

# GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

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## BOARD BRIEFS

### Highlights of the Public Hearing & Regular Meeting APRIL 16, 2014

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#### **ACADEMICS SERVICES COORDINATOR**

Ms. Angel Dallio was present to discuss the current RTI program at GSW High School. She informed the board about our Data Team and how students are evaluated. She also discussed the MAP, PARCC, ACT and PSAE testing and test scores.

#### **PRINCIPAL REPORT**

*Mr. John Engelman, Principal, discussed the following:*

New teacher evaluation tool: Mr. Engelman and Mr. Perrott have been working on gathering information from other schools on their current tool. This new tool needs to be in place by 2016. They have had discussions and Mr. Engelman has been working to put this together for our school. “It is a long process”. When it is complete, Mr. Engelman and Mr. Perrott will review it and work with the teachers’ union to come to an alignment. A meeting with the Teachers Union is set for Tues, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:50 AM. When an agreement is made, it will be brought to the BOE for approval.

Adam Leigh (Social Studies teacher) attended a conference this week regarding different activities for use in the classroom; Leigh mentioned at least 6 new ideas. He has been using these activities this week and the “kids loved it”.

IL Youth Surveys and Student surveys (that were created by our GSW SIP team and given electronically thru Google Docs by Logan Murray, Tech Director) have been finished. The surveys were about student-to-student respect – the next part of this process is for the SIP team to analyze this data.

As mentioned in previous meetings, GSW teachers are working with Kellie Doubeck on future Professional Development, as well as possibly working with the feeder Grade Schools to have some future PD meetings together.

The PARCC Pilot test for Sophomores was given the week of April 7th – it tests the Sophomores in 3 different areas. Ms. Dallio and Mr. Murray did a good job of implementing this process.

Ms. Kilmer and Mr. Engelman have met and finalized our upcoming PSAE schedule; Ms. Kilmer met with teachers to go over their duties during this time. Ms. Kilmer and Mr. Engelman met with the Juniors to go over details and importance of the test as well as incentives for the upcoming test. Test dates for juniors are April 23 and 24th. Student review sessions have had a good student turnout.

On Tuesday, April 8th, the Grundy County Health Dept. brought 6 speakers to GSW to give our students and staff information on their programs. The assembly was also used to allow Ms. Kilmer to give some helpful information on upcoming PSAE tests. Ms. Dallio and Mrs. Arrambide announced all of our spring athletes.

Mr. Engelman has been working on arranging a May 9th field trip for rewarding students with perfect attendance for the school year, as well as rewarding students with straight A’s. He has also been gathering staff’s votes on our “Student of the Year.”

## **SCHOOL FEES – SCHOOL YEAR 2014-2015**

Mr. Perrott is not recommending an increase in any fees. He is recommending that we charge a fee for transcripts like we had discussed at last month's meeting. He is recommending that we don't charge for PE uniforms and don't sell PE uniforms. He talked with the PE teachers and their concern is just getting kids into fresh clothes after PE. The board also discussed adding a \$25 Parent/Teacher Conference fee (per family) to be fully refunded if a parent attends at least 1 of the 2 scheduled Parent/Teacher Conferences during the 2014-15 school year.

## **FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY REVISIONS/ADDITIONS**

The following Board Policy Revisions/Additions were distributed to each board member for 1<sup>st</sup> review = 2:200, 2:200-AP, 2:210, 2:220, 2:220-E1, 2:220-E2, 2:220-E3, 2:220-E4, 2:220-E5, 2:220-E6

## **SUMMER BOYS BASKETBALL TRIP(S)**

Mr. Gibson, Head Boys Basketball Coach, would like take the boys basketball players to 2 overnight summer camps this summer. We have done similar trips during the past summers. The board reviewed the information.

## **ATHLETICS**

The board members discussed the current policy on JV and Varsity teams in all sports. Can juniors play down to fill teams? We have had to cancel a JV game this season because we only had 8 fresh / soph baseball players. The board agreed that if we have enough students to make up both a JV and Varsity team, then Fresh/Soph will be the JV team and Juniors/Seniors will be Varsity. Currently, we only have a varsity baseball team and varsity softball team. If we need to invite some Junior baseball players in order to make-up a JV team to play a game, then the board is OK with doing that. This will get all students playing time and experience.

## **AMENDED SCHOOL DISRICT CALENDAR 2013-2014**

The last day for students is Monday, June 2. The last day for teachers is Tuesday, June 3 and the final teacher make-up day is Wed, June 4. The amended calendar shows the use of emergency days. Every year we have to amend the calendar to show whether we used emergency days or not.

## **IASB RESOLUTION**

If the BOE is interested in submitting a Resolution to the IASB for consideration at the Fall Conference Meeting, Mr. Perrott has the form and process documents.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Student GPA – Grade Scale** = Board members once again reviewed the recommendation made by the committee. The GPA /Grading committee has completed their work and the recommendation was reviewed at the March BOE meeting. The committee had 3 teachers, 3 parents, Jennifer Kilmer (Guidance Counselor), John Engelman (Principal), and Mr. Michael Perrott (Superintendent) sit on the committee. They met 3 times.

**School Board Strategic Planning Work** = Don Kachur Illinois ASCD (Association for Supervision and Curriculum) / Illinois State University Emeritus facilitated a strategic planning session / board work session on Thursday, March 6. Dr. Kachur led the board through a planning session. The outcomes from that meeting were reviewed at the March 19, 2014 BOE meeting and are being presented for approval at tonight's meeting.

**Building/Grounds Projects Spring/Summer 2014** = We currently have 15 projects on-going and proposed now thru the end of summer. Mr. Perrott created a spreadsheet which was reviewed by the board. GSW High School needs to apply for building permits from the ROE for work to be completed this Spring/Summer. Mr. Perrott is seeking approval for the work to be completed this summer. The board agreed that the projects need to be completed.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- Approval of Board Policy Revisions/Additions (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) = Board Policies: 2:125-E2, 2:125E1, 2:140, 2:140-E, 2:150, 2:150-AP, 2:160, 2:170, 2:170-AP, 2:130.
- Approval of Amended Calendar School Year 2013-2014
- Approval of School fees for 2014-2015, to include additional Conference Fee of \$25 per family
- Approval to Pursue Building Permits
- Approval of Boys Summer Basketball Trip(s)
- Approval of Student GPA – Grade Scale
- Approval of School Board Goal Statements, as presented
- Accept Resignation of Head Volleyball Coach, Melissa Cardone
- Accept Resignation of Math teacher, Scott Hunt
- Cancel the April 23, 2014 meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting for the month of April

## **Superintendent Information Items:**

- FOIA REQUESTS: One FOIA was submitted in March by James Riley. Mr. Riley requested accounting of the money raised from the sales in the cafeteria candy machine for the past three years. This included how the profits from this machine were spent. He also asked for the “itemized breakdown” of the rewards purchased for the “Step it Up” student rewards program. Lastly, he requested records showing how much was spent for Chicago Professional Baseball games during the past three years.  
Principal Engelman reported that all of the profits from the cafeteria candy machine are used to reward students for perfect attendance, straight A’s, and behavior rewards and other things.
- SPRING PLAY (April 4 & 5): We had 10 kids in the play cast and 2 crew members working on the set with lights and sound. On Friday night, we had around 100 people, and on Saturday night, we had around 60-70 people in attendance.
- ATHLETIC BOOSTER GOLF OUTING: Saturday, June 28 at Dwight Country Club.
- GSW HIGH SCHOOL ROAD TO REALITY: GSW was awarded a 2<sup>nd</sup> place award in State for the Region. We will receive a prize of \$2,000! The grant is specific on spending it on “after prom” activities.
- PRE-REGISTRATION FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2014-2015 = Packets go out to students on Thursday, April 17, 2014.
- BASEBALL FUNDRAISER / RAFFLE = You could win 4 tickets to the Chicago Cubs vs. Cincinnati Reds baseball game on September 16<sup>th</sup> at Wrigley Field! The 4 seats are only 5 rows behind the Chicago Cubs dugout – Aisle 14. Baseball players are selling tickets for \$10 per chance. The drawing will be held on May 18. Winner will be notified immediately.
- GSWB COMMUNITY NIGHT AT SILVER CROSS FIELD on Sunday, June 8. Joliet Slammers vs. River City Rascals at 1:05pm behind the home dugout. Tickets are \$10 a seat and half is returned to the schools. Students / clubs at the three elementary districts and high school are selling the tickets.
- FY2014 SCHOOL DISTRICT LIBRARY GRANT = GSW High School was awarded \$750.
- MAY BOARD MEETING - TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014
- END OF THE YEAR CALENDAR ITEMS:
  - Blood Drive = Wed, April 16 from 2:00 to 6:30 PM
  - No School = Friday, April 18 & Monday, April 21 = EASTER HOLIDAY
  - PSAT Testing = April 23 & 24 with 12:15 PM early out for students
  - PROM – Sat, April 26 at American Legion in Gardner
  - MAP Testing – April 30 thru May 5
  - Wed – May 7 = early dismissal at 11:30 AM
  - Perfect Attendance / Straight A’s Field Trip = Fri, May 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Spring Fine Arts Night at 7:00 PM = Tues, May 13
  - Graduation – Sun, May 18 at 2:00 PM

- Final Exams = Fri, May 30 and Mon, June 2
- Teacher Inst = Tues, June 3 and final teacher make-up day is Wed, June 4

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