

# GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

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## BOARD BRIEFS

### *Highlights of the Regular Meeting*

**January 16, 2019**

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**PUBLIC:** No public comment.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Mr. Engelman presented on the following:

- Fossil Ridge Library Bookmobile = Starting Tuesday, February 11th, the Fossil Ridge Book Mobile will be stopping at GSW High School. They are scheduled to come the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month. They will be here from 12-1. Students will need to get their own library card. An application can be picked up at the bookmobile but needs to be taken home for parent signatures. For the month of February and March, students will be able to check out books under GSWHS's card. We want to get kids reading and realize we do not have a large selection here. Hopefully, they feel like there are more choices on the bookmobile. We have to develop a procedure for students who want to go visit the bookmobile – The plan may be to allow a maximum of 3 students from each learning lab to attend for 15- minutes with a pass.
- Teacher Institute Day – On Jan 7, 2019 our GSW High School teachers attended Professional Development, along with our 3-feeder grade schools, at Coal City High School from 7:45 AM until 1:00 PM. A main speaker started the day off, with break-out sessions following.
- “Natural Helpers” – This group / program began in 1979 due to the rise of teenage suicide and substance abuse. GSW is starting this program and is planning an overnight group trip scheduled for Feb. 16 & 17 for 25-35 students. There will be 4 GSW adult chaperones attending this trip with the students.

**ACADEMIC SERVICES COORDINATOR REPORT:** Ms. Angel Dallio had previously submitted her Mid-Year Report to board members. Ms. Dallio reported on the various projects that are being worked on and upcoming activities. It was also noted that Ms. Dallio will take over some of the Testing Processes this Spring at GSW HS. Moving Spring Testing over to Dallio will take some of the work load off Ms. Kilmer and the Guidance Department.

**TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR REPORT:** Mr. John Williamson had previously submitted his Mid-Year Report to board members. Mr. Perrott stated that Williamson has spent time in the computer labs updating computers and installing new computers and addressing other issues at GSW HS. Mr. Williamson is split amongst 3 buildings – GSW (60%), Braceville Elementary School (20%) and South Wilmington Grade School (20%).

**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT:** Mr. Engelman had also submitted his Mid-Year Report to board members, but he did review some topics tonight. This year in Cross County, GSW only had 2 girls and 6 boys, which was the lowest number in 25-years. Volleyball had 10 members on Varsity and 14 on JV. They had the most wins (23) in over 15-years. Spiritline had 14 members and is now down to 13, due to a student moving. They are winning lots of awards and have qualified for IDTA and IHSA competitions. Girls' basketball has 9 members on JV and 11 on Varsity. Both teams are doing well this year. Boys' basketball has 15 members on JV and 15 on Varsity. Color Guard has a total of 6, which is double from last year.

**OTHER ITEMS:**

Board member, Cindy Gerber, requested that teacher pages on the GSW Website be updated. Some of the pages are unfinished.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mr. Perrott presented on the following:

- Building: Gym Ventilation = The existing motors have been refurbished and need to be installed. They will run on a thermostat and when it gets too hot in the gym, they will turn on and pull the hot air out of the gymnasium.
- School Safety Committee: The next meeting will be on January 23 at 4:30 PM. The new Grundy County Sheriff will also be in attendance. We will address some ideas from the last meeting.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Approval of Administrator Contract – Mr. John Engelman, Principal / Athletic Director
- Approval of Volunteer Basketball Coach – Chris Halpin, Varsity
- Approval of “Natural Helpers” Trip – February 16 & 17, 2019
- January 23, 2019 Board Meeting – Cancel the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting for the month of January 2019.

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

- FOIA Requests

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUESTS:** None at this time.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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