GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

# *Highlights of the Regular Meeting*

**February 15, 2017**

**GUESTS:** Scott Goselin, Superintendent / Bradley Elementary School and his BOE President Terrie Golwitzer were present to extend an invitation to the GSW High School Board to attend the IASB Three Rivers meeting on Tuesday, March 7 in Crete/Monee. One of the main topics at this meeting will be the new disciplinary rule – Senate Bill #100.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Audience:**  Mr. Brian McElroy, audience member, asked the board about item 10.01 Principal Contract. He asked if this was a new contract or a revision. He stated he knew that the current contract wasn’t up until June 2018. He advised the board to “table” this item and wait until the new board forms after the April 4, 2017 election. President, David Doglio, stated the board would take McElroy’s comments into consideration. Mr. McElroy said it was unprofessional and unethical to vote on the contract at this time.

**Correspondence:** None.

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:**

Mr. John Engelman, Principal, reported on the following:

1. Engelman attended RVC Principals’ Meeting.

2. Scholastic Bowl – for next school year, Mr. Engelman will develop the schedule for the conference and Mrs. Fatka / GSW Scholastic Bowl coach will assist with ordering the questions for the tournament.  
3. Committee SAT/MAP testing – Will continue to do MAP testing. The state is moving away from ACT to the SAT. GSW would like to use the SAT Suite – testing the 8th graders, Sophomores and Juniors.  
4. 8th grade registration was on Jan 25  
5. Mr. Leigh attended a conference for Social Studies teachers  
6. Jodi Latham presented Professional Development on February 1 regarding “higher level questions and Socratic seminar.

7. School Improvement Meeting was held Feb 15 – continued discussion on how to better communicate the student announcements on a daily basis.  
8. Discipline for January: 2 detentions and 2 in-school suspensions

9. Attendance for January was 95.4%

**LOAN OF DRIVERS EDUCATION VEHICLE TO MORRIS HIGH SCHOOL:**

As in years past, Morris High School has requested to borrow one of our Drivers Ed vehicles. This is the 5th year that they would like to borrow it. Mr. Perrott is recommending that the board approve again this year. The loan does not incur any cost to the district. Morris High School pays for mileage and service to the vehicle.

**APPROVAL: SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017-2018:**

Mr. Engelman has worked with the area schools, GAVC, and Grundy High Schools to coordinate our calendar. We are well aligned so holidays and most teacher institute days are the same. This is the closest that the high school and all 3 feeder grade schools have been in six years. The board reviewed the proposed calendar.

**READING OF BOARD POLICY REVISIONS/ADDITIONS:**

This will be a 1st reading of Board Policies and Exhibits 5:60, 5:60-E1, 5:60-E2, 2:125, 2:125-E1, 2:125-E2, 2:125-E3. They are in regards to reimbursement, expenses and procedures for board members. Future board expenditures / reimbursement will be approved as a separate item. The goal is to expand transparency.

**2017-2018 SCHOOL FEES:**

Mr. Perrott is recommending NO change to the school fees. The Board reviewed the “School Fee Receipt” Mr. Male asked Mr. Perrott to look into what other area schools are charging for school fees in comparison to GSW High School.

**OTHER ITEMS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Building/Grounds Projects** = Mr. Perrott and The Building Committee reported on the following:

A. COMMITTEE REPORT: Recommending the AC project in two phases. The first phase is the 2nd floor. Also recommending that door 14 and door 16 be replaced to include electronic opening and swipe. Mr. Perrott is searching for grants that may assist with our AC project.

B. WATER TESTING: State Law says that Elementary School Districts have to get their water sources checked for lead. High Schools, at this time, do not. Mr. Perrott spoke with the regional office. The IDPH has advised to NOT contract for testing until the rules have been written regarding the new water testing laws. The testing contractor that Mr. Perrott contacted has quoted $35 per source for collecting and $100 per source testing. The board agreed to wait until rules are outlined for school districts. Since this would be un-funded by the state, GSW could use Health/Life Safety money for the testing.

### ACTION ITEMS:

* Principal Contract - TABELED
* Approval of the Academic Services Coordinator Contract
* Approval of the Loan of Drivers Education Vehicle – to Morris High School
* Approval of the 2017-2018 School Calendar
* Approval of the Summer 2017 Building Projects
* Approval of Board Policy Revisions/Additions
* Approval of the 2017-2018 School Fees
* February 22, 2017 Meeting – cancel the 2nd “regular” meeting of the month of February.

**SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION ITEMS:**

* Illinois Association of School Boards Three Rivers Division Spring Meeting = Tuesday, March 7 at 5:00 PM.
* Economic Interest Surveys = Surveys are coming out and must be filled out and returned, even if you are leaving the Board of Education.
* Spring Ballot = There are four openings (full-time for 4-years) on our GSW High School board. There are 3 people running and two write-in candidates.
* Grundy County Special Education Co-op = The board reviewed a copy of the organization charge for the GCSEC.
* Band Trip to Peoria = The Gardner Area Band for the 2nd year in a row is scheduled to perform the National Anthem before the start of the Peoria Rivermen Hockey game on Saturday night, Feb. 18th.
* Band and Baseball = The Gardner Area Band is scheduled to perform the National Anthem at 6:05 PM on June 3rd before the start of the Joliet Slammers baseball game.
* Pantherette Spiritline = The Pantherette Spiritline on Sat., Feb. 11th placed 2nd in State in the Pom A Category and 5th in the Jazz A category. They also received the 2nd Place Grand Champion Award for the A Category.
* GSW Band Fundraiser = Sat night, Feb 25th at 7:00 PM at Rury’s in South Wilmington. $10 per ticket entry fee. Raffles, baskets, etc.
* RVC Math Tournament = GSW will host the RVC Math Tournament on March 8th.
* GSW Hosting Boys’ Regional Basketball Games – Starting on Mon, Feb. 20th
* FOIA Requests = spreadsheet was distributed to board members

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUESTS:**

None at this time.

#### B O A R D O F E D U C A T I O N

President: David Doglio

Vice-President: Pam Brooks

Cindy Gerber, Craig Male, Allison Palermo,

Kori Speed & Katy Wepprecht

Principal: John Engelman

Superintendent: Michael Perrott