

**GARDNER-SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL  
GARDNER, IL 60424**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2018  
REGULAR MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Gardner-So. Wilmington High School Board of Education, Counties of Grundy and Kankakee, IL was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Mrs. Pamela Brooks.

**ROLL CALL:** Members present: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Palermo, Speed and Wepprecht. Also in attendance were Superintendent Mr. Michael Perrott and Principal Mr. John Engelman. All members were present “in person.”

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the meeting minutes for the month of January: (January 17, 2018 Regular & Closed Session minutes), bills for the month of *February* and payroll for the month of *January*, and Financial Reports for the month of *January*.

**AYES:** Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Palermo, Speed and Wepprecht.

**MOTION CARRIED:** 7-0.

**PUBLIC:**

- Public Comment: None. There was NO public in attendance at the meeting.

**REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Principal’s Report:** Principal, Mr. John Engelman, presented on the following:

- Rhythm of our Youth – Cardiac Screenings for all GSW HS students will be held on Aug. 29, 2018 at the start of the 2018-19 school year. The screenings are conducted in the gym area and results are sent to the parents. This is FREE of charge and will be offered every 2-years.
- School / Building Safety: Procedures regarding school safety efforts at GSW HS were reviewed:
  - We develop a safety plan with Grundy Sheriff and local first responders, which is reviewed each year.
  - We practice required evacuation drills with the Grundy Sheriff / local fire departments.
  - We practice lock downs with Grundy County Deputies with students and teachers in the building.
  - We participate in a reciprocal reporting agreement with Grundy County to share information about suspicious events / activities / persons.
  - We work with students and teachers to keep the building envelope locked down during the day.
  - All visitors enter through the secured main entrance.
  - During the school day all students will enter and exit through the main office.
  - A Grundy Deputy is in the building 2-3 times a week.
  - We are responsive to ALL rumors and chatter about any harmful behaviors that have happened or are reported to be happening.
  - Our social worker and guidance are utilized to work with students in crisis and with emotional needs.
  - Teachers are directed to monitor / supervise halls between classes.

We just had meetings with every student in the building to discuss appropriate behavior / anti bullying / reporting.

We have had anti-bully awareness presentations by experts / county for parents and students.

We have periodic student searches as students enter the building.

We have Sheriff's K-9 unit conduct searches.

We conduct locker and student searches related to reported / suspected incidents.

Our staff, teachers, and students are working together to report and then investigate concerning incidents.

**Property Lease for Solar Power:** The recommendation is to **not** pursue a lease agreement to allow solar power system on the school property. 1. Conflict of allowable use of property due to the property was purchased with working cash funds. 2. The lease would tie up the property for 15 to 25 years.

**Illinois Association of School Boards P.R.E.S.S.:** Mr. Perrott is recommending that the board approves the Illinois Association of School Boards policy updates as recommended in the Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS).

**Intergovernmental Agreement with Dwight School District:** Currently GSW is sharing a Social Worker with Dwight. Mr. Perrott is recommending that we discontinue the intergovernmental agreement with Dwight for the Social Worker. We would like our social worker to be "full-time" at GSW High School, allowing her to be here every day for students and also spend some time working in / covering the library.

**Milk Contract:** Mr. Perrott is recommending that GSW extends their contract with Clover Leaf Farms for 1-year. There will be a \$0.01 increase per half pint.

**Other Items:** Board member, Katy Wepprecht, spent some time reviewing the wording on the Panther Hall of Fame Constitution and By-Laws. The board reviewed and edited the document and will approve at the March meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

- **Building Projects:** The Building Committee met tonight before the regular board to discuss upcoming projects. The Asbestos Abatement Project will start as soon as school is out of session for summer break. There will be contractors walking thru the building and bids will be received and reviewed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the President, Mrs. Pamela Brooks, Mrs. Palermo motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to go into closed session at 8:15 p.m.

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- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Palermo, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

REGULAR SESSION: Mrs. Wepprecht motioned and seconded by Mrs. Palermo to return to regular session at 8:45 p.m.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Palermo, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

PROPERTY/LAND LEASE PROPOSAL FOR SOLAR POWER: Mrs. Gerber motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wepprecht to **not** pursue the Property/Land Lease Proposal for Solar Power.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Palermo, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS P.R.E.S.S.: Mrs. Wepprecht motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the Illinois Association of School Boards P.R.E.S.S.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Palermo, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

PART-TIME CUSTODIAL MAINTENANCE: NO ACTION

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH DWIGHT SCHOOL DISTRICT: Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Palermo to discontinue the Social Worker Intergovernmental Agreement with Dwight School District.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Palermo, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

MILK CONTRACT: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wepprecht to extend the Milk Contract with Clover Leaf Farms for 1-year.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Palermo, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

TEACHER LEAVE - FMLA: Mrs. Palermo motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to approve the Teacher Leave – FMLA for Mrs. Boaz (English).

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Palermo, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

EARLY GRADUATION REQUEST: Mrs. Wepprecht motioned and seconded by Mr. Harvey to approve the Early Graduation Request.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Palermo, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

FEBRUARY 28, 2018 BOARD MEETING: Mrs. Wepprecht motioned and seconded by Mr. Harvey to schedule the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting for the month February for Feb 21, 2018 at 3:30 PM.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Palermo, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION ITEMS: *Superintendent Perrott reviewed the following:*

- FOIA Requests – spreadsheet was reviewed.
- Band Trip to Peoria - April 7, Saturday at 7:00 pm. Band, for the third year in a row, will play the National Anthem before the start of the Peoria Rivermen Hockey game.
- Economic Interest Surveys – Surveys sent from the county are coming out and must be filled out by individual board members and returned even if you are leaving the BOE.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUESTS: None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Palermo, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

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PRESIDENT, PAMELA BROOKS

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SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON