

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting

FEBRUARY 21, 2024

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None. No public at tonight's meeting.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mr. Brian Davis, Principal, reported the following:

- Discipline = 5 detentions
- Attendance = 93.7%. Overall attendance is good. We have just a few students that are missing a lot of days.
- Truancy – Grundy County Truancy Officers will be visiting GSW HS on Friday, Feb 23rd to meet with Principal Davis and a few students who are on the truancy list.
- Spiritline Team – Attended IDTA State in Springfield on Saturday, Feb. 10th and placed 2nd in Open Pom and 4th in Pom.
- Scholastic Bowl – Took 4th place at the RVC Tournament in Tri-Point on Saturday, Feb. 10th.
- Professional Development – We had Eric Santos come out to GSW on Wed, Feb. 14th on our SIP Day and train our teachers on new technology and Artificial Intelligence (AI). Teacher feedback was great. They learned how to quickly develop curriculum and save time. Several have already started to utilize it.
- Girls Basketball – GSW is hosting Sectionals Feb 20 and 22. Our GSW girls team lost their 1st Regional Game by 1-point vs. Ottawa-Marquette on Saturday, Feb. 10th.
- Boys Basketball – Our GSW boys team lost their 1st Regional Game vs. Yorkville-Christian on Feb. 19th
- Hand Book Committee – currently forming a new committee and will be meeting soon to discuss and review next year's hand book.
- Athletic Hand Book – Mr. Davis is working on creating a new one to use for the 24-25 school year.
- Math Team – going to ICTM Regionals on Feb. 24 and RVC Math Competition on Feb. 29
- No School – Holiday – Casimir Pulaski Day – March 4th
- JJC Dual Credit Placement Testing – Juniors will be going to the JJC Campus on March 11th for Math and English tests.
- RVC Leadership Conference – March 15th

DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

- Student Services Coordinator – Ms. Angel Dallio submitted her report electronically to the board members. They reviewed her tasks = MAP testing was completed, RTI Committee placed 10 students in Math, 18 students in Reading and 20 students in Language Usage help during Learning Labs, Throw-Back Thursdays on our website & social media updates, SAT will be taken on-line this year on April 10, PSAT on April 11, ISA – Juniors will take the Illinois Science Assessment testing, and the Consolidated District Plant – which is a yearly update.
- Technology Director – Mr. John Williamsen submitted his report electronically to the board members. He indicated he has been working on = State reporting, webinars, set-up student Chromebooks, helping Ms. Dallio set-up MAP testing, replacing networks, wireless network updates, working on moving our door buzzer system from the inner hallway front office door to the outside door of our building, replaced the camera on the front door entrance / front of the building, firewall system, Student Registration – opens up March 1st, and purchasing tech related supplies.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT: Mrs. Sue Avery discussed the following:

- Boiler Issues
 - Wally has been working on these issues with Tri Co and Koreles.
 - Boiler parts from GGS – Gardner Grade School breaking down and removing their old boiler system. Wally is going to take a look at it and see if we can use any of the parts.
- ROE Inspection / walk through – Two visitors were at GSW HS and will write-up their findings and give us a list of issues to fix / repair. We have not received the report yet.
- Building & Grounds Committee – Board members – David Simms and Tim Harvey will be on the committee and will meet soon to discuss upcoming summer work and long-term plans for GSW.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Mrs. Avery presented on the following:

- Working Cash Bonds -The company GSW has been working with for years has dissolved, and Mrs. Avery is now meeting with a new company.
- Online Student Registration / Discount – will open up on March 1st and run through the end of May. The Early Registration Discount is \$10.00. Parents will need to register their students on-line using the Teacher Ease program.
- Milk Contract – Renewal of milk contract with Clover Farms with a 2 cents increase. This is standard every school year.
- Fees
 - Raise Food pricing – 10 cent meal increases to keep pace with the state
 - Keep all other school fees the same for the 2024-25 school year
- Transportation Conversation – The three area Superintendents (GSW, GGS and SWGS) met with Illinois Central School Bus to review bus contracts. We have asked for a 3-year extension, instead of a 2-year. We are waiting to hear back from IL Central.
- Add Full-Time Sub Position – Wanting to add a full-time substitute to staffing for the 24-25 school year. This will help fill the daily openings for sub teachers in the building. This employee will work student attendance days and fill in spots in the building where needed, on a daily basis.
- Long Term Sub Position – Long-term PE / Health sub until the end of this school year
- Interviews -
 - PE- (1) position to fill
 - Guidance – have interviewed two candidates for this position. We would like them to start as soon as possible.
- Accounting Update – We received an update from the consulting company – Englert Group, LLC – that they are currently working with our Auditor and cleaning up / balancing our bank recs.

BOE MEMBERS REPORTS:

None at this time.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Approve Milk Contract renewal with Clover Farms
- Appoint Superintendent to begin tentative budget for the fiscal year 2025
- Approve School Fees for the 2024-2025 school year – Raise meals by .10 cents
- Approve Long-Term Substitute Teacher – Julie Jurasits – PE/Health, until end of the school year
- Approve Full-time Substitute Employee –Julie Jurasits – for the 24-25 school year
- Approve Non-Renewal of a Teacher Contract – Mr. Thomas Choi

OTHERS:

Mr. David Simms reported on the Girls' basketball season and announced that they are the RVC Champs!

The board members discussed the upcoming Band Trip to Savannah, Georgia and Charleston, South Carolina. The Gardner Area Band Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, April 27th starting at 5:00 PM at the Gardner American Legion. \$10 admission per person. Bake Sale and Basket Raffle available starting at noon on the day of the event.

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