

GARDNER-SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
GARDNER, IL 60424

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF MAY 21, 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 7:00 p.m. by President, Mrs. Terry Schultz.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mr. Simms to approve the meeting minutes for the month of *April*: (April 16, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes and Closed Session minutes and April 30, 2025 Special Meeting – Since Die and Seating of New Board Member and), bills for the month of *May* and payroll for the month of *April* and Financial Reports for the month of *April*.

AYES: Ashley, Schultz, Simms and Speed.

PASS: Biros and Monferdini-Wilkey

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0.

INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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 to ISU
- 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.
- 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.

Director’s Report: 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 at tonight's meeting.

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sue Avery discussed 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 12 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 at tonight's meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the President, Mrs. Terry Schultz, Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to go into closed session at 7:18 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, Simms and Speed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

ADJOURN CLOSED AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to adjourn executive session and return to regular session at 8:23 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

ACTION ITEMS:

IHSA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR FY26 WITH A MEMBERSHIP FEE: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey to approve the IHSA Membership Renewal for FY26 with a membership fee.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

SUMMER SECRETARY: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to hire Carla Huston as Summer Secretary.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

FIRST READING OF PRESS POLICY 118: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the First Reading of Press Policy 118.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

RESIGNATION OF ADMINISTRATOR: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey to accept the Resignation of Administrator, Mr. Brian Davis, Principal.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

RESIGNATION OF COACH: Mr. Simms motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to accept the resignation of Varsity Softball Coach – Ms. Amber Eisha.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR: Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to approve the New Administrator – Mr. Andrew Johnson, Principal.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

NEW PHOTOGRAPHY COMPANY: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to approve the New Photography Company – J7.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

NEW VARSITY SOFTBALL COACH: Mr. Simms motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the New Varsity Softball Coach – Mr. Matt Finn.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

NEW ASSISTANT GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH: Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Ms. Simms to approve the New Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach – Volunteer, Mrs. Janelle Biros.

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

PASS: Biros

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

OTHER(s): None at tonight's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 PM.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

PRESIDENT, TERRY SCHULTZ

SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON