

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

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2026
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 7:04 p.m. by President, Mrs. Terry Schultz.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Ashley, Biros, Monferdini-Wilkey, Schultz, Simms and Speed. Also in attendance was Superintendent Mrs. Sue Avery and Principal Elect Mr. Rodney Monbrum. All members were present "in person."

PUBLIC COMMENT: GSW Girls' softball team was present at tonight's meeting. They earned 3rd at State. Coach Matt Finn spoke and thanked the school's administration and board members. He also acknowledged the girls' dedication. Parent Anne Simms was also present at the meeting showing support for the girls. Mrs. Jillian Wills, Class Sponsor, informed the board that the Junior Class Fundraiser at Culver's in Diamond was a big success.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the meeting minutes for the month of *May*: (May 20, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes and Closed Session minutes) and bills for the month of *June* and payroll for the month of *May* and Financial Reports for the month of *May*.

AYES: Ashley, Biros, Monferdini-Wilkey, Schultz, Simms and Speed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Principal's Report: Mr. Rodney Monbrum, Principal Elect, was present at tonight's meeting and discussed the upcoming school year. He will be sending out dates to meet with teachers and parents.

Directors' Reports: Mrs. Crystal Aukland submitted her Athletic Director's Report on-line to board members.

Building and Grounds Report: Mrs. Avery reviewed this report with board members.

- HVAC
- Plumbing issues

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Avery discussed this report with board members.

BOE Members Reports: None at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the President, Mrs. Terry Schultz, Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to go into closed session at 7:55 p.m. for the purpose of considering information regarding employment contracts or any matter permissible under the open meetings act.

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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, Biros, Monferdini-Wilkey, Schultz, Simms and Speed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

ADJOURN CLOSED AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Biros to adjourn executive session and return to regular session at 8:56 p.m.

AYES: Ashley, Biros, Monferdini-Wilkey, Schultz, Simms and Speed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVE FY26 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Mr. Simms motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the FY26 Budget Amendment, as presented.

AYES: Ashley, Biros, Monferdini-Wilkey, Schultz, Simms and Speed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

ACCEPT TEACHER RESIGNATION: Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mr. Simms to accept Teacher Resignation – Mrs. Tyler Miller – English teacher.

AYES: Ashley, Biros, Monferdini-Wilkey, Schultz, Simms and Speed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT TITLE 1 PLAN FOR 2026-2027: Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Biros to approve the Consolidated District Title 1 Plan for 2026-2027, as presented.

AYES: Ashley, Biros, Monferdini-Wilkey, Schultz, Simms and Speed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

PROPERTY/CASUALTY INSURANCE RENEWAL FY27: Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mr. Simms to approve the Property/Casualty Insurance Renewal FY27.

AYES: Ashley, Biros, Monferdini-Wilkey, Schultz, Simms and Speed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

WORKMAN'S' COMPENSATION INSURANCE RENEWAL FY27: Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the Workman's Compensation Insurance Renewal FY27.

AYES: Ashley, Biros, Monferdini-Wilkey, Schultz, Simms and Speed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

DESTRUCTION OF CLOSED SESSION AUDIO RECORDINGS 18-MONTHS AND OLDER: Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings 18-months and older.

AYES: Ashley, Biros, Monferdini-Wilkey, Schultz, Simms and Speed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

OPENING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM JANUARY 2026 – MAY 2026: Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the opening of Board of Education Closed Session Minutes from January 2026 – May 2026.

AYES: Ashley, Biros, Monferdini-Wilkey, Schultz, Simms and Speed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF JULY BILLS: Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mr. Simms to authorize the payment of July bills.

AYES: Ashley, Biros, Monferdini-Wilkey, Schultz, Simms and Speed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF NEW STAFF FOR (2026-2027): Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to authorize employment of new staff for (2026-2027).

AYES: Ashley, Biros, Monferdini-Wilkey, Schultz, Simms and Speed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVE RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE ENGLISH TEACHER: Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Biros to approve recommendation to hire English teacher – Riham Younis.

AYES: Ashley, Biros, Monferdini-Wilkey, Schultz, Simms and Speed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER:

Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the recommendation to hire Physical Education / Health Teacher – Gavin Johnston.

AYES: Ashley, Biros, Monferdini-Wilkey, Schultz, Simms and Speed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF PRESS POLICY 121: Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the Second Reading of Press Policy 121, as presented by IASA.

AYES: Ashley, Biros, Monferdini-Wilkey, Schultz, Simms and Speed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVE PRINCIPAL PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR TEACHER: Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Biros to approve Principal Preparation Program for Mrs. Samantha Johnson – Concordia University Principal Prep Program.

AYES: Ashley, Biros, Monferdini-Wilkey, Schultz, Simms and Speed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVE THE IGA WITH TRI-POINT FOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL: Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the IGA with Tri-Point for Girls' Basketball – Two-year IGA for an Athletic Cooperative for Fiscal Years 2027 & 2028, designating GSW as the host district.

AYES: Ashley, Biros, Monferdini-Wilkey, Schultz, Simms and Speed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

OTHER(s): Board members discussed the following:

- Stolls for NHS (National Honor Society)
- GPA for report cards – print on report cards
- Shot clock installation

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM.

AYES: Ashley, Biros, Monferdini-Wilkey, Schultz, Simms and Speed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

PRESIDENT, TERRY SCHULTZ

SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON