

GARDNER-SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
GARDNER, IL 60424

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2025
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 7:06 p.m. by President, Mrs. Terry Schultz.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Ashley, Biros, Monferdini-Wilkey, Schultz, Speed and Wepprecht. Also in attendance was Superintendent Mrs. Sue Avery. All members were present “in person.”

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Mrs. Wepprecht motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the meeting minutes for the month of *May*: (May 21, 2025 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, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Principal’s Report: None at tonight’s meeting.

Director’s Report: 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 teachers 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. Sue Avery discussed 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the President, Mrs. Terry Schultz, Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wepprecht to go into closed session at 7:16 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, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

ADJOURN CLOSED AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to adjourn executive session and return to regular session at 7:42 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVE FY25 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to approve the FY25 Budget Amendment, as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVE THE BOARD RESOLUTION TO ABATE WORKING CASH TO FUND 10: Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Biros to approve the Board Resolution to abate Working Cash from the Working Cash Fund 70 to Fund 10 the Education Fund in the amount of \$380,460.00.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT TITLE 1 PLAN FOR 2025-2026: Mrs. Wepprecht motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the Consolidated District Title 1 Plan for 2025-2026, as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

PROPERTY/CASUALTY INSURANCE RENEWAL FY26: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to approve the Property/Casualty Insurance Renewal FY26, as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE RENEWAL FY26: Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wepprecht to approve the Workman's Compensation Insurance Renewal FY26, as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

OPENING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM JANUARY 2025-MAY 2025: Mrs. Wepprecht motioned and seconded by Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey to approve the Opening of Board of Education Closed Session Minutes from January 2025 – May 2025.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF JULY BILLS: Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wepprecht to authorize the Superintendent to pay the bills in July.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF NEW STAFF FOR (2025-2026): Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey to authorize the Superintendent to employ new staff for 2025-2026, if necessary.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVE THE ADDITION OF FALL BASEBALL FOR THE FY26 SCHOOL YEAR WITH IHSA: Mrs. Wepprecht motioned and seconded by Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey to approve the addition of Fall Baseball for the FY26 school year with IHSA.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF CHRIS HALPIN FOR ASSISTANT BOYS BASKETBALL AND ASSISTANT BASEBALL: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wepprecht to accept the resignation of Chris Halpin for Assistant Boys' Basketball and Assistant Baseball.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVE TO HIRE ALAN WILLS TO COACH FALL BALL: Mrs. Wepprecht motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve to hire Alan Wills to coach Fall Baseball.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF P.E. TEACHER: Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Biros to accept the resignation of PE Teacher – Mr. Steven Kenyon.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVE THE HIRE OF A P.E. TEACHER: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to approve the recommendation to hire Corey Haynes as the FY26 Physical Education Teacher.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF PRESS POLICY 118 AND ALL REVIEW AND MONITORING OF PRESS POLICY AS PRESENTED BY IASA: Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wepprecht to approve the Second Reading of Press Policy 118 and all review and monitoring of Press Policy as presented by IASA.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

OTHER(s):

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.

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 PM.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

PRESIDENT, TERRY SCHULTZ

SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON