

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

*Highlights of the
Public Hearing – 2019 Levy
and the Regular Meeting
December 18, 2019*

Public Hearing:

PRESENTATION: 2019 Levy:

Superintendent, Mr. Josh DeLong, reviewed the Levy process with the board.

GSW received the Grundy County Assessor's EAV report on November 27. Last month we were forced to do a balloon levy and declare a truth in taxation notice because of the delay in receiving our figures from the assessor's office. After receiving the assessor's projected 2019 EAV for GSW it is estimated to increase approximately 4.5 million dollars for a 7.65% increase and a projected EAV of \$63,348,943. Using the assessor's increase in EAV, Mr. DeLong recommends a tax rate of \$2.6139 for a total extension of \$1,655,879. That tax rate would represent a slight decrease from last year's tax rate and be very similar with the 2017 rate.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment on the 2019 Levy.

Regular Meeting:

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No public comment.

Written correspondence: We received a Thank You Note from the GSW HS Athletic Boosters thanking the GSW Board of Education for their donation and support for Orange & Black Night.

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

- GSW HS has 5 State Scholars this year. This is the highest academic honor a high school senior student can receive. Taylor Bartels, Nolan Perkins, Carson Halpin, Kaitlynn Kavanaugh and Jack James.
- SIP team, staff meetings, and future collaboration meetings – we have started having regular scheduled staff meetings and we plan to start a “Book Study” to read a book over a 2 to 3 month period and then meet to discuss and have conversations on it.
- Potential Maintenance Project Matching Grant – The state is offering a \$50,000 matching grant for a \$100,000 total project. Mr. DeLong has submitted for gym renovations.
- Elizabeth Fortier received the GAVC Director's Award in Health Occupations in November. Ellie is a Junior and this is her 1st year at GAVC.
- Transportation – Mr. DeLong and the 3 feeder grade schools met with Illinois Central School Bus to discuss upcoming bus contracts.
- Nashville Trip – this was a fun trip for our students and all involved.
- Rock dedication – from Samantha Serena, former GSW graduate and Pantherette coach. We are in the process of finding a place for it.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT: Mr. Josh DeLong discussed the following:

- Gymnasium – Plans are in process to re-surface and re-paint the gym floor and potentially paint the gym this summer. We are also looking into the possibility of removing the drop ceiling to expose the actual “dome ceiling”, painting, hanging new light fixtures and newer, bigger fans.
- Summer Work – Looking at tentative summer projects over the next few years:
 - Gym renovation this summer - 2020
 - Cafeteria and kitchen next summer - 2121
 - Parking Lot - 2022
 - Library floor- 2023

ACTION ITEMS:

- Hire Full-time Night-time Custodian – Mr. Dion Tjelle
- Approve 2019 Tax Levy
- Approve Certificate of Compliance with Truth and Taxation
- Appoint the Superintendent to review Closed Session Minutes
- Approve the Threat Assessment Team

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