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# GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

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## BOARD BRIEFS

*Highlights of the Sine Die Meeting*

**April 21, 2021**

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### **VILLAGE OF GARDNER MAYOR SERENA:**

Mr. Mike Serena, Village of Gardner Mayor, was present at tonight's meeting to discuss the potential TIF Extension. He was asking the board for their support. He stated that Gardner Grade School, Gardner-South Wilmington High School, Gardner Fire District and the Village of Gardner will all benefit from this extension. He asked if the board could send a "letter of support" to the Village so they can complete the necessary paperwork to the 12-year extension on the TIF.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Audience:** Kurt Fosnaugh, former GSW employee, was present to ask about recent cafeteria hiring and staffing.

### **REGOGNATION OF OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS:**

Mrs. Cindy Gerber served on the GSW High School Board since May 2009, a total of 12-years.

### **CANVASS OF ELECTIONS RESULTS:**

The Grundy and Kankakee County Clerks after having canvassed the votes have submitted an Abstract of Votes. The Abstract of Votes contains the number of votes each candidate has received in the election. The President read the Resolution certifying the election results:

Kristen Ashley received 215 votes for a 4-year term.

Terry Schultz received 231 votes for a 4-year term.

Allison Wright received 202 votes for a 4-year term.

Timothy M. Harvey received 235 votes for a 4-year term.

The following 4 candidates were elected = Kristen Ashley, Terry Schultz, Allison Wright and Timothy M. Harvey.

### **CERTIFICATION OF APRIL 6, 2021 ELECTION RESULTS:**

Ms. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wepprecht to approve the resolution certifying the election results as submitted by the Grundy County and Kankakee County Clerks.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

### **APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT PRO TEM:**

Mrs. Wepprecht motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to appoint Pam Brooks as President Pro Tem.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

### **ADJOURNMENT OF THE RETIRING BOARD SINE DIE:**

Mrs. Ashley adjourned the meeting sine die at 7:17 pm and seconded by Ms. Wright.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

President: Pam Brooks  
Vice-President: Katy Wepprecht  
Kristen Ashley, Cindy Gerber, Tim Harvey,  
Kori Speed & Allison Wright  
Principal: John Engelman  
Superintendent: Joshua DeLong

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*Highlights of the Seating of New Members / Regular Meeting  
(Immediately following SINE DIE)*

**April 21, 2021**

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Audience:** None.

**ACTION: BOARD REORGANIZATION:**

**SWEARING IN AND SEATING OF NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS:**

President Pro Tem, Pam Brooks, swore in new members. Newly elected members read/recited the Official Oath.

**ELECTION OF PRESIDENT:**

Katy Wepprecht motioned and seconded by Kori Speed to nominate Pam Brooks as Board President.

**ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT:**

Allison Wright motioned and seconded by Kori Speed to nominate Katy Wepprecht as Vice-President.

**APPOINTMENT OF BOARD SECRETARY:**

Allison Wright motioned and seconded by Kori Speed to appoint Carla Huston as Board Secretary.

**APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER:**

Kori Speed motioned and seconded by Kristen Ashley to recommend Carla Huston as Treasurer.

**DESIGNATION OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING TIME, PLACE AND DATES FOR FY22:**

Meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month

Meetings will be held in the board room at GSW High School at 7:00 PM.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Harvey, Schultz, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

**APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES:**

- GAVC: Pam Brooks
- GCSEC (SPECIAL EDUCATION CO-OPERATIVE): Allison Wright
- IASB GOVERNING BOARD / IASB CONVENTION DELEGATE: Katy Wepprecht
- BOARD POLICY: Kristen Ashley & Kori Speed
- BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Pam Brooks & Tim Harvey
- BRACEVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IGA: Allison Wright
- COMMUNITY / SAFETY COUNCIL: Terry Schultz
- DTHS IGA: Kori Speed & Kristen Ashley

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:** Principal, Mr. John Engelman, reported on the following:

- April 15 – Juniors and Seniors attended an Assembly presented by the Grundy County Coroner, Mr. John Callahan. He discussed drinking and driving and making good decisions.
- April 13 – Juniors took the SAT test.
- April 21 – Schwan’s ice cream was distributed to 88 students, who all received a vote for Student of the Year.

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

- Summer work – GSW is still in need of one summer worker. The main focus will be the kitchen/cafeteria remodel this summer.

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

- April 21 - Administrative Assistant Day
- May 3 – 7 is Teacher Appreciation Week
- Talk is circulating about forced School Consolidation in the state of Illinois.
- Solar farm news – there was discussion of the land not having enough wattage – but we have been notified that the wattage is not / has not changed.
- TIF discussion – this situation came up quickly. Mr. DeLong has spoken with several sources and believes it is in the district's best interest to support the extension.
- GAVC Director’s Award Winners for the month of March:
  - Kylee Ledlow – Health Occupations
  - Kevin Ferrari – Engineering II
- Prom – GSW Senior Prom was held on Saturday, April 17 at the Gardner American Legion. It went well and we had great parent & staff support.
- Graduation update – Sunday, May 16 at 12 noon. Plan A is to hold the ceremony outside with all students graduating together. In case of weather issues, Plan B is to hold the ceremony inside in the gym with groups of students graduating together at a time.
- Technology handbook – Mr. Williamsen is creating a Technology Handbook for our 1:1 program next school year, and it will be included in the GSW Student Handbook.
- ESSR Funds – This is money coming from a grant and is a good thing for GSW. Twenty percent of ESSR III must be used to address learning loss. We are looking at different options: after school tutoring, transportation home for students after tutoring, hiring a paraprofessional for next school year for extra help with our special education students, and additional interventions.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Approve Illinois Central / North American Central School Bus proposal for transportation services for school years 2021-2024.
- Approve IHSA membership renewal for 2021-2022 with a membership fee of \$875.
- Hire Temporary Summer Building Cleaning Crew Leader, Adam Leigh
- Hire Temporary Summer Building Cleaning, Caydan Landry
- Approve Opening of an instructional paraprofessional for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Approve Tax I Extension Request from the Village of Gardner

**Newly Seated Board:**

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Vice-President: Katy Wepprecht

Kristen Ashley, Tim Harvey, Terry Schultz

Kori Speed & Allison Wright

Superintendent: Joshua DeLong