

# GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

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## BOARD BRIEFS

### *Highlights of the Regular Meeting*

### OCTOBER 18, 2023

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None. No public at tonight's meeting.

#### **FY23 Audit Report Extension:**

Mrs. Avery informed the board members that we have asked the Regional Office of Education Grundy/Kendall County for an extension and our audit has been extended until November. We have some journal entries, reconciliation and software issues to deal with since we have been implementing new portions of our software program.

#### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Mr. Brian Davis, Principal, reported the following:

- Discipline – we had (1) tobacco issue in our Special Education Program and (2) tobacco issues with our regular education students, 32 tardy detentions issued, (1) physical aggression, (1) destruction of property and (1) student left campus without permission during the school day.
- After-school tutoring – we have two GSW teachers staying after school every Tues and Thurs from 3:00 until 4:00 PM running the after-school tutoring program. Currently we have four students in our program. We are working to increase the number of students we are helping.
- PSAT – Ms. Dallio is running our student testing this year and will test 13 Juniors on Oct. 25. This is the first year it is on-line.
- Tornado Drill – held on October 12
- Fire Drill – held on October 18
- Teacher Evaluations – currently underway
- Volleyball Regionals – GSW High School is hosting Regionals this year October 23 – 27.
- Day of the Dead – November 3
- Autumn Ball Dance – November 4
- Orange & Black Night – November 11
- Senior Sports Banners – Mr. Davis asked where the banners should be displayed – hallway or gym? Next year, a student vote may be done using an on-line poll asking sports participants where they would like their banner displayed. The board members discussed banner sizes and multi-sport banners (to start for the 24-25 school year)– each player will get (1) banner for their Senior Year, not (1) banner per sport. Senior Band students will still get a Band Banner, separate from their Sports Banner. All banners will be displayed for the entire school year and left up until after graduation.

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORTS:**

- Technology Report – Mr. John Williamsen, Technology Director, submitted his report electronically to the board members. His reported projects he has been working on: 1-to-1 chrome book – each student received a chrome book for the school year, PSAT on-line work, MAP testing uploads, State Reporting and updating, Training Webinars, weekly student updates, set-up our new PO System, and getting quotes for upgrading servers on the network.
- Student Services Coordinator Report – Ms. Angel Dallio submitted her report electronically to the board members. Her report highlighted: MAP testing and reviewing data on students, college readiness assessments, Problem Solving Team – meets every Monday to discuss students, PSAT – testing 13 Juniors on Oct. 25, planning and setting up on-line testing in the Spring for 9, 10 and 11 graders, RTI program – helping students during Study Hall with both Math and English – use software programs to bring up their skills, Every Student Succeeds Grant, keeping GSW Website and Facebook up-to-date,

Throwback Thursday, Virtual Headsets (virtual reality) for classrooms, and working with Mrs. Ortega, Spanish teacher, for our upcoming Day of the Day event.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT:** Mrs. Sue Avery discussed the following:

- Alarm Inspection – During our recent inspection, we had one alarm in the locker room fail. Johnson Controls will be out to fix/replace.
- Maintenance Grant Application – Mrs. Avery has been asked to apply for this grant. Board members will review the list of projects and decide where to spend the grant money.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mrs. Avery presented on the following:

- Triple I Conference Update – Administration and board members will be attending the Annual Board Convention in Chicago this November. All plans have been finalized for this upcoming trip. The agenda and itinerary will be sent out to all attending.
- Early Levy / Workshop – Mrs. Avery attended a workshop with the GSW HS District Office Manager/Bookkeeper, Amber Ryle.
- Job posting for Guidance Counselor – We are still looking to fill this position. We have been in contact with St. Francis, posted on IHSA job bank, college app on-line, etc.
- GAVC – building extension / additional classrooms – Mr. Lance Copes, GAVC Director, is looking at using bond and grant money to help pay for the project and decrease costs going to schools.
- ROE Update = Professional Development Alliance – Grundy and Kendall Counties will be establishing their own Professional Development Alliance. Future workshops will be held locally to support local business.

**BOE MEMBERS REPORTS:**

None at this time.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Approve the FY24 Seniority List
- Approve the FY23 EIS Salary Report
- Approve the application for the Maintenance Grant
- Approve the District Bullying Policy

**OTHERS:**

Kristen Ashley asked if the volume of the new speakers and sound system in the gym had been fixed. Mr. Davis indicated that he has fixed the issue, and it is now loud and clear.

Allison Wright asked why the Gardner Area Band did not participate / march in the Dwight Harvest Days parade this year? The band played at Northern Illinois University (NIU) that same weekend, so Mr. Leone had already planned a different experience for our kids. The band attended both NIU and U of I this fall.

Katy Wepprecht informed board members that the Band Fundraiser has been set for Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Gardner American Legion. This fundraiser is for the upcoming Gardner Area Band trip to Charleston, South Carolina and Savannah, Georgia. The Gardner Area Band will represent the State of Illinois and compete in Charleston and perform in Savannah. They will link both performances into one trip, since the towns are approximately 100 miles apart. The plan is to depart on May 30 and return on June 3 - Summer 2024.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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