

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting

November 20, 2018

PUBLIC:

Public Comment: NONE.

Written Correspondence: Mrs. Katy Wepprecht, board member, read a letter from Gardner resident, Bev Grant, praising Mr. Michael Leone and the Gardner Area Band. She enclosed a check for \$150.00 for the band to use as needed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mr. Engelman presented on the following:

- Dwight Trojan Football Team – 1st time in 12-years went to the Playoffs. GSW had 3 Varsity and 2 JV players on the team this year. GSW held a clap-off as the players went to the hallways of the building.
- Step-It-Up – For the month of October, Mr. Engelman distributed prizes to 35 students. This is the most prizes handed-out since the program was started.
- GSW Math Team – the team brought home 1st place (for the 5th year in a row) from the Beecher Invitational Competition that was held on November 14.

ESTIMATE OF AGGREGATE TAX LEVY: GSW approves this every year in November. The board members review and then approve at the November monthly meeting. It is due to the county on the last Tuesday in December.

TRUTH IN TAXATION RESOLUTION: Since we are asking for an increase of more than 5% of last year's tax levy, we will need to hold a hearing in December before the Regular December Board Meeting. Mr. Perrott will submit a Notice to The Paper in early December. Perrott said, "A request for an increase, doesn't mean that the district will automatically receive the levy increase. The request is made to cover potential increases in EAV that are not yet documented by the Grundy County Assessor."

APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES FOR SB7 COMMITTEE: Every year, GSW needs to appoint District Representatives to the SB7 Committee, which will be Mr. Perrott and Mr. Engelman again this year. They sit down with teacher union reps to review the order of teacher release, if a reduction in force would occur. This process is based on years of service and teacher evaluation.

PREVAILING WAGE: Approve the amended County Prevailing Wage as presented by the State of Illinois.

SNOW REMOVAL: The Snow Removal information was advertised. GSW received only 1 bid from Fatlan Trucking Company in Gardner. This bid was reviewed.

GYM VENTILATION BID: This project started out as an estimated \$15,000 to \$20,000 cost. GSW received 5 total bids on this project. The cost ran from \$60,000 being the lowest to \$100,000 being the highest. Mr. Perrott is asking the board members to not accept any of the bids. Instead, plans are to repair the existing ventilation and not replace everything. The existing units can be retrofit with new motors. Repairs can be done around \$4,000 total.

GARDNER AREA BAND TRIP: A trip to Nashville in December 2019 is being planned. The Gardner Area Band will be performing in the Annual Christmas Parade in Nashville. It will be a 3-day trip (December 6, 7 and 8). The Band-Boosters are already discussing and planning fundraising opportunities. The cost will be approximately \$500 per student. The Boosters are hopeful to raise at least half of the cost per student.

OTHER ITEMS: None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Perrott presented on the following:

- **Building:** Due to a boiler issue, it was cool in the hallways and cold in the gym. The gym was not used for a few days, while PE classes went to the cafeteria, library or labs. A parent(s) called an Illinois State Rep, the Regional Office of Education, 5-TV channels, and the State Board of Education. Only one parent called the school to inquire. This one parent was invited to tour the building. This parent used a thermometer to check whatever areas that she wanted to visit. The rooms measured high 60s / low 70s. The hallways and gym were cooler as reported earlier.
While the boiler was not on, classrooms were using the new air-conditioning units that also can be used as supplemental heat in each separate room. A new boiler tank is being fabricated, and our maintenance crew will pick it up and install it when it is ready. Currently, the maintenance staff has by-passed the failed collection tank and the boilers are being used to heat the building.
- **Social Media:**
 - We use Blackboard Connect for Alert Now phone messages and are looking into using text features. The goal is to not use the phone calls / voice mail messages except for urgent situations. We are working with the company to set up the text message system.
 - FaceBook – we are still working on a FaceBook page for GSW High School.
- **School Safety Committee:** The 1st meeting will be held on December 11 at 4:30 PM. The committee will consist of administration, two board members, parents, teachers, students and first responders.
- **Panther Hall of Fame:** We inducting four persons this year. The candidates have all been verbally contacted and invited to attend the Homecoming basketball game on Friday night, January 18.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Approval of Administrator Contract for Joshua DeLong as Superintendent effective July 1, 2019.
- Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with BES Elementary School, regarding sharing of Superintendent
- Approval of Estimate of Aggregate Tax Levy
- Approval of Truth in Taxation Resolution
- Appointment of District Representatives for SB7 Committee – Mr. Perrott & Mr. Engelman
- Approval of Prevailing Wage, as revised by the State of Illinois
- Approval of Snow Removal Bid – Fatlan Trucking Company, Gardner
- Gym Ventilation Bid – REJECT all presented bids
- November 28, 2018 Board Meeting – Cancel the 2nd meeting for the month of November 2018.

SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION ITEMS: Mr. Perrott reported on the following:

- FOIA Requests
- GAVC Open House – well attended by GSW board members
- Pantherette Spiritline Competition – holding a competition on Saturday, December 1st at GSW HS with 25-teams attending.
- Band Performances – Holiday Concert is being held at Gardner Grade School on December 10th

BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUESTS:

Board member, Katy Wepprecht, asked if Mr. Perrott and/or Mr. Engelman could contact a speaker to come talk to our GSW students about making positive choices.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

President: Pam Brooks

Vice-President: Katy Wepprecht

Cindy Gerber, Allison Palermo, Kori Speed

Kristen Ashley & Timothy Harvey

Principal: John Engelman

Superintendent: Michael Perrott