

GARDNER-SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
GARDNER, IL 60424

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2024
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. Katy Wepprecht.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Ashley, Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright. Also in attendance were Superintendent Mrs. Sue Avery and Principal Mr. Brian Davis. All members were present “in person.”

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at tonight’s meeting.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Ms. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the meeting minutes for the month of *October*: (October 16, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes), bills for the month of *November* and payroll for the month of *October* and Financial Reports for the month of *October*.

AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Principal’s Report: Mr. Brian Davis, Principal, reported the following:

- Curriculum MAP and PLCs (Professional Learning Communities) - Currently working on this process with our teachers. Aligning Curriculum Maps to reflect state standards.
- Teacher Evaluations – To be completed thru February.
- IPA – Illinois Principals’ Association Professional Conference was held October 20-22 in Peoria, IL. He discussed Progressive Discipline and Suspension Behavior Reset. This restart packet will be used at GSW.
- November RVC Principals’ Meeting: The shot clock used at the high school level, starting FY 26-27, was discussed. Adding River Valley Conference Social Media Sites – Facebook and Instagram - was also discussed.
- Orange & Black Night was held Saturday, November 16th and raised \$5,131.00 for our Athletics Dept.
- The Dwight Football Playoff game was held on Saturday, November 16th. Although the team did not advance, we are proud of their historic season.
- The Hall of Fame meeting was held on Monday, November 18th with two new inductees – Congratulations to Julianne Coulter and Leslie Barna.
- Four new classes – Intro to Engineering, Robotics, and Aerospace – will be added to next school years’ curriculum guide. The admin will hire a teacher for these classes.
- The GSW Student Handbook was revised to reflect that students who graduate early “can participate” in the graduation ceremony in May.
- The Hall of Fame bylaws were changed to allow nominations from Individuals, pairs, groups, teams or businesses.
- Thanksgiving Break – November 27, 28 and 29.
- Homecoming Week – December 9 thru 13.

- SIP Day – December 11th with an 11:30 AM early dismissal for students.
- Homecoming Game: Friday, December 13th. The girls' and boys' Varsity basketball teams will play that night. We will also have our Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.
- Homecoming Dance – Saturday, December 14th at GSW High School from 7 to 9 PM.
- Winter Athletic Update – Athletic Director, Amber Eisha, submitted the Fall Sports teams' numbers.
- Ice Machine – Our new ice machine has been delivered and will be installed soon. It will be in the coaches' room in the gym and will be used for athletic injuries only.
- Weight Room sign-up has been sent out to our coaches so their teams can start to use it.
- We will add two more Lifetime Fitness PE classes next school year.
- Summer Volleyball trip to Missouri – Coach asked if this trip can be approved. Summer 2025.
- EMT's – Mr. Davis is contacting our local fire departments to hire EMTs to handle sports injuries at our home games.

Director's Report: Mrs. Chris Ruddy, electronically submitted the following:

- PSAT – 14 GSW Juniors took the PSAT here at GSW High School.
- Sophomore Class Field Trip to tour GAVC location in Morris on Nov. 21.
- NHS Food Drive was held November 11 thru 15, and over 8,000 items were collected from our students.
- NHS Bell Ringing at Walmart in Morris on Sunday, December 1 and December 8
- Transcript requests – over 50 have been sent out online during Sept. and Oct. thru Parchment
- SAT Test – Saturday, December 7th – GSW is an active test site, and students will take the SAT at GSW High School.
- Mobile Food Pantry – Monday, Nov. 18th at the South Wilmington Catholic Church – NHS students helped out at this event, and the church was very appreciative.

Building and Grounds Report: Mrs. Sue Avery, Supt., reviewed the following:

- Weekly communication with the Head of Maintenance is going well.
- A heating unit will be added to the weight room / Lifetime Fitness PE room.
- Roof Inspection – We will have the inspection done.
- Library Flooring / Carpet – Currently discussing asbestos removal, abatement, and project cost.
- Parking Lot Permits came in, and Fatlan Trucking will be fixing the area where we have standing water.
- Chair Lift – is working and has been cleared. We have a three-year preventative maintenance contract.
- Snow Removal Bids – we only receive one bid today from Mr. Brian Faletti.
- A pipe leak in the Band Room on a 3 ½ inch pipe will need to be repaired.
- Baseball Field – We have lots of high and low areas. The lawn care company will be called to assess the situation and discuss options.
- Building Keys– All rooms will have a single key /master lock. Our Head of Maintenance, Wally Debelak, is handling the locks.

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sue Avery discussed the following:

- Triple I Conference Update = discussed plans for the annual board convention in Chicago being held November 22-24.

- Holiday Breaks. Thanksgiving Break is November 27-29. Winter Break is December 23 thru January 5. January 6th is a Teacher Institute Day, and on January 7th students will return.
- The GSW HS E-Learning Plan has been approved and will be used instead of snow days.
- Tax Levy – The Estimated Aggregate Tax Levy was presented along with Public Act 103-0394, Sec. 17-1.10, the operational funds expenditure report, and the reserve reduction plan. GSWHS complies and is within the legal limits of the law.
- Financial Software Systems – Mr. Williamsen, Tech Director, is getting three quotes for a new software program, as we are considering changing our current system.
- Leasing Levy – utilized for copy machines, student Chrome Books, Laptops, and for our software programs.
- GAVC update – Minooka High School is renovating to provide in-house Career and Tech Ed at Minooka HS. This will change the financial structure and how much participating schools will need to contribute moving forward. The participating high schools met to make the determination based on enrollment numbers. This will need to have board approval from all participating schools.
- GSW Annual Summative Designation – GSW HS received a Commendable rating.
- Project Lead the Way – As Mr. Davis presented in his principal's report, the school plans to add new classes and curriculum next school year.

BOE Members Reports: None at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the President, Mrs. Katy Wepprecht, Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to go into closed session at 8:25 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, Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

ADJOURN CLOSED AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to adjourn executive session and return to regular session at 9:01 p.m.

AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

ACTION ITEMS:

APPOINT MRS. AVERY AND MR. DAVIS AS DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE SB7 COMMITTEE: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Ms. Wright to appoint Mrs. Avery and Mr. Davis as District Representatives for the SB7 Committee.

AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

ESTIMATE OF AGGREGATE TAX LEVY: Ms. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the Estimate of Aggregate Tax Levy, based on 2024 EAV, as presented.

AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

TRUTH IN TAXATION RESOLUTION: Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Mr. Simms to approve the Truth in Taxation Resolution.

AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

FIRST READING OF PRESS POLICY 117: Ms. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the First Reading of Press Policy 117.

AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

AFFIRM THE TERMINATION OF THE FULL-TIME SUBSTITUTE: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mr. Harvey to affirm the termination of the Full-Time Substitute, Ms. Julie Jurasits.

AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

AFFIRM THE HIRE OF A FULL-TIME SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Ms. Wright to affirm the Hire of a Full-Time Substitute Teacher, Hollie Medlin

AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVE THE EARLY GRADUATION OF A SENIOR: Mr. Simms motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the Early Graduation of a Senior, Hannah Balcom.

AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVE THE EARLY GRADUATION OF A SENIOR: Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the Early Graduation of a Senior, Kenadie Unland.

AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

OTHER(s): None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mr. Harvey to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM.

AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

PRESIDENT, KATY WEPPRECHT

SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON