

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting

NOVEMBER 19, 2014

ELECTRICAL WORK UP-DATE

Scott Anderle from Healy-Bender & Associates was present to discuss the electrical work in the building with the Board of Education. He reviewed the remaining phases with preliminary estimates for Phase 2 and 3. The work would be done in the summer. Preliminary planning work / testing will take place over Winter Break.

The board also discussed replacing windows throughout the building and how that project could be broken down into building section or elevation areas.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Audience = None.

Correspondence:

- The Board of Education received a Thank You note from the family of Verna Clark for flowers sent to the wake/funeral. Verna Clark was the mother of our GSW Librarian, Becky Morgan.
- There were no new communications to the board via our new e-mail system.

TENTATIVE LEVY

Mr. Perrott reviewed the Tax Levy with the board members.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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

- SADD group visited South Wilmington Grade School on October 8th. The GSW students wrote and acted out small skits for the grade school students. They focused on the theme: "Be Strong, Be True, Be You."
- November 10th was an 11:30 AM Early Dismissal for students. The theme of the day was "Compassion." Students went to 6 mini-sessions and listened to 5 different guest speakers. In the afternoon, we held a faculty pot-lock and our guest speakers stayed for lunch. The teachers also worked on assessments
- November 14th = Miss Dallio and Mr. Engelman took 5 of our GSW Art students to an Art Show at the Coal City High School.
- FEMA training / interviews = Mr. Perrott, Mr. Engelman, Ms. Kilmer and Mr. Debelak attended Nuclear Incident and Nuclear Event training / evaluation. The training helped to prepare the district's emergency response to an incident at one of the nuclear power stations.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences = It was reported that we had a 48% parent turn-out during the October conferences. The teachers indicated that numbers were up from previous years.

FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY REVISIONS/ADDITIONS

Board Policy Revisions/Additions were distributed to each board member for 1st review = 5:10, 5:10-AP, 5:20, 5:20-AP, 5:30, 5:30-AP1, 5:30-AP2, 5:35, 5:35-AP1, 5:35-AP2.

ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS RURAL AND SMALL SCHOOLS

In the past, GSW HS has been a member of AIRSS. They are now reorganizing the association and have increased the dues from \$50 to this year's fee of \$500. Mr. Perrott is recommending that we do not join. He thinks we should wait and see how the reorganization goes and look at it again for the following year.

COMPUTER DONATION

Due to the upgrading of computers at GSW HS, we have a surplus of older / yet useful computers. Mr. Perrott's recommendation is to donate older computers to both Braceville Elementary and South Wilmington Grade School. Mr. Logan Murray, Tech Director, will handle getting the proper equipment to each school.

OLD BUSINESS:

Building/Grounds Projects = Mr. Perrott reported on the following projects:

- Summer 2015 Building Projects = Electrical Upgrades – Phase 2.
- Stage Curtains Project – The curtains have been ordered and designed. They won't be installed until February 2015 because of current mill backups.
- Stage painting – This project has been completed. Mr. Perrott is now looking at painting the main gym hallway.
- Maintenance – The boiler is up and running. Mr. Wally Debelak, Head of Maintenance, is addressing issues as they occur.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Approval of Board Policy Revisions/Additions (2nd Reading): Board Policies: 4:160, 4-160AP, 4:170, 4:170-AP1E1, 4:170-AP1, 7:20, 7:180, 7:180-AP1-E1, 7:180-AP1-E2, 7:180-AP1-E3, 7:180-AP1-E4, 7:180-AP1-E5, 7:180-AP1-E6, 7:180-AP1-E7.
- Approval of the Tentative Levy
- Truth in Taxation Resolution – No Action
- Approval of Photographer Contract – Shayla Loring Photography
- Approval of the GSW Athletic Booster Club Bylaws
- Recognition of Donation - \$1,500 check from the Village of Gardner with the request that the funds be used for the GSW Athletic Programs.
- Association of Illinois Rural and Small Schools Membership – No Action
- Approval of Snow Removal Contract – 2014/2015 School Year – Fatlan Trucking
- Approval of Computer Donation – to Braceville Elementary and South Wilmington Grade School
- Approval of Resignation – Guidance Secretary – Tiffany Berger
- Approval to Hire – Guidance Secretary – Sally Phillips
- Cancel the November 26, 2014 meeting

Superintendent Information Items:

- FOIA Requests: List was distributed to board members.
- School Board Conference/Convention = in Chicago November 21-23.
- Special-Ed Coop Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held on November 20, 2014.
- The GSW Business Club has prepared 38 food baskets for families in need. The baskets are made up to support a full Thanksgiving meal.

Board of Education Requests:

- Information regarding the number of vehicles and location in the student lot. Investigate the temporary expansion of the lot and speed bumps.
- Board requested that Mr. Perrott schedule a meeting to discuss excessive / nuisance FOIA requests and pursue remedies from the State's Attorney Office
- Board Member Craig Male and President David Doglio extended their gratitude and appreciation for the "great job" that our National Honor Students and Sponsor Terese Kukman have been doing with the food distribution at the food pantry in South Wilmington.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Craig Male, Allison Palermo

Principal: John Engelman

Superintendent: Michael Perrott