

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Budget Amendment Hearing & Regular Meeting **JUNE 18, 2025**

PRESENTATION OF THE AMENDED FY 2025 DISTRICT BUDGET: Mrs. Avery presented the Amended FY25 District Budget to board members. She informed them that we have a balanced budget and clean numbers for the audit.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: None at tonight's meeting.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS: None at tonight's meeting.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT: Mrs. Avery reported on:

- HVAC Update = In contact with Narvick Bros.
- Summer work update:
 - Room Changes – We are relocating a few teacher rooms within the building to meet the needs of our students.
 - Painting in a few rooms
 - Tree trimming – we topped nine trees along our property line on the west side of the parking lot.

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

- School Board Conference in November in Chicago – members discussed who is attending this Fall.
- Insurance Update / Workman's Comp Update – rates going up 15%
 - Bid in the future to explore competitive rates.
- Software Update – We are currently moving over all information from E-Finance to Teacher Ease. It is going well and will be very user-friendly.
- GCED Community Grant – Mrs. Avery wrote a grant and received \$5,000, which will be used for our Dual-Credit Math classes taught by Mrs. Nicole Leigh.

BOE MEMBERS REPORTS: Elli Monferdini-Wilkey asked who will be teaching the new PLTW classes at GSW for the upcoming school year. Mrs. Avery informed the board that Ms. Danielle Diamond was hired to teach the new curriculum.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Approve FY25 Budget Amendment
- Approve the Board Resolution to abate Working Cash to Fund 10
- Approve the Consolidated District Title I Plan for 2025-2026
- Approve the Property/Casualty Insurance Renewal for FY26
- Approve the Workman's Compensation Insurance Renewal for FY26
- Approve the Destruction of Closed Session audio recordings 18 months and older
- Approve the Opening of Board of Education Closed Session minutes from January 2025 to May 2025
- Authorize the payment of July bills
- Authorize the employment of new staff for (2025 – 2026)

- Approve the addition of Fall Baseball for the FY26 school year with IHSA
- Accept the resignation of Chris Halpin for Assistant Basketball and Assistant Baseball
- Approve to hire Alan Wills to coach Fall Ball
- Approve the resignation of PE Teacher – Steven Kenyon
- Approve the hire of a FY26 PE Teacher – Corey Haynes
- Approve the Second Reading of Press Policy 118 and all review and monitoring as presented by IASA.

OTHERS:

Kori Speed asked about the July board meeting. There is no July meeting, and all meeting dates are approved by the board each school year.

Katy Wepprecht asked about the graduation slideshow and who is in charge of this project. The Class Sponsor for the graduating class of 2026 will be informed at the start of this school year that they will take charge of that particular project.

Sponsor Handbook/Employee Handbook – Mrs. Avery informed the board that she is working on creating one, which will take approximately a year to complete. This will be separate from the Athletic Handbook.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

President: Terry Schultz

Vice-President: Kori Speed

Kristen Ashley, Janelle Biros, Elli Monferdini-Wilkey

David Simms & Katy Wepprecht

Principal: Mr. Brian Davis

Superintendent: Mrs. Susan Avery