

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting

AUGUST 20, 2014

PUBLIC COMMENT

Audience = None.

Communications = GSW HS received information regarding the Village of Gardner's request for an extension to submit a motion regarding the Supreme Court case. Their original deadline was August 6, 2014. They have also added another attorney to this case.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. John Engelman, Principal, reported on the following:

- 1st day of school was Wed, Aug. 13th – full school day from 8 AM to 3 PM.
- Worked on finalizing the New Teacher Evaluation Tool. Mr. Engelman, Mrs. Heerdt and the Union have come to an agreement and will be asking for approval at tonight's meeting.
- Professional Development for the school year has been lined up.
- Teacher Institute Day - Tues, Aug. 12th. MAP training was held for all teachers.
- All Class Meetings – Mr. Engelman has met with each class separately (Fresh, Soph, Juniors and Seniors) to discuss student expectations & feedback. These meetings went very well.
- 1st round of MAP testing started on Tuesday, Aug. 19th
- Freshman orientation – was held on Monday, Aug 11th
- Personal calls were made to each freshman home to invite students and parents to the orientation.
- 8th Grade Algebra meeting – was held on Monday, Aug. 11th
- A group of students have submitted a plan to hold an Ice Bucket Challenge – The students are currently working with the principal to put the details together. At least 2 staff members will somehow be involved. Proceeds from this fund raiser will go to support ALS research.

TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR REPORT

At last month's meeting, the Board requested that Mr. Perrott work with GSW technology director Logan Murray to prepare reports during the year to update the Board regarding projects that are being planned, completed, and in process. Mr. Murray put together a list of projects that have been completed over the summer:

- The GSW website was switched over to a new one
- The TeacherEase Lunch Module was put into use
- Email was moved over to Google.
- Worked on E-Rate – GSW will receive 50% funding
- Helped with wiring/electrical as the 18 drop ceilings were installed
- Lab computers have all been updated & refreshed
- MAP sessions
- New marquee / front sign – up and running. Helping to train employees on how to work the program.

And more projects that he is currently working on:

- Laptops
- Additions to the Lunch Program

TENTATIVE FY15 BUDGET

The tentative budget was reviewed by the board. A copy is on display in the main office for public viewing. The Budget Hearing held at 7pm on September 17th, immediately before the regular board meeting.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH/DENTAL INSURANCE

GSW has made the switch from Blue Cross/Blue Shield of IL to People's First for health coverage and DeltaOne for dental coverage. The Union has agreed to these new insurance plans. A spreadsheet with Total Cost and Employee Cost per month for both FY14 and FY15 was distributed for review.

FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY REVISIONS/ADDITIONS

Board Policy Revisions/Additions were distributed to each board member for 1st review = 4:55-AP, 4:55-E, 4:60, 4:60-AP, 4:60-AP1, 4:60-AP2, 4:60-E, 4:70, 4:70-AP.

ATHLETIC AWARDS EVENT

The recommendation by the Athletic Directors is to have one Awards Event in the Spring to cover all sports from the entire 2014-15 school year. The date they have chosen is May 12, 2015. All sports will be honored on this night. Baseball/Softball will be recognized at the May 12 ceremony and will have a team event at the conclusion of the season.

OLD BUSINESS:

Building/Grounds Projects Spring/Summer 2014 = Mr. Perrott reported the progress of work from the summer construction. A special "Thank You" to D-Construction for use of their sweeper to clean-up the school parking lot. The flooring in the new front entrance is being completed.

ACTION ITEMS

- Approval of Board Policy Revisions/Additions (2nd Reading) = 4:20, 4:30, 4:40, 4:45, 4:45E1, 4:45E2, 4:45AP, 4:50, 4:55, 7:18E, 10:02.
- Approval of Destruction of all Closed Meeting Minute Recordings prior to December 2012
- Approval of the opening of all Written Closed Meeting Minutes from November 2013 to June 2014
- Accept JV Volleyball Coach Resignation = Colleen Christensen
- Hire JV Volleyball Coach = Amber Eisha
- Approval of Volunteer Volleyball Coach = Zach Boyer
- Approval of Volunteer Pantherette Coach = Christina Elliot
- Hire Part-time Custodian = Lois Young
- Hire Cheerleader Coach = TABLE
- Hire Music Teacher = Michael Leone
- Approve Intergovernmental Agreement = Logan Murray, Tech Director (GSW High School & Braceville Grade School)
- Approve Academic Services Coordinator Contract = Angel Dallio
- Approve Employee Health/Dental Insurance
- Approve Teacher Evaluation Instrument
- Cancel the August 27, 2014 meeting – 2nd meeting for the month of August.

Superintendent Information Items:

- FOIA Requests: List was distributed to board members.
- Donation of student supplies = The St. Lawrence Catholic Church in South Wilmington has donated school supplies for students in need. These supplies are being given to students as needed.

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