

# GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

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## BOARD BRIEFS

*Highlights of the Regular Meeting*

**April 15, 2020**

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### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public at tonight's meeting – no public comment.

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

Principal, Mr. John Engelman, reviewed the following:

- Awards Night(s)
  - Academic Awards Program will now be a PowerPoint presentation with slides detailing student awards / winners. Our Guidance Department will put this together. A link will be on the GSW HS website for parents and students to watch.
  - Athletic Awards – every coach, per sport, will video themselves presenting awards and talking about their players. These videos will be available for players and parents to view / watch. Information will also go out to the community.
- Valedictorian / Salutatorian – have been determined as of the last day of student attendance, which was Friday, March 13.
- Remote Learning Attendance – student attendance is at 81% participation for the on-line learning sessions.
- We are reaching out to several students with failing grades and trying to get their grades up to passing before the end of the year.

### **BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT:** Mr. Josh DeLong presented the following:

- Building update during shutdown:
  - Building has been deeply cleaned and is being disinfected and cleaned on a daily basis.
  - Painting – door frames, weight room, teacher's lounge, shelves in the café area, both locker rooms in the gym.
  - Boiler / heat issue in the gym has been looked at
  - Fan issues in the gym have been looked at

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. DeLong presented on the following:

- Update on teacher negotiations = the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held on Thurs, April 16
- Non-certified proposals for May = will be looking at percentages / raises for each individual, to be approved at May meeting.
- Handbook updates for May = Mr. Engelman has been reviewing and looking at some updates. Any changes or updates will be proposed next month at the May meeting.
- Summer workers = We will have our current maintenance staff working in the building this summer. With a total of 3 current employees and possibly one more returning custodial staff, we may not need to hire as many student workers this summer.
- COVID-19 update:
  - Remote learning – this is still new to all of us and we are learning as we go.
  - Non-certified staff – some are working now during the school closure, and some will make-up their hours at a later date and/or over the summer months.
  - Meals – we will be discontinuing meal service starting next week, due to the non-participation from students. We have only served 1 student meal since school closed due to COVID-19.
  - Transportation – we are still trying to settle our payment agreement with IL Central School Bus company. We disagree with what they are wanting us to pay them during school closure(s).

- Activity Bus / Panther Bus – our lease is up with MidWest Transit in Kankakee, and we need to decide if we want to re-extend the contract for 1 more year, contact a new 2020 bus or buy our existing bus outright.
- Graduation: The original May 17 date will not work if the Governor extends the stay-at-home order. We are looking at 2 new dates: Sunday, June 14 or Sunday, July 12 at 2:00 PM. We may have to limit the number of passes for each student and then live stream the ceremony for family and friends to watch on-line. We can also look at having the ceremony outside on the baseball field with a portable stage and sound-system.
- Prom – still scheduled for May 30 and being held for now. Prom Sponsor, Angel Dallio, can look at new dates to have it over the summer, if we have enough student interest.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Hire summer office clerical help – Jessica Wilson
- Designation of Regular Board Meetings for Fiscal Year 2021 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the board room at GSW High School
- Academic Services Coordinator contract renewal – Ms. Angel Dallio
- Guaranteed Energy Savings contract with GRP Wegman
- Contract with GRP Wegman for electrical and air handler control work

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