

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Public Hearing & Regular Meeting JANUARY 15, 2014

PUBLIC COMMENT

Correspondence = GSW High School received a thank you letter from Patriots 4 Heroes thanking GSW (National Honor Society) for participating in the collection of items for care packages sent to Military personnel.

Audience = No comments.

PRINCIPAL REPORT

Mr. John Engelman, Principal, was not present at the meeting. No report for this month.

FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY REVISIONS/ADDITONS

The first reading of the following Board Policy Revisions/Additions = 2:20, 1:20, 1:20-AP, 1:30, 2:20-E, 2:30, 2:40, 2:50, 2:60, 1:10, 2:10 were distributed to the board members to review.

JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT: DUAL SUPERINTENDENT IGA

The joint committee met on Monday, January 13 to discuss the Intergovernmental Agreement that outlines the sharing of the superintendent (Perrott) and how it is working out. Both Braceville Grade School and GSW High School are happy with the current situation and have no issues at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Student GPA – Grade Scale = As proposed by BOE member, Cindy Gerber, Mr. Perrott is recommending that a committee is formed to develop a proposal to address GPA, Grading Scale and the effect on class rank / graduation honors. The committee will consist of a few of each = teachers, students and parents. The committee will then report back to the board with their recommendation. Mrs. Gerber put a lot of time and thought into preparing the proposal and time line.

Internet Service = Mr. Logan Murray, IT Director, investigated upgrading GSW internet service. “Recently” AT&T ran fiber optic lines through Gardner. GSW currently pays \$57 per month for internet service, and the new cost would be \$1,197. There would be NO cost to get the service here. GSW may have to purchase some equipment to get the service into the building. Current servers, routers, etc can handle the new band width. GSW could see an increase of speed / data by over 3 times. 6mb to 20mb. Mr. Murray is planning to meet with AT&T and also Mediacom to discuss options and pricing. He will report back to the board next month.

Building/Grounds =

- Over Winter Break, the main office was moved around to accommodate the “pass-through” window. New electric conduit was run to accommodate the computers/etc that need to sit on the receptionist’s desk.
- Some framing in the front entrance needs to be completed, then the “door and glass” fabricator will take measurements for the pass-through and door/windows in the new entrance.
- Boiler Incident = At approximately 5am today, January 15, 2014 a heat sensor/alarm was triggered. The alarm monitoring company sent a 911 call to local fire department. Gardner, South Wilmington, and other local emergency/ fire responded. Mr. Debelak / head of maintenance was called and he went to the school. Mr. Perrott was called. The emergency shut offs/gas shut offs were activated manually, both

boilers were turned off, and they were allowed to cool. The emergency alert systems worked to avoid greater damage to the boiler equipment or spread a fire. The large boiler burners appeared to not shut off as the water level dropped in the boiler. There was not much/any fire (because iron/steel usually doesn't burn) but there was a great deal of heat and some smoke. Perrott stated, "It's like a pot of water boiling dry and the stove flame still on high."

- The boilers passed their regular inspection. This is done by an outside contractor.
- Insurance and Boiler maintenance are scheduled to be here Thursday morning to inspect/evaluate damage and failure.
- There is a little smoky smell in the hallways and some classrooms.
- The smaller boiler will be sufficient to warm the school. Debelak regularly runs one boiler or the other to test this contingency.
- The small boiler (fully working) was turned on this afternoon.
- All after school activities that were scheduled this evening were held.
- There will be school Thursday, Jan. 16th.

ACTION ITEMS

- Action on a Resolution abating funds from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund.
- Action on a Resolution providing for the issue of \$740,000 Taxable General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2014, of the District, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of said School District, and providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds.
- Approval of donation of computers to Elementary Schools
- Approval of Board Policy Revisions/Additions: 8:30, 7:185, 7:280, 6:60-AP, 6:660-E, 6:250-E, 5:50, 5:90, 5120-AP2, 4:110, 4170-AP1,E5, 3:60, 2:250
- Approval of division of Spring Play stipend
- Approval of a \$500 Grant from the Community Foundation of Grundy County
- Cancel the January 22, 2014 meeting (2nd meeting of the month of January)

Superintendent Information Items:

- FOIA REQUESTS = No requests since the December board meeting.
- GAVC: DECMEBER DIRECTOR AWARD WINNER = Seth Patterson- Automotive.
- 8th GRADE REGISTRATION NIGHT = scheduled for Wednesday, February 19th at 6:00 pm.
- JJC FINANCIAL AIDE NIGHT PRESENTATION = held Wed, Jan. 15th at 6:00 pm in cafe
- MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY (NO SCHOOL) = Monday, January 20, 2014
- DRIVER EDUCATION PARENT MEETING = Wed, Jan. 22 at 6:00 pm in cafe
- HOMECOMING GAME = Friday, January 24 and Home Coming Dance is Sat, January 25, 7-10 PM.
- NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY APPLICATIONS = will be handed out at the end of January
- FAFSA WORKSHOP = Federal College Student Financial Aid workshop and presentation February 5
- BUSINESS CLUB BLOOD DRIVE = Wednesday, February 12 in the GSW Cafeteria
- PRESIDENTS' DAY (NO SCHOOL) = Monday, February 17
- OTHER ITEMS. An article from *Business Insider Magazine* was shared with the board members.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

President: David Doglio

Vice-President: Pam Brooks

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Craig Male, Allison Palermo

Principal: John Engelman

Superintendent: Michael Perrott