

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting

August 15, 2018

PUBLIC: Mrs. Debbie Manietta requested to address the Board of Education in Closed Session.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mr. Engelman presented on the following:

- IHSA Team Academic Award: Pantherette Spirit Line:

This IHSA program is designed to reward teamwork not only in competition, but in the classroom as well. This award recognizes teams that maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or higher throughout their competitive season. This year the Pantherette Spirit-Line received this honor. Our competitive season is during 2nd and 3rd quarter and during this time our cumulative grade point average for the team was 3.82. Coach, Nicole Leigh stated, "I am extremely proud of every single girl on this team for not only their hard work and success on the competition floor but also in the classroom. Maintaining good grades plus a busy practice and competition schedule is not easy to do. Many of the team members work on homework and projects during free times at competitions, which just further shows their dedication to their studies."

The team received a plaque and each team member received a certificate from IHSA.

The following girls were on the 2017-2018 GSW Pantherette Spirit Line: Jordan Bartels, Zoe Klingberg, Taylor Bartels, Haileigh Farrero, Emma Fisher, Avery Lenzie, Delaney Miner, Abigail Ozee, Paige Patterson, Ava Siano, Kristin Tramutolo, Ashlyn Wallerich, Dezarie Wampler.

- First Days of Teacher Attendance = Monday and Tuesday, August 13 & 14, were Teacher Institute Days at GSW HS.
 - On Monday, the Administration gave a welcome back to the teachers and then went over reminders, reviewed information and presented a video to them. Mr. Engelman had interviewed random students with positive comments about our teachers. This video presentation was a great motivation for our teachers. One goal at GSW is focusing on being more positive. Teachers also attended a Bullying presentation given by Jonathan Wilson from Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc. Mr. Wilson also gave information on vapes and jewels. Teachers, Mrs. Michelle Scaccia and Mr. Adam Leigh, presented a Socratic Seminar, explaining different activities teachers can have in their classrooms.
 - Freshmen Orientation was held Monday night 8/13 at 6:00 PM in the gym. All teachers attended to introduce themselves and were available in their classrooms to meet students after the assembly.
 - Tuesday morning 8/14, Professional Development – Best Practices in Reading and Writing for Grades 9-12, was presented by Missy Thulin. In the afternoon, the School Improvement Team presented the PBIS Matrix. (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports)
 - Wednesday 8/15 was the 1st day of school – students were present 8AM until 3 PM. An assembly was held in the gym from 8:00 – 8:25 AM. The PBIS Matrix was reviewed, teachers presented and a video was also shown to the students. After the assembly, students attended all classes for the remainder of the day. GAVC classes also started today.

FY 19 DISTRICT BUDGET - TENTATIVE: The Tentative budget was brought as a spreadsheet, showing estimated fund revenues and expenditures for the FY19 budget, to the meeting tonight. The state has not put out all the numbers yet. Those will be in the budget before the FINAL approval in September. A Public Hearing Notice was in the Paper on Wednesday, August 15, 2018. A tentative budget will be on display in the main office from August 20 to September 19, 2018. The final budget will be approved at the September BOE meeting, September 19, 2018.

MASTER CLASS SCHEDULE: Board members were given a copy of this year's Master Schedule. Some new, last-minute classroom changes were discussed. The board was also informed that GSW did not hire a classroom / building aide for this school year.

IMRF AUTHORIZED AGENT: Appoint Sherri Garrett "Authorized Agent" for IMRF. This allows Sherri to communicate with and submit appropriate reports to IMRF.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Perrott presented on the following:

- Building:
 - 1st floor air-conditioning is moving along. The copper pipe has been laid out and brazed. The pipe has been pressure tested and it is good to go. Working on running drains and hooking up the electric. The air-conditioning should be completed in 2-weeks.
 - Still working on walls in main hallway on the 1st floor.
 - Will install baby changing stations in the 1st floor restrooms, and putting up new bulletin boards and teacher white boards.
 - Band Room is finished.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Accept Resignation of Teacher and Associated Stipended Positions: Athletic Director, Head Boys Basketball Coach, Business Club – Chris Gibson
- Hire Athletic Director – Matthew Eggert – stipend as discussed.
- Approval of Freshman Class Sponsor – Michelle Scaccia
- Approval of Prom Sponsor – Angel Dallio
- Hire of Teacher – Business teacher, Donna Vertin
- Approval of Pantherette Spirit-Line Solo Coach – Nicole Leigh
- Appoint IMRF Authorized Agent – Sherri Garrett
- Approval of Prom Lock-In Parent Sponsors – Jessica Wilson & Angie Grieff
- August 22, 2018 Board Meeting – cancel the 2nd meeting for the month of August.

SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION ITEMS: Mr. Perrott reported on the following:

- FOIA Requests
- We are anticipating applications for the Panther Hall of Fame. The information and application is on the GSW website. People can also drop in the main office for an application. Applications are due on September 15.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUESTS:

Board member, Cindy Gerber, requested GSW looking into using Social Media – FaceBook – to post information to the public, parents, students, etc to reduce the number of Alert-Now-System phone calls.

Next Meetings:

FY 2019 Budget Hearing, 7:00pm, September 19, 2018

Board Meeting, immediately following the Budget Hearing, September 19, 2018

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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