

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

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 2023
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 7:05 p.m. by President, Mrs. Katy Wepprecht.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed and Wepprecht. Also in attendance was Superintendent Mrs. Sue Avery. All members were present “in person.”

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lorie Wilkins was present at the meeting to ask about the status of the lift at GSW. Lorie is the grandmother of a special ed student in a wheelchair that will be needing to use the lift on a daily basis at GSW HS for the 23-24 school year. She would like for her grandson to be able to attend GSW and not have to be bussed over to Morris if the lift is broken. Supt. Avery informed her that the parts are on order (new platform and computer chip), and once the parts arrive, the existing lift will be repaired and ready for use.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Mr. Simms to approve the meeting minutes for the month of *May*: (May 17, 2023 Special Meeting (sine die), Regular Meeting (Seating of New Members) minutes and Closed Session minutes), bills for the month of *June* and payroll for the month of *May*, and Financial Reports for the month of *May*.

AYES: Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Principal’s Report: Mrs. Sue Avery, Supt., reported the following:

- Mr. Engelman worked his 10-summer days remotely from home to finish off his school year.
- New Principal, Mr. Brian Davis, has moved into his new office already.
- GSW Handbook – Principal Davis took over the GSW Handbook Committee and held approximately six meetings at the end of this school year to revise it for the 23-24 school year.

Directors’ Reports: None at this time.

Building and Grounds Report: Mrs. Sue Avery presented on the following:

- Lift Update = As previously stated, the new parts are on order (new platform and computer chip) and existing lift will be repaired. We wanted to install a brand-new lift, but it was denied due to a roof/ceiling variance. The fire marshal informed GSW that we would need to install an elevator. GSW does not have the funding for an elevator (\$700,000 to \$1 million), and we only have the space for it to get up to the 2nd floor, not accessible to the 3rd floor. We have been advised by the ROE to fix the existing lift, as it receives yearly approval, and then look for / apply for grants to fund a future elevator installation.
- Summer Work – is going well. Custodial staff has been cleaning rooms. Our temporary summer high school student workers are doing great.

- Rafter System – Looking into purchasing this system for GSW. It would be a wireless kiosk that will be housed in the front entry vestibule. Visitors would need to be cleared through this system in order to enter the building. It would print out a name badge for them to wear. The cost would be approximately \$2,000 start-up fee and a \$900 yearly fee to run the system.

Superintendent’s Report: Mrs. Sue Avery discussed the following:

- Board Convention – November 17, 18 and 19 in Chicago. Needing to know how many plan to attend to book hotel rooms, register, etc.
- Next year’s Levy Numbers – estimated levy figures were reviewed
- Science Teacher – We had only 1 applicant apply for this position at GSW – Mr. Thomas Choi – he will be approved to be hired tonight.
- Insurance Update – the rate has gone up by 4.30%
- Workman’s Comp Insurance Update – the rate has gone up by about 9% - we have had some claims over the past year.
- Faith’s Law – IL Governor Pritzker passed a new law mandating background calls / checking with former employers on job status regarding grooming and any sexual conduct in schools.
- Grundy County Sherriff, Mr. Ken Briley, offered an invite to any GSW Board Member that would like to attend their Monthly Committee Meetings. Terry Schultz, Tim Harvey and Kori Speed all stated they would like to attend.

BOE Members Reports: Board Member, Terry Schultz asked if GSW can get together some volunteers to work in the Bingo Tent at Party in the Park this summer. Any coaches and teams / groups that use the park or any school personnel that would like to help out can sign-up to work shifts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the President, Mrs. Katy Wepprecht, Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to go into closed session at 7:40 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: Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

REGULAR SESSION: Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Mr. Simms to return to regular session at 8:25 p.m.

AYES: Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS:

CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT TITLE 1 PLAN FOR 2023-2024: Mr. Simms motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the Consolidated District Title 1 Plan for 2023-2024.

AYES: Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

PROPERTY/CASUALTY INSURANCE RENEWAL: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the Property/Casualty Insurance Renewal.

AYES: Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE RENEWAL: Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the Workman's Compensation Insurance Renewal.

AYES: Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

APPROVE THE BOARD RESOLUTION FOR PERMANENT FUND TRANSFER FROM EDUCATION FUND TO O&M: Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to approve the Board Resolution for permanent fund transfer from Education Fund to O&M.

AYES: Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

APPROVE THE BOARD RESOLUTION FOR PERMANENT FUND TRANSFER FROM EDUCATION FUND TO TRANSPORTATION: Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Mr. Simms to approve the Board Resolution for permanent fund transfer from Education Fund to Transportation.

AYES: Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

APPROVE HIRING OF SCIENCE TEACHER: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mr. Harvey to approve hiring of Science Teacher, Mr. Thomas Choi.

AYES: Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF PRESS PLUS 111: Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Mr. Simms to approve the First Reading of Press Plus 111.

AYES: Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

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

AYES: Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

OPENING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM JANUARY 2023 – MAY 2023: Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Mr. Simms to approve opening of Board of Education Closed Session Minutes from January 2023 – May 2023.

AYES: Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF JULY 2023 BILLS: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to authorize the payment of July 2023 bills.

AYES: Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF NEW STAFF FOR (2023-2024): Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to authorize employment of new staff for (2023-2024).

AYES: Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

APPROVE ADMINISTRATION ROLE CONTRACT: Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to approve Administration Role Contract, Ms. Angel Dallio.

AYES: Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

APPROVE THE HANDBOOK CHANGES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mr. Simms to approve the Handbook changes for School Year 2023-2024.

AYES: Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

APPROVE HR COMPANY TO DO FAITH'S LAW CHECKS: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the HR Company to do Faith's Law checks.

AYES: Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

OTHER(s):

Board Member, David Simms, informed the board that his wife, Mrs. Anne Simms, was recently hired as the Head Cross-Country Coach at Dwight High School with a 1-year contract. He also asked where the Panther Bus has been. Mrs. Avery told him that it is currently at the repair shop due to axle and tie-rod issues and that the air-conditioning is also not working. It has been gone from GSW since the end of May.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM.

AYES: Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

PRESIDENT, KATY WEPPRECHT

SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON