
GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting

MAY 15, 2024

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:

- a. GAVC =Kori Speed
- b. GCSEC = Allison Wright
- c. ISAB Governing Board / IASB Convention Delegate = Katy Wepprecht
- d. Board Policy = Kori Speed & Kristen Ashley
- e. Building and Grounds = Tim Harvey & David Simms
- f. Braceville Elementary School IGA = Allison Wright
- g. Community / Safety Council = Terry Schultz
- h. DTHS IGA = David Simms & Kristen Ashley

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mr. Brian Davis, Principal, reported the following:

- Prom was held on Friday, April 19, at the Joliet Train Station, and the Prom Lock-in was held right after at Scene 75.
- The RVC Scholar-Athlete Luncheon was held at KCC on April 24. GSW candidates were Seniors Cale Halpin and Addison Fair. Addi Fair won for the 2023-24 RVC Scholar-Athlete of the Year.
- Spiritline held tryouts and now has 14 team members for the 24-25 school year.
- April 29 – The Vertical Alignment Team met and will meet again on May 16
- April 29 – The Athletic Handbook meeting was held with Mr. Davis, Amber Eisha (Athletic Director), and David Simms (Board Member). They will meet again on May 20 with all head coaches.
- The first-ever GSW HS Senior Month is the entire month of May. Mr. Davis met with several seniors and put together ideas for theme days for our Senior Class.
- May 6-10 is Teacher Appreciation Week, with a beach theme. Some parents, board members, administration, and community members helped out with desserts and gifts.
- May 13—Mr. Davis, Mrs. Avery, Ms. Dallio, and Ms. Johnson (the New science teacher) met at Oswego East to see their PLTW (Project Lead The Way) curriculum.
- May 13 & 14 – Senior Final Exams
- Valedictorian Class of 2024 – Addison Fair
- Salutatorian Class of 2024 – Jessica Dominguez
- English Teacher Interviews – One candidate will be recommended to the board of education.
- May 19 – GSW HS Graduation at 12 noon
- May 20 – Athletic Handbook meeting with all head coaches
- May 22 & 23 – Final Exams
- May 23 – Last student attendance day and last teacher attendance day

DIRECTORS' REPORTS: None for tonight's meeting.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT: Mrs. Sue Avery discussed the following:

- Parking lot issue – holding water by the tennis courts – we are looking into getting this area fixed. There is standing water, and needs to be drained. We will need to file a permit.
- Panther Bus: We are starting to have a lot of mechanical / maintenance issues with it. We currently own this vehicle. We want to explore selling it to the public and leasing a new bus or 15-passenger van.

- Chamlin & Associates—Mrs. Avery has been communicating with Ryan Hansen about the gym's air-conditioning system.

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

- GSW HS Graduation is Sunday, May 19, at 12 noon
- School Board Convention – registration opens in June. The Conference dates are Nov 22-24.
- End of Year Discussions – wrapping up the final weeks of the year. Teachers will be checking out with Mr. Davis and submitting any maintenance or technology requests to be completed over the summer.
- GSW HS Chromebooks = Senior Chromebooks are being collected. All other students (Fresh, Soph, and Junior classes) will keep their computers over the summer. They will return with the same computers for the 24-25 school year. The Incoming Freshman class will get their new computers on the first day of school.
- Annual Budget – reviewed the budget. It will be Amended at the June meeting.
- Accountant – Meet with Mrs. Avery and Mrs. Ryle to review financials.

BOE MEMBERS REPORTS:

None at tonight's meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

- IHSA membership renewal for FY25 with a membership fee
- Summer Secretary – Carla Huston (hours to be determined)
- FY25 Non-Certified Pay Raises
- Second Reading of Press Policy 114
- Resignation of English Teacher – Mrs. Michelle Scaccia
- Hire an English Teacher – Tyler Miller
- Hire Director of Student Services – Christine Ruddy - TABLED for administrative contract revisions.

OTHERS:

None.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

President: Katy Wepprecht

Vice-President: Kori Speed

Kristen Ashley, Tim Harvey, Terry Schultz,
David Simms & Allison Wright

Principal: Mr. Brian Davis

Superintendent: Mrs. Susan Avery