

# GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

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## BOARD BRIEFS

*Highlights of the Regular Meeting*

**November 15, 2017**

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### **PUBLIC:**

**Public Comment:** None.

**Presentation / Action Item:** FY 17 District Audit - Janet Brown was present to review the FY 17 District Audit. She informed the board members that the audit went smooth and she received all items / records she requested from GSW. She discussed how the Education Fund is down, the O&M fund is up, Debt Services broke even, money was put into the Transportation Account, the Municipal Fund broke even, some money from the Working Cash Fund was used to lend to other accounts, and the Fire Safety money was spent on a project – stairway by the band room. Overall, there were no problems or issues with the audit. This item was voted on and approved by the board.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Mr. Engelman highlighted on the following:

- October 26 – RVC Principals' / Athletic Directors' meeting was held. They discussed how Westmont is interested in being in the RVC. The ADs then met again on a different date to discuss this topic. 4 of the 7 schools are not in favor of this so Westmont probably won't end up in our Conference. It has to be a unanimous vote. There will be another Principals' meeting to review and finalize this item.
- Chess Club – newly created Chess Club this year. Mr. Engelman will be the sponsor and GSW has about 12-14 students interested. The first meeting will be held Mon, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. A parent donated four new chess sets to GSW.

**ESTIMATE OF AGGREGATE TAX LEVY:** Mr. Perrott presented the levy information to the board members. A worksheet was distributed to all of the board members. Perrott discussed previous EAVs, tax extensions, the anticipated district EAV, and the anticipated levy for this year. This will be an action item.

**TRUTH IN TAXATION RESOLUTION:** Perrott told the Board that a resolution regarding "Truth in Taxation" would be prepared and approved "if needed". At this time a "truth in taxation resolution" is not needed because the proposed levy will not exceed 105% of last year's levy.

**FACILITY USAGE:** Ralph Countryman from South Wilmington is requesting the use of the baseball field for a Gardner Area Baseball team. Boys would be from Gardner, South Wilmington, and Braceville. The team will be part of the American Legion Baseball League. They would like access to the field in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in June through end of July this summer. Mr. Perrott told Countryman that he would bring it to the BOE for approval. Like other groups using the facilities the team would need to provide a Certificate of Insurance.

**APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES FOR SB7 COMMITTEE:** As we have done for the past several years, per school code, Principal Mr. John Engelman and Superintendent Mr. Michael Perrott will meet with the Union to review the Certified Order of Reduction in Force document. They will bring this back to the board of education in December after their meeting with the union.

**GRUNDY COUNTY RECIPROCAL REPORTING AGREEMENT:** As in years past, GSW has entered into a reporting agreement with the Grundy County Law Enforcement /State's Attorney. The board reviewed the Agreement and it was signed by Board President, Pamela J. Brooks. This signed and approved document will be sent back to the Grundy County State Attorney.

**ALUMNI PROGRAM:** Alumni recognition program information was once again reviewed by the board. Mr. Perrott discussed forming a committee to further discuss the GSW Alumni Program. Board members Cindy Gerber and Kori Speed will be on this committee as well as Mr. Perrott and Mr. Engelman. They will meet prior to the next board meeting.

**OTHER ITEMS:**

None at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Building/Grounds Projects** = Mr. Perrott reported on the following:

- The boilers have been started up and are running well. Our maintenance department is addressing some piping issues that were discovered when the boiler was turned on. The building is warm.
- New Air Conditioning units – The new system worked very well during several warm days. The units can also be used to produce some heat on “in-between” days when it is not practical to run the boiler system for the whole building.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Approval of the Estimate of Aggregate Tax Levy
- Truth in Taxation Resolution – NO ACTION TAKEN
- Approval of the Facility Usage – Local youth baseball team during June – July 2018.
- Appointment of District Representatives for SB7 Committee
- Hire of Coach – Cassi Bexson – Softball pending adequate number of athletes for a team.
- Approval of Grundy County Reciprocal Reporting Agreement
- November 22, 2017 Board Meeting – Cancel the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the month of November.

**SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- FOIA Requests
- Pantherette Spiritline Competition – GSW is hosting a home competition on Sat, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Band Performances: South Wilmington Grade School will have their Christmas program at GSW on December 8. The entire Gardner Area Band will perform at Gardner Grade School on December 11.
- School Board Conference Update

**BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUESTS:**

None at this time.

**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