

# GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

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## BOARD BRIEFS

### Highlights of the Budget Hearing & Regular Meeting SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

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#### **BUDGET HEARING**

Mr. Perrott reviewed the operating budget with the board of education members. There was no comment from the public.

**FY14 FISCAL AUDIT:** Mrs. Janet Brown, Auditor, was present to review the recent independent FY14 Fiscal Audit with the board members.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Audience:

- A community member was present to discuss the new GSW HS web-site. He pointed out that some links were missing and files were not in the correct format. He also pointed out that some of the information is out of date. The board thanked him for his comments and informed him that they would look into his comments and correct the webpage.
- Mrs. Heerdt, English teacher and Teachers' Union Rep, thanked the board for the new high-speed internet. She stated that it is almost 20 times faster than the old connection. Her 1<sup>st</sup> hour Student Publications class up-loaded 41 high-quality photos in about 4-mins for the yearbook. Loading 3 or 4 images last year would have taken all period.

#### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

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

1. Committee Updates
  - a. RTI/PARCC – finalizing test schedule. PARCC will be given on March 11 & 12, 2015. ACT/PSAE will be given on March 3 & 4, 2015.
  - b. SIP (School Improvement Planning Committee) – has met 4 times this year already. Tackling character issues/traits/education. Positive attributes; character education days. Planning for 4 out of the 5 early dismissal days to be spent on character development and the other day will address college readiness.
3. Sept 10<sup>th</sup> was a ½ day with 11:30 AM early dismissal for students. GSW held Anti-Bullying sessions for students in the morning. In the afternoon, teachers had Professional Development which focused on using assessments to measure student growth.
4. New fiber optic / internet speed. The faculty and staff appreciate the commitment of the board to using resources to upgrade the internet access.
5. Read a very moving, positive letter written by teacher, Mrs. Arrambide, regarding how students view our school and staff.

#### **OTHER ITEMS:**

Mr. Perrott discussed the “Read 180” reading program that the staff and RTI team is recommending we implement. This will be an action item at next month’s meeting. The cost to purchase the program would be \$33,000 for 30 portals, which would be 30 students a year. Funds from Title I and Title II grants would be used to pay for the program.

Mr. Perrott also reviewed the School Uniform Rotation. In 2012 NO new uniforms were purchased. Softball and baseball uniforms are still in good condition, so they will stay in the rotation for 2016. Basketball and volleyball received new uniforms last year. Cross-Country and Cheerleading are in this year’s rotation.

Pantherettes are also ready for new uniforms. The Band Boosters donated a check for \$2,300 to purchase new Pantherette team uniforms for the 2014-15 season.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Building/Grounds Projects Spring/Summer 2014** = Mr. Perrott reported the progress of work from the summer construction. He distributed a summary of projects and the fund source for each. He informed the board of the next noticeable project that is in progress. The walls / ceiling of the stage area will be painted and new stage curtains will be ordered for both the front and back. The GSW logo will be at the top center. Superintendent Perrott reported on some of the items that have been completed or are in progress since January 1, 2014. Perrott also reported that he secured \$112,000 in grant funding from the state to assist with the cost of the projects. The new front electronic marquee was purchased with funds left to the District from the estate of Marge / Bud Gaddo and funds donated from graduated classes.

#### **Some of the projects in progress or completed include:**

New main entrance Front Door

"Main office" lettering for front door

3rd Floor HVAC

remove air handler vibration collars in gym

replace air handler vibration collars in gym

remove windows and brick-in windows stage and hall

remove windows and brick in band window and fill pits

North East condensate line replacement

Concession stand condensate replacement

small boiler controls replacement

Concrete Skirts / curbs / sidewalks around school

Drop Ceilings 18 classrooms/areas

lighting for new drop ceilings

Baseball Fence height extension

Replace Glass / broken windows

Electrical service upgrade, phase I

Front Sign (Marque) vendor

Front sign (marque) electric

Front sign (marque) brickwork

Band Room HVAC

Window blinds 10 classrooms

Stage Curtains front and rear stage

painting of stage area

Refinish Gym floor (yearly)

Stage floor refinished

Gym Hallway ceiling heat unit

Gym Hallway/front entrance trophy cases

Asbestos abatement 2nd floor Boys Bath

Asbestos abatement Caulk window and pipe

New Main Boiler and controls

New sump pumps in condensate pits and band room.

Parking lot striping

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- Approval of Board Policy Revisions/Additions (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) = Board Policies: 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.
- Approval of the FY14 Fiscal Audit
- Approval of the Application for ISBE Recognition of Schools
- Approval of Girls JV Basketball Coach – Christina Sukley
- Volunteer Volleyball Coach – Release of Zach Boyer
- Approval of Volunteer Cross-Country Coach – Trevor Howard
- Approval of Cheerleading Coaches – Samantha Serena, Melissa Kirk, Brian Kirk(volunteer)
- Approval of Request for Early Graduation
- Approval of 2014-2015 District Budget – as presented
- Cancel the September 24, 2014 meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting for the month of September.

## **Superintendent Information Items:**

- FOIA Requests: List was distributed to board members.
- Gardner Area Band Boosters gave GSW HS a check for \$2,300 for new Pantherette uniforms.
- The Band Boosters just paid to have uniforms cleaned for the upcoming parades.
- The Gardner Area Marching Band, which has 25 musicians representing all 4 schools, and the Pantherettes are preparing for the Dwight Harvest Days Parade (Sun, Sept 21) and the Morris Corn Festival (Sun, Sept. 28).
- The GSW Business Club sponsored a blood drive 9/17/2014 and collected 46 pints of blood.
- The GSW National Honor Society assisted St Lawrence Parish with their food pantry. The NHS students assisted in serving 140+ families. Pam Holahan from St Lawrence Parish extended a thank you to the students of GSW and expressed to the Board how impressed she was with the GSW Students.

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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