

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS *Highlights of the Regular Meeting* October 17, 2018

PUBLIC:

Mrs. Jennifer Smykowski was present to address the board.

- She wanted to follow-up from last month's meeting. She asked if a Safety Committee has been formed yet? Mr. Perrott informed her that we are working on putting together the committee and the first meeting will be the end of November or first week of December. Board member, Cindy Gerber, stated that she would like to get additional information at the November Board Convention about School Safety before the first meeting is held. Mrs. Smykowski informed the board members that she plans to attend the October Gardner Grade School board meeting and the next Gardner Village board meeting to discuss school safety.
- She also asked the board if they have any plans for GSW to do something on Monday, November 12 in observance of Veterans Day. She suggested holding an all school assembly and inviting local Veterans in to speak to the students.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mr. Engelman presented on the following:

- The Gardner Area Band took 1st place in both the Dwight Harvest Days Parade and Morris Corn Festival Parade –we are very proud of them!
- ALICE training was held on Friday, Oct. 5th which included GSW High School and the 3 feeder grade schools. Gary Beier from the Dwight Police Dept and Deputy Chad Hrechko gave the presentation to attendees. Members from both Gardner and Braceville Fire Departments were also present for this training session. It was held for Professional Development and CPDS's were offered. Special thanks to Grundy County Sheriff, Kevin Callahan, who provided lunch for all attendees. A PowerPoint presentation was given and then real-life scenarios were played out through the school building, using classrooms, etc.
- Congrats to Nik States for outstanding performance on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test in 2017.
- PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports) Program – The teachers each nominated 1 to 5 students that they thought had PURPOSE. Purpose was the theme for Aug and Sept. 49 total students were nominated. RESPECT will be the theme for Oct and Nov.

SNOW REMOVAL: The requests for bids for snow removal have been placed in The Paper. Bids are due back to GSW High School before November 7 at 2:00 PM. Bids will be publically opened at 2:00 PM on November 7, 2018.

REPAYMENT OF INTERFUND LOAN: The board needs to approve the partial repayment of an inter-fund loan as initially approved at the June 21, 2017 open meeting of the GSW Board of Education. It will be to approve transfer of funds as repayment of \$20,000 to the Working Cash Fund from the Transportation Fund.

ABATEMENT OF WORKING CASH FUNDS: By resolution to abate funds from Working Cash to the identified accounts. Transfer \$60,000 to Operations & Maintenance Fund and \$60,000 to Transportation Fund, as presented in the approved FY 2019 budget.

STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS DEACTIVATION: The board will need to approve the deactivation / elimination of dormant Activity Fund accounts: Deactivate Class of 2018, per the request of Class Sponsor, Michelle Scaccia. The remaining balance will be split between the Panther Hall of Fame Wall and the Alumni Scholarship Fund (set-up by the Class of 1957). The amounts would be \$879.94 to the Scholarship Fund and \$879.94 to the Wall of Fame Fund.

VARSITY SPORT "CUTS": Athletic Director, Mr. Matthew Eggert, was present at tonight's meeting for further discussion. He stated GSW would like to provide as many opportunities for students to participate in activities as possible, but also wants Varsity teams to be competitive. Varsity teams may be cut down to a certain number of players, at the coach's discretion. Board members were in agreement with cuts at the Varsity Level. This will allow coaches to determine specific participants and participant numbers by "cutting" athletes from Varsity Teams. Protocols and procedures are to be developed by the Athletic Director and Coaches and to be placed into the Athletic Handbook. Procedures for selecting and cutting participants are to be implemented for the FY2019 Winter Sports Season.

JOLIET JUNIOR COLLEGE DUAL CREDIT: JJC is proposing some changes to dual credit. Right now there is NO FEE to the students. JJC is proposing a \$50 fee per class. The \$50 would be reimbursed if the student chooses to attend JJC for any college classes for up to 18-months after they graduate from high school. Students on free or reduced lunch will not be required to pay the fee. Students receiving JJC credit through GAVC will not be required to pay the fee.

SENIORITY FY2019: The GSW HS Seniority List has been reviewed by the teachers and administration. This list needs to be board approved every year.

OTHER: None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Perrott presented on the following:

- Building: Architects are working on the plans for the replacement of the gym ventilation units on top of the gym roof. We are looking at a Spring completion date (before graduation).
- Social Media: We are working on a plan for District Social Media. A Face Book page for GSW is currently being created/built.
- School Safety Committee - We are working on putting together the committee and the first meeting will be the end of November or first week of December. The committee will consist of 2 teachers, 2 board members, 2 students, 2 parents and an Administrator. We held ALICE training on October 5 and plan to hold an upcoming "Search" Training, with help from the Grundy County Police Dept.
- Panther Hall of Fame – The first Selection Committee meeting will be held on Thurs, Oct 18 at 6:00 PM. There will be 1 committee member representing every decade 1950 through 2010. We have received 5 nominations for the Panther Hall of Fame.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Hire Boys Basketball Coaching Staff – Allan Wills – Varsity, Matthew Eggert – JV, and Trevor Sampson – Assistant JV.
- Approval of Student Activity Accounts Deactivation / Transfer
- Approval of Repayment of Inter-fund Loan
- Approval of Abatement of Working Cash Funds
- Approval of Varsity Sport "Cuts"
- Approval of Spiritline Volunteer – Mr. Bob Wallerich
- Approval of Teacher Retirement – Kris Spiezio – anticipated retirement at end of school year 2022-23
- October 24, 2018 Board Meeting – no action. The October 24, 2018 meeting will be held

SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION ITEMS: Mr. Perrott reported on the following:

- FOIA Requests – one new request
- School Board Convention 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