. The parents have also been invited to this meeting for introduction to the facility and program.
- **Summer 2013 Internship Initiative** = There are three GSW students that have submitted an application for an internship this summer. There were three or four business partners that were offering internships. The students will next be invited to interview with the internship position that they applied for.
- **Academic Awards Night** = will be held on Tuesday, April 30th at 7:00 PM
- **Spring Play** = will be held on April 27 (Sat) & April 28 (Sun).

BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUESTS

- Athletic / Sponsor Banners = Mr. Perrott had Mr. Tucker check with the IHSA regarding banners and signage that could be hung. There are no restrictions.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

President: David Doglio

Vice-President: Pam Brooks

Joe Elens, Matt Finn, Cindy Gerber,

Craig Male, Rita Wright

Principal: John Engelman

Superintendent: Michael Perrott