

# GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

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## BOARD BRIEFS

### *Highlights of the Regular Meeting*

**July 18, 2018**

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**PUBLIC:** No Public Comment.

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

- **Golden Apple Scholars:** This year we are very proud to announce that GSW has TWO graduates who have received this prestigious award. Our Golden Apple Scholars are:
  - Jordan Bartels – who will be attending Augustana College this fall.
  - Sarah Schultz – who will be attending Eastern Illinois University this fall.
- **Summer Internship Program:** This year we have ONE student who is participating in the Summer Internship Program. GSW graduate, Sarah Schultz, is interning with Joliet Junior College as a teacher assistant in JJC summer camp programs. The program is run every summer in partnership with Grundy County Economic Development Council, State Senator Sue Rezin, and 15 Grundy County business partners. Students have to apply and interview for the paid positions. Not all who apply are chosen to interview or selected for a position. This is a competitive internship application process.
- **HOBY, Hugh O'Brian Youth leadership seminar,** is designed to help high school sophomores recognize their leadership talents and apply them to become effective, ethical leaders in their home, school, workplace and community. This year GSW sent TWO sophomores to the seminar in June. Michael Ashley and Nolan Perkins. These students were asked to attend because they were recognized as natural leaders and selected by GSW teachers.
- **Student Handbook Revisions:** The board members reviewed the recommended changes to the student handbook. These recommendations have come from a teacher – parent – student committee and have been reviewed by Engelman and Perrott. There was discussion regarding the Dress Code Policy section.

**TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR REPORT:** Mr. John Williamsen, Technology Director, gave the board members a detailed report on what he accomplished during the 2017-18 school year, projects he is working on during the summer months, and future projects he plans to complete during the 2018-19 school year.

**DESTRUCTION OF RECORDED CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:** Recommendation to destroy all recorded Closed Session minutes older than 18-months as per law. December 2016.

**OPENING OF WRITTEN CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:** Reviewed every 6-months. Closed Session Written minutes can be opened after approval. Open of minutes prior to December 2017 to be opened.

**AMEND FY 2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR:** There will be a 1:00 PM dismissal on April 9<sup>th</sup> (SAT day), not on April 4<sup>th</sup>. This change will be made to the FY19 school calendar once approved at tonight's meeting.

**AMEND BOARD MEETING CALENDAR:** We will move the Wednesday, November 21 meeting to Tuesday, November 20 to avoid the night before Thanksgiving.

**INSURANCE RENEWAL PSIC:** Prairie State Insurance Cooperative renewal for Liability and Workman's Compensation.

Property / Causality Insurance FY18 = \$18,292, FY 19 = \$19,848	(+\$1,556)
Worker's Comp Insurance FY 18 = \$11,531, FY 19 = \$9,230	(-\$2,301)
	FY19 less \$745

### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF VENDORS OF RECORD:**

- Paper of Record : The Paper, Dwight, Illinois
- Bonds: First Midstate, Inc., Bloomington, Illinois
- Attorney Services: Robbins Schwartz, LTD, Chicago, Illinois
- Architectural Services: Healy, Bender, & Associates, INC., Naperville, Illinois
- Banking and Investments: First Midwest Bank

**OTHER:** Mr. Perrott reviewed current Health Insurance. Last GSW was with Blue Cross / Blue Shield. BCBS revised the insurance health policies that GSW offers to faculty and staff. Employees will be transferred over to the new Blue Cross / Blue Shield programs / policies. There is only a 1.13% rate increase in premiums this year.

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

- Building:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> floor air-conditioning is moving along nicely. Wally has a great deal of the copper pipe laid out and it needs to be brazed together. The units are being mounted in the rooms.
  - Concrete has been poured in the art room. Waiting as long as possible to allow it to cure before the floor receives its final coating. To be completed by July 31.
  - Terrazzo began 1<sup>st</sup> week of July.
  - The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor cleaning is finished except waxing on second floor hallway.
  - The band room is finished
  - Currently cleaning the locker rooms and gym
  - Gym floor will have their annual refinishing during the week of July 23.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- Accept Resignation of Custodial Staff – Dennis Morris
- Non-Certified Personnel Action – to reinstate John Korelc
- Hire Long Term Substitute Teacher – Drivers Education – Richard Vana
- Approval of Insurance Renewal – Prairie State Insurance Cooperative
- Approval of Student Handbook 2018-2019 School Year, as amended.
- Amend Board Meeting Calendar – Move Wed, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> meeting to Tues, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>
- Amend FY 2019 School Calendar – 1:00 PM dismissal on April 9<sup>th</sup> (SAT day) – no April 4<sup>th</sup> early dismissal.
- Approval of Destruction of Recorded Closed Session Minutes – prior to December 2016
- Approval of Opening of Written Closed Session Minutes – prior to December 2017
- July 25, 2018 Board Meeting – cancel the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting for the month of July.

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

- FOIA Requests; no requests in June.
- Building Compliance – The Regional Office of Education completed a building inspection of GSW High School and we are in compliance. The board reviewed the letter we received from the ROE.

### **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