

**GARDNER-SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
GARDNER, IL 60424**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 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, Speed and Wepprecht. Also in attendance was Superintendent Mrs. Sue Avery. All members were present “in person.”

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at tonight’s meeting.

FY25 AUDIT PRESENTATION:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the President, Mrs. Terry Schultz, Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mr. Simms to go into closed session at 7:26 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, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

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 8:51 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wepprecht to approve the meeting minutes for the month of *September*: (September 17, 2025 Budget Hearing Minutes, Regular Meeting minutes and Closed Session minutes) and bills for the month of *October* and payroll for the month of *September* and Financial Reports for the month of *September*.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

FY25 Audit Presentation: Mrs. Laurie Pope from Mack & Associates was present to review the FY25 Audit with board members.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Chris Ruddy, Director of Student Services, submitted the Principal's report online to board members and discussed the following:

- Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on Oct. 8th and 9th. This year we offered parents the opportunity to sign-up for appointment times. We also still held our open house style. We had sign-in sheets to track visitors. Our busiest time and highest volume of parents was between 5:00 and 5:50 PM. We will look at our data and adjust days and times for next year's conferences.
- Staff Appreciation – Admin distributed one Appreciation Coupon to all faculty and staff. This can be used to leave early, arrive late, take a double lunch or receive a favorite drink.
- Student Discipline
- RTI team met and discussed students needing additional help in Math / English.
- Teacher Ease / Time Sheets – Mrs. Ruddy and Mrs. Fatlan integrated extra duty time sheets into our new employee portal on Teacher Ease.
- Truancy – Our Grundy County Truancy Officer was at GSW for a meeting to discuss state policies. We currently have four truant students and one on the watch list.

Director's Report:

Mrs. Chris Ruddy, Director of Student Services, discussed the following:

- NHS Food Drive was held Sept. 29 thru Oct. 3 – the food was donated to the Church of Hope food pantry. Several boxes were brought over to the church to fill their pantry. They were very appreciative.
- PSAT/NMSQT Test Day was held on Tues, Oct. 7th for 19 Juniors
- JJC Dual Credit Field Trip – Mrs. Wills is taking four Juniors to JJC Campus on Fri, Oct. 17th
- Seniors – ordered caps, gowns and diplomas for graduation ceremony.
- College Visits – we have had several colleges and the Navy and Army on-site during lunches.
- GAVC Open House was held last week on Wed, Oct. 8th
- Health Exclusions – currently we have two Seniors and two Freshman staying home from school due to not having their meningococcal vaccine or providing a health exam record as well as immunization records.

Mrs. Crystal Aukland, Athletic Director, reported on:

- Golf – season is over. Bella Dinelli made it to State. She got through the 1st round on Friday, Oct. 10th and advanced to the 2nd round, golfing on Sat., Oct. 11th. We are waiting for final numbers, but think she placed around 35th for State.
- Soccer – Regionals Oct. 18, 21 & 22 and Sectionals being held Oct. 25 & 28.
- Volleyball – Currently playing in an RVC Tournament.
- Cross-Country has 1 meet left - Patriot Invitational this Saturday, Oct. 18 at 1:00 PM in Peoria, then Regionals begin on Oct. 25
- Senior Nights – Golf held their Senior Night on Monday, Sept. 22 at the Dwight Country Club. Volleyball held their Senior Night on Monday, Oct. 6.
- Shot Clock – Athletic Boosters has offered to pay for half. We will start using for the 26/27 school year.
- GoFan – we are now using this app for event entry fees and concession stand fees. It is very user friendly. There is a small convenience fee that is added on to the user fees. Our fans seem to really like this new feature.

Building and Grounds Report: Mrs. Avery reported on:

- Maintenance Grant Application = HVAC project during Summer 2026

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

- Triple I Conference update = Annual Board Conference being held in Chicago in November. Members discussed hotel rooms and restaurant reservations for group dinner.
- Early Levy Workshop = Mrs. Avery will have the tentative levy prepared for the November board meeting and final numbers for our December meeting.
- Marquee – we have reached out to a new sign company. They came out to inspect our sign and have agreed to piece it together for the next few years. It is at end of life, but they fixed the bad panels and it is currently up and running with no issues.
- Internet router – Mr. Williamsen, Director of Technology, has replaced / updated the internet router.
- Spiritline Supplemental Coach – Mrs. Avery is recommending hiring Ava Brassard to help out while one of the coaches is out on Maternity Leave.
- Part-time Custodians = Mrs. Avery is recommending hiring two additional part-time custodians to work a few hours a week to help out with the second and third floor cleaning.
- Phone Stipend – recommending a monthly phone stipend for our Athletic Director, Mrs. Crystal Aukland.
- GAVC Open House for board members and administration was held on Thursday night, October 9th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Mrs. Avery, Mrs. Huston, Mrs. Schultz and Mrs. Ashley attended this event to represent GSW HS. They got to tour the building and stop by each classroom to hear presentations from instructors and returning alumni.
- GAVC Directors Award – Madison Grivetti for Health Occupations for the month of September.

BOE Members Reports: None at tonight's meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVE THE FY26 SENIORITY LIST – PER PERA AND DONE ANNUALLY: Mrs. Wepprecht motioned and seconded by Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey to approve the FY26 Seniority List – per PERA and done annually.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

AFFIRM THE RECOMMENDATION OF HIRING PT CUSTODIAN: Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mr. Simms to affirm the recommendation of hiring PT Custodian – Marshall Harris.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

AFFIRM THE RECOMMENDATION OF HIRING PT CUSTODIAN: Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to affirm the recommendation of hiring PT Custodian – Paige Przybylski.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVE THE DISTRICT BULLYING POLICY: Mrs. Wepprecht motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to approve the District Bullying Policy.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVE THE FY25 AUDIT PRESENTATION: Mrs. Biros motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the FY25 Audit Presentation.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION CONTRACT TO HIRE GSWHS AUDITORS: Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to approve the recommendation contract to hire GSWHS Auditors – Mack & Associates, P.C.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION FOR TERMINATION OF ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT FOR CAUSE: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey to approve the recommendation for termination of Administrator Contract for cause – Principal - Mr. Andrew Johnson.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE A SUPPLEMENTAL SPIRITLINE COACH TO COVER MATERNITY LEAVE: Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mr. Simms to approve the recommendation to hire a Supplemental Spiritline Coach to cover Maternity Leave – Ava Brassard.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Monferdini-Wilkey motioned and seconded by Mr. Simms to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 PM.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

PRESIDENT, TERRY SCHULTZ

SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON