

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Public Hearing & Regular Meeting MAY 20, 2014

PUBLIC COMMENT

Correspondence Received =

Mr. Perrott distributed a copy of a letter addressed to James Riley from the Illinois State's Attorney office and CC to the BOE. Mr. Riley had reported GSW to the State's Attorney's office for violating an Opening Meetings Act rule during the April 16, 2014 meeting. A response letter was sent back to Mr. Riley to indicate that GSW was not in violation.

Mr. Perrott also informed the board about a letter received from the Village of Gardner inviting GSW to attend the yearly TIF meeting being held on Monday, June 2nd at 1:00 PM at the Village Hall. Mr. Perrott reported that he will be in attendance at this meeting to represent GSW HS.

Student Recognition = At the last Grundy County Board meeting, five GSW graduates were honored for giving their lives in service of our county in the Vietnam War. A mounted certificate was prepared and presented to each of the families at the board meeting. A certificate honoring these Servicemen was presented to GSW by the county board. Mr. Engelman represented GSW at the meeting.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Mr. John Engelman, Principal, discussed the following:

School Improvement Planning Team update:

Summary of meetings

Planning for RTI program(s)

Planning for character development during the 2014-15 school year.

Sent 3 teachers (Scaccia, Heerdt and Hunt) to recent conferences.

PARCC pilot tests completed.

Started 1st interviews for new math teacher and will plan to have board approve new hire at June meeting.

FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY REVISIONS/ADDITIONS

The following Board Policy Revisions/Additions were distributed to each board member for 1st review = 2:230m 2:240, 2:240-E1, 2:240-E2, 2:240-E3, 2:250-AP1, 2:250-AP2, 2:250-E1, 2:250-E2, 2:250-E3, 2:260, 2:260-AP, 2:260-AP2.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Mr. Engelman has been working with the Student Handbook Committee to revise for the 2014-15 school year. There were a few suggested changes. He reviewed the proposed changes with the board and will be asking for approval at tonight's meeting. Some of these include = Perfect attendance clarification on State vs. end of the year field trip, PE dress policy (eliminating the mandatory PE uniform), Prairie State Exam wording changed to State Mandated testing, Letter grades and Val/Sal wording revised, NHS GPA changed to 3.5 or better, Premier Academy transfer information added, Eligibility rules revised and breathalyzer test added to the Substance Abuse section.

JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE – DUAL CREDIT

A Memo of Understanding needs to be approved to continue to offer the dual-credit English class with JJC. Mrs. Susan Heerdt currently teaches this class at GSW HS.

AMENDED 2013-2014 BUDGET

Mr. Perrott presented information regarding a proposed amended budget. A. the tax levy from Kankakee needs to be inserted into the revenue. B. Funds held by the school for capital projects needed to be placed into the budget. C. An adjustment needed to be made to administrator expenses. A budget amendment hearing will be held at the beginning of the June BOE meeting.

INTERNET SERVICE UPGRADE

IT Director, Logan Murray, has been working with AT&T to get upgraded service into the building as was approved by the BOE. The board reviewed the contract/drawings that show the plan. The contract needs to be approved to allow AT&T to lay the new cable.

OLD BUSINESS:

Building/Grounds Projects Spring/Summer 2014 = We have applied for building permits from the ROE for work to be completed this spring/summer. We will have approximately 15 projects going on at the same time over the summer months. Some of the projects are interrelated and some are stand alone.

Bids for Summer Work = We held Bid Openings today at 2:00 PM for Electrical Work and at 2:30 PM for Remedial Work. We had 3 bids for electrical and 4 bids for remedial work. Excel Electrical from Frankfort was the low bid for electrical, Johnston-Downs for outside concrete and Heritage Development for band room and HVAC. These will need to be approved at tonight's meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

- Approval of Board Policy Revisions/Additions (2nd Reading) = Board Policies: 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
- Accept Bid for Electrical Work = Excel Electrical, Frankfort, IL
- Accept Bid(s) for Remedial Work = Johnson-Downs (exterior concrete) and Heritage Development (band room and HVAC).
- Approve Internet / Communication Upgrade Work = AT&T installation of high-speed internet
- Accept Scholastic Bowl Sponsor Resignation = Susan Heerdt
- Hire Scholastic Bowl Sponsor = Lara Fatka
- Retain JV Volleyball Coach, Erin Galloway, for 2014-15 school year
- Retain Cross-Country Coach, Larry Lane, for 2014-15 school year
- Accept Part-time Custodian Resignation, Andy King
- Hire Part-time Custodian, Timothy Parks
- Accept Prom Sponsor Resignation, Anthony Cozzi
- Hire Prom Sponsor, Cassie Bashayreah
- Hire SADD Sponsor, Michelle Scaccia
- Approve 2014-15 Student Handbook
- Accept Summer Custodial Resignation, Alison Gross
- Hire Summer Custodial, Justin Kinder
- Hire Freshman Class Sponsor, Johanna Thorndyke
- Hire Sophomore Class Sponsor, Kris Spiezio
- Approve Joliet Junior College Dual-Credit Memo of Understanding
- Cancel the May 28, 2014 meeting – 2nd meeting for the month of May

Superintendent Information Items:

- FOIA Requests: A copy of recent FOIA requests was distributed to Board Members.
- Morris Hospital Foundation Grant = GSW received a grant for \$1,364.00 for the purchase of an AED
- Athletic Booster Golf Outing: Sat, June 28 at Dwight Country Club. 12 noon start.
- Girls' Basketball Camp = Not enough interest to attend any Summer Camps
- Pre-Registration for School Year 2014-2015 = As of May 16, thirty families have sent-in the pre-registration packets and/or payment for the 2014-15 school year.
- IDEA District Performance = Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. After review by the state board, GSW has met requirements in all areas evaluated.
- GSWB Community Night at Silver Cross Field = Sunday, June 8. Joliet Slammers vs. River City Rascals at 1:05pm behind the home dugout. Tickets are \$10 a seat and half is donated back to the schools
- HOST OF SOFTBALL REGIONALS = GSWHS will be hosting the girls' softball regional this year at the VFW field in South Wilmington.

Tuesday, May 27 - Game 1 - 4:30 PM

Winner Gilman Regional vs. Winner Grant Park Regional

Wednesday, May 28 - Game 2 - 4:30 PM

Winner Newark Regional vs. Winner C. Hope Academy Regional

Saturday, May 31 - Game 3 - 11:00AM

Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2 (Sectional Championship)

- RVC Scholastic Bowl All-Conference = Molly Schultz and Lauren Daniels were named to the RVC Scholastic Bowl All Conference First Team, and Jenna Johnston was named to the All Conference Second Team. Way to go ladies!
- End of the Year Calendar Items:
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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