

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Public Hearing 2018 Levy AND Regular Meeting

December 19, 2018

PRESENTATION OF 2018 LEVY:

Mr. Perrott reviewed Levy request with the board members. He stated, “A request for an increase, doesn’t mean that the district will automatically receive the levy increase. The request is made to cover potential increases in EAV that are not yet documented by the Grundy County Assessor.”

PUBLIC: None.

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

- Today, Wed, Dec. 19, we had Ugly Sweater Day at GSW. We had 2 winners: 1 staff and 1 student. Each received a Subway certificate and several Casey’s certificates as prizes.
- PBIS matrix – “Respect” for October & November – 64 students were nominated by teachers.
- Step-It-Up for the month of December – several awards were given out.
- Illinois State Scholars – this year GSW had 7 students. This is the most we have ever had. We are very proud of our students as this is a great achievement!
- Safety Committee Meeting – our 1st meeting was held on December 11. Several great ideas were discussed. We are going to pursue 1 idea to tighten up safety in the building. Administration is going to meet with Union Reps to make this work. The next meeting will be held on January 23.
- Mr. Engelman attended a Student Assessment Conference on Dec 18 in Paxton.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH TRUTH AND TAXATION: The board needs to approve the Certification that we have complied with the tax levy laws. This will be an action item tonight.

FY 2020 STUDENT FEES: Mr. Perrott is recommending that we make no changes to fees, except, he would like to discuss dropping the Parent/Teacher Conference Fee of \$25. The board reviewed the Fees Form that GSW uses that shows all of the school fees. They all agreed to drop the P/T Conf fee.

SB7 COMMITTEE: The Administration met with Union Leadership to review the SB7 “Categories for the purpose of Reduction in Force” list. There are no anticipated reductions in teaching staff / reduction in force (RIF) this year.

OPENING OF WRITTEN CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: Open June 2018 to November 2018. Review every 6-months. Closed session written minutes can be opened after approved.

DESTRUCTION OF RECORDED CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: Prior to July 2017.

GARDNER AREA BAND TRIP: A trip to Nashville in December 2019 is being planned. The Gardner Area Band will be performing in the Annual Christmas Parade in Nashville. It will be a 3-day trip (December 6, 7 and 8). The Band-Boosters are already discussing and planning fundraising opportunities. The cost will be approximately \$500 per student. The Boosters are hopeful to raise at least half of the cost per student.

OTHER ITEMS: None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Perrott presented on the following:

- Building: We have been dealing with a heating issue / boiler tank issue. The new tank arrived today and will be placed tomorrow afternoon.
- School Safety Committee: The 1st meeting was held on December 11. The next meeting will be on January 23. Mr. Engelman already discussed details.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Approval of 2018 Tax Levy
- Approval of Certificate of Compliance with Truth in Taxation
- Accept Resignation of Coach and Athletic Director – Mr. Matt Eggert
- Appointment of Athletic Director – Mr. John Engelman
- Accept Resignation of Supplemental Coach – Mr. Trevor Sampson
- Hire of JV Boys Basketball Coach – Mr. Trevor Sampson
- Approval of December 2019 Gardner Area Band Trip to Nashville, TN
- Approval of FY 2020 Student Fees – minus the P/T Conference Fee
- Approval of Opening of Written Closed Session Minutes – Open June 2018 to December 2018
- Approval of Destruction of Recorded Closed Session Minutes – Prior to July 2017.
- December 26, 2018 Board Meeting – Cancel the 2nd meeting for the month of December 2018.

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

- FOIA Requests

BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUESTS: None at this time.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

President: Pam Brooks

Vice-President: Katy Wepprecht

Cindy Gerber, Allison Palermo, Kori Speed

Kristen Ashley & Timothy Harvey

Principal: John Engelman

Superintendent: Michael Perrott