

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting

October 16, 2019

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

EXTRA CURRICULAR REPORT:

Mr. Engelman talked about possible change in the RVC. There are 2 new schools wanting to join the RVC. They have already joined the IHSA (for high school sports) and have also joined the IESA (for junior high sports). There is a meeting scheduled for Nov. 14 to vote to add these teams to the current RVC. If they are added, there would be 8 teams total in the RVC.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mr. Engelman reported on:

- October 11 was an 11:30 AM early dismissal for students and professional development in the afternoon for staff members. Members from the Grundy County Police department were here for a Stop the Bleed presentation / hands-on training course. GSW used grant money to purchase 38 Stop the Bleed kits for the building and will be receiving a few additional kits from the Regional Office of Education. There was also a Building Safety refresher discussion with the police officers.
- Panther Press – Mr. Engelman distributed a sample copy of the Panther Press and stated that this is something new we are doing in the building this year to help the communication process. Every Friday, this flyer is sent out via Google docs to all employees in the building. We have received a lot of positive feedback, and everyone seems to like it.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

- MAP Data Presentation prepared by Ms. Dallio, Academics Coordinator, was presented by Mr. DeLong. He reviewed the testing procedures, data, results and scores broken down for each GSW class (Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors – Seniors do NOT Map Test). This report will be given to the board two times a year – Fall and Spring.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT: Mr. Josh DeLong presented on the following:

- HLS Update: Health Life Safety items were discussed. Wally Debelak, Head of Maintenance, is working on all “A-items” himself and getting projects completed. Mr. DeLong and Wally have reviewed the list and prioritized the projects.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. DeLong presented on the following:

- Intergovernmental Co-op Agreement with Dwight Township High School – a meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 22 at 6:30 PM. Supt. DeLong, 2 GSW Board members, 2 Dwight Board members and Supt. Jancek will review and discuss the Co-op Agreement.
- Delayed starts and E-Learning Days – The board discussed E-Learning Days and delayed starts instead of using a “Snow Day.” After a lengthy discussion, all members agreed on doing a 10:00 AM delayed start at GSW HS. Further research will be done on E-Learning Days.
- Manufacturing Tour – Mr. DeLong and board member, Katy Wepprecht, and two teachers, Rebecca DeHeer and Donna Vertin, went on the Grundy County Manufacturing Tour. They toured different

manufacturing facilities, processing plants, etc to learn more about local jobs available in the work force for our graduating students.

- Triple I Conference – The board members discussed their plans for the upcoming Board Convention in Chicago in November.
- IASA Conference – Mr. DeLong attended this Superintendent’s Conference. He stated that it was a good conference. . They held break-out session for new superintendents, which he found very helpful.
- Early Levy Work – Mr. DeLong is attending a Levy Workshop in Peoria on Thurs, Oct. 17. It is an all-day, hand-on workshop to help him prepare our levy work.
- Mary Lopez – September GAVC Director’s Award Winner for Building Trades class. This is Mary’s 2nd year.
- A working cash bond was discussed. David Pistoris from First Midstate was present to discuss working cash bond information. He stated that GSW has been doing this cycle about every 3-years for a very long time. Working cash bonds can be used in a number of ways to financially support the district, and it is also an effort to keep the tax rate the same. He distributed a Preliminary Report packet to board members and reviewed graphs, the 10-year treasury yields, a bond buyer index and a list of clients. He stated that school districts are their biggest customers.
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ACTION ITEMS:

- Approved the selection of First Midstate Inc. as Underwriter/Placement Agent and Chapman and Cutler LLP as Bond/Disclosure Counsel to the Underwriter/Placement Agent with respect to the District’s General Obligation School Bonds.
- Approved the FY2020 Seniority List, as presented
- Approve Bushue Human Resource Inc. as our HR provider
- Approved the purchase of Motorola Mobile Radios

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