

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting

MAY 21, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mrs. Sue Avery reported on behalf of the principal:

- Pawsitive Panthers for the month – Olivia Siano and Luca Byers
- GSW Seniors received \$256,000 in academic awards/scholarships
- ACT Test Day went well – it was held on Friday, April 25th
- Math Team – Regional Champs and went to State on April 26th at ISU
- The RVC Scholar Athlete winner was Cole Hampson
- ACS Walk was held on May 2nd – GSW raised over \$800 for this charity.
- GSWB Band Spring Concert / Awards Night was held on May 7th at 7:00 PM in the GSW HS gymnasium.
- The Mother's Day Program was held on May 9th
- Senior Final Exams were held on May 12 & 13
- Graduation Practice and Senior Picnic were held on May 16
- GSW HS Graduation Ceremony was Sunday, May 18 at 12 noon
- End of the year Celebration for our Pawsitive Panther winners and Student Leaders – May 19 at Dave and Busters.
- Final Exams are May 22 & 23. May 23 is the last day of student attendance.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS: Mrs. Chris Ruddy presented the following:

- ACT data – Reviewed categories and identified improvement areas to obtain higher test scores. There are some easy fixes so that our scores can improve next year.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT: None.

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

- Interviews for Administrator – Mrs. Avery and Mrs. Ruddy interviewed the eight applicants and narrowed it down to the top five for the Interview Committee.
- End-of-year discussion - Wrapping up the final weeks of the year.
- Graduation was held on Sunday, May 18, at noon.
- School Board Conference - Registration begins in June. The conference is in November in Chicago. Please let Mrs. Avery know who plans to attend.
- Marquee—As we have discussed, our marquee is at the end of its life. We are looking into Leasing options. Mr. Williamsen is getting pricing and numbers for at least three bids. We can use our leasing levy for a 3- or 5-year lease.
- Fall Baseball – Adding Fall Baseball will keep our school district compliant with Title IX.

BOE MEMBERS REPORTS: None.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Approve the IHSA Membership renewal for FY26 with a membership fee
- Approve the Summer Secretary – Carla Huston
- Approve the First Reading of Press Policy 118
- Accept the Resignation of Administrator – Mr. Brian Davis, Principal
- Hire New Administrator – Mr. Andrew Johnson, Principal
- Approve New Photography Company – J7 Photography
- Hire New Varsity Softball Coach – Mr. Matt Finn for the FY26 school year
- Hire New Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach – Volunteer, Mrs. Janelle Biros

OTHERS:

None.

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