

# GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

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## BOARD BRIEFS

### *Highlights of the Regular Meeting*

**October 18, 2017**

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Audience: None.**

#### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

- On Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, 4 faculty members went to a conference on Youth Suicide Prevention.
- On Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2 Science teachers went to a conference by Exelon regarding Chemistry and Physics, an overview of nuclear energy, how energy is produced, and a tour of the plant.
- On Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Heerdt and Mr. Engelman took the Student Publication / Yearbook class to a workshop to learn more about developing the GSW yearbook.
- On Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Kilmer and Mr. Engelman took 13 Juniors on a college visitation / tour to Illinois State University.

**ALUMNI PROGRAM:** The board members reviewed and discussed an example of another area school's Alumni Recognition / Honor program (Dwight High School). The board would like to look at other districts to get ideas then create a program for GSW. The board agreed to table further discussion until the November board meeting. A committee will be put together.

**WORKING CASH FUND BONDS:** Superintendent Perrott presented the need and process for securing working cash bonds. The bonds provide revenues to shore up where there are funding shortfalls. As an example, Perrott pointed out that the state still owes the district \$83,151 from last fiscal year and the "outlook for receiving these funds from the state does not look very good." Funds from working cash can help to make up for funding that is not provided by the state or local sources. The district has used Working Cash bonds for a number of years. A current bond will be paid off this December.

**ABATEMENT OF WORKING CASH FUNDS:** Looking for the approval of the abatement of working cash funds to specific funds as outlined in the approved fy18 budget.

**STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS DEACTIVATION:** Eight activity accounts have become dormant and have zero balances. One account is dormant and has a balance. This account will also be eliminated and the balance moved to the General Activity Account.

**SNOW REMOVAL:** Renew Fatlan's Trucking contract for snow removal.

#### **OTHER ITEMS:**

None at this time.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

- Air-Conditioning Installation = Completed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and at this time all rooms have ran / tested the units and teachers & students are happy with the results. Maintenance will start working on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor over this school year and it should be ready for the start of next school year.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Approval of Student Activity Accounts Deactivation as presented.
- Approval of Resolution to Abate Working Cash Funds as presented.
- Approval of Resolution: **Resolution declaring the intention to issue \$590,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds of Township High School District Number 73, Grundy and Kankakee Counties, Illinois, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of said School District, and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law.**
- Approval of Snow Removal Contract – Fatlan Trucking
- October 25, 2017 Board Meeting – Cancel the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the month of October.

**SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- FOIA REQUESTS: We had one new request for October.
- School Board Conference Update – members discussed the upcoming conference.

**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