

# GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

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## BOARD BRIEFS

### *Highlights of the Regular Meeting*

**March 17, 2021**

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. DeLong and the Board of Education recognized the 2020-21 Spiritline team tonight for being IDTA State Champs, winning in 2 separate categories. Senior, Abigail Ozee, won the \$750.00 scholarship. This is the first time a GSW student has ever won this scholarship award. Coach Leigh was also inducted into the IDTA Hall of Fame.

#### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Principal, Mr. John Engelman, reported on the following:

- National Honor Society held their Induction Ceremony on Wed, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, inducting 10 new members this year.
- GSW returned to full school days this week on Mon, March 15<sup>th</sup>. This seems to be going very well. We have had several positive comments, from both students and teachers.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT(S):** Mr. Engelman, Athletic Director, reported on the following:

- Winter Sports Recap = The Spiritline team had a tremendous year and are IDTA State Champs. Girls JV basketball ended with a 1-7 record, but improved greatly throughout the season. Girls Varsity basketball ended with a 12-4 record and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall in their Conference. Boys JV basketball ended with a 8-7 record and 6-2 in the Conference. Boys Varsity basketball ended with a 9-9 record and 9-1 in the Conference, winning the Conference this year.
- Upcoming Spring Sports = Volleyball and Track practices have started. We are looking forward to the upcoming season. Baseball and Softball will start in April.
- Parade – we are currently in the process of planning a parade for this Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> to honor our Spiritline Line team as State Champs. The parade route will go through each town (Gardner, Braceville and South Wilmington) in the afternoon, along with the local Fire Dept vehicles.

#### **BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT:** Mr. Josh DeLong presented the following:

- Building update
- Gym murals = ConMan from Dwight was out to look at the gym area and get some ideas for murals. We have not received a quote yet at this time. Plans are to complete this project either of Spring Break or sometime this Summer.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. DeLong presented on the following:

- Full-day transition = We currently still have about 20 students that chose to stay full-remote.
- GAVC Director's Award Winner:
  - Avery Lenzie – Cosmetology for the month of February 2021
- On-line Registration = This process seems to be going better this year.
- Transportation Bid updates = Illinois Central School Bus is the only company who bid. Their 3-year contract would be a 10% increase for the first year, then a 3% increase for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years.
- Activities and Extra-Curricular updates = Senior Prom is planned for Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Gardner American Legion and Graduation is planned for Sunday, May 16 at 12 noon. Volleyball and Track has started, with Softball and Baseball starting up in April.

- South Dakota Band Trip – Summer of 2022. Mr. Leone is in the process of planning this trip for next summer. It would include 4-stops: Rapids City, Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse and Deadwood. This would be a great trip for our band students.
- Residency Issues – Mr. DeLong was looking for some direction on what the Board of Education wants to do with residency issues that come up at GSW High School. Past issues and some upcoming foreseen issues were discussed. Currently, the school board policy states that documents such as an ISBE signed affidavit, signed Power of Attorney form and a notarized form would be required in order for a student to attend.

**BOE MEMBERS REPORTS:**

None at this time.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Hire Cadee Grieff for summer office assistant
- Hire Jerry Olsen for Bass Fishing Team sponsor
- Approve Creation of Activity Account for Arrambide and Duffy Homerooms
- Approve Non-Tenure teacher rehire for FY22 school year – Rymsza, Vertin, Boaz & J. Wills
- Approve IHSA renewal for 2021-2022 school year
- Approve Bid for Pinnacle Paining Corp for epoxy cafeteria floor, storage area, and stairwells at a cost of \$21,000

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