

# GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

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## BOARD BRIEFS

### Highlights of the Hearing for the 2014 Tax Levy & Regular Meeting **DECEMBER 17, 2014**

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#### **PRESENTATION OF THE 2014 TAX LEVY**

Mr. Perrott presented the 2014 Tax Levy to the Board of Education. It was previously presented in November at the last board meeting. There are no changes. No public comment or board member comments.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Audience = None.

Correspondence:

- GSW High School received a letter from the Village of Gardner, along with (2) checks in the amounts of \$69,032.77 – TIF money that was withheld from GSW by the Village since July 2012 and \$6,577.16 of interest due for withholding the funds.

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

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

- December 2<sup>nd</sup> = All School Assembly on Railroad Safety. It was very education. Both the students and staff enjoyed this presentation.
- December 10<sup>th</sup> = NHS Blood Drive was held and they missed their goal by 1-pint.
- December 13<sup>th</sup> = The GSW Band performed at the Northfield Square Mall in Bradley.
- December 15<sup>th</sup> = The GSW Band and Choir held their Christmas Concert at 7 PM in the gym.
- Teachers are working on Professional Development / curriculum / assessments
- PARCC Test update = We will be testing students in these 2 subject areas = English 1 and Algebra 1.
- Final Exams = Wed, Dec 17<sup>th</sup> with a 2:00 PM early dismissal and Thurs, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> with a 12 noon early dismissal.
- Winter Break = Fri, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> thru Mon, Jan 5<sup>th</sup>
- School Resumes = Tues, Jan 6<sup>th</sup>

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

Board Policy Revisions/Additions were distributed to each board member for 1<sup>st</sup> review.

#### **OTHER ITEMS:**

- Disposal of Records = The Guidance Department is working on disposing past records and clearing out our storage area. We have been talking to the records department at the Illinois State Board of Education and identifying what items to keep and what items to destroy. There was a Public Notice put in The Paper to let former GSW graduates know they can pick up their school records if they would like to have them. There may still be an opportunity for former students to retrieve school records.
- Mid-term Technology Update = Mr. Logan Murray put together his list of projects that he is currently working on for the board members:
  - 22 new desktops in the computer lab – room 205
  - State Reporting
  - Working with Guidance Dept and main office on reports / SIS
  - PARCC Test preparation
  - Working on computers to donate to both Braceville and South Wilmington Grade Schools
  - New Laptop Cart with 20 laptops to use in the Library and classrooms

- Working to put together the E-Rate application.
- Website maintenance / up-dates
- Replaced a few phones in the building
- Exploring mobile microphones for the stage / gym area
- Delayed Start Time = Board members asked Mr. Perrott to look into a delayed start time for school during bad weather. Some other area schools are in talks about delaying school for 1-hour in the morning during inclement weather. Mr. Perrott will contact other local school districts to review their procedures.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

- Timm Electric will be doing conductivity testing (shutting down panels and testing wires) over Winter Break.
- Ideal Environmental was in and tested the insulation on wiring in the electric panel around the building. No asbestos was found.
- Window Project – Architect is reviewing a project to replace windows.
- New Stage Area curtains should be put up in February 2015
- Projects discussed were: Electrical upgrades, new windows, air-conditioning and additional parking lot area in the South Lot.
- Adding basketball hoops to the tennis court area and maybe a few benches.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- Approval of the 2014 Tax Levy
- Approval of Board Policy Revisions/Additions (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)
- Approval of the Destruction of ALL Closed Meeting Minute Recordings Prior to June 2013
- Approval of the Opening of ALL Written Closed Meeting Minutes from December 2013 to November 2014.
- Resignation of Cheerleading Coach – Samantha Serena
- Resignation of Pantherette Coach – Samantha Serena
- Hire of Cheerleading Coach – N/A
- Hire of Pantherette Coach – N/A
- Approval of Seniority List: District Staff and Teachers
- Cancel the December 23, 2014 meeting

### **Superintendent Information Items:**

- FOIA Requests: List was distributed to board members.
- Thanksgiving / Christmas / Holiday Food Baskets: This year Student clubs/ organizations of GSW put together 30 full family turkey dinners / food baskets.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration Night: February 11, 6pm in the GSW Cafeteria

### **Board of Education Requests:**

- Website Looks Better

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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