

**BOARD BRIEFS**  
*Highlights of the Regular Meeting*  
**September 16, 2020**

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were several parents in attendance to discuss students returning to GSW full-time and/or live-streaming the classes during remote learning. They asked if there was a scheduled date planned for all students to return 5-days a week. They also asked about A/B days, ½ days vs. full days and longer school days.

Supt. DeLong responded that there is no solid date yet as this week is the first week back in attendance after a week and a half shut down to full remote. He stated that teachers & administration have held several meetings to discuss what our future could look like. Several different scenarios were discussed and the logistics and potential pros and cons to each of those scenarios. All of this is tentative and depends on state and local guidelines in addition to local cases.

The board discussed at length the potential options for the school day moving forward. A lot of discussion was had on synchronized learning or live streaming, and what is needed to fully implement this process.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

Principal, Mr. John Engelman, reported on the following:

- Update so far regarding in-person and remote instruction – Mr. Engelman stated that the kids are happy to be at school, they are wearing their masks, things are going well, and there are no discipline issues so far this school year. The teachers and administration are working together to make very hard decisions and work through this difficult time.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Engelman, Athletic Director, reported on the following:

- IHSA update = Fall baseball has started. GSW won their 1<sup>st</sup> two baseball games this season vs. Grace Christian. We also have 2 students participating in Golf and 2 students running Cross Country with Dwight this year. The other sports seasons have been moved around and will be different this year.
- RVC News = Momence and Central will be added this year.

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

- Building update:
  - The building is very clean. We have custodians here constantly cleaning, spraying, wiping down areas while students & employees are in the building. We also have a night-time custodian coming in after students leave to clean.
  - Working on completion of several projects – Mr. Debelak is working afternoons and is getting a lot of projects wrapped up.
  - New air handler system in the gym is up and running. The system is run remotely and can be controlled thru a cell phone. The temperature in the gym will run between 70 and 74 degrees.

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

- Tentative future plans for 20-21 in regards to what the school day and week could look like.
- Potential scenarios for 20-21 in terms of when/if positive cases arise. The fact pattern of each case has to be looked at individually in conjunction with the Grundy County Health Department.
- Lunch / Breakfast for ALL – GSW has applied for a waiver, so that we can now serve both free breakfast and lunch to all of our students, including anyone in their household under the age of 18. This program will run until December 20, 2020.

- Board Member Recognition – Mrs. Katy Wepprecht was recognized and received the Level 2 – Master Member award.
- Upcoming board vacancies – we will have (4) vacancies this spring: Mr. Harvey, Mrs. Gerber, Mrs. Ashley and Ms. Wright. Petition packets will be available starting September 22 at the Grundy County Court House in Morris.
- Additional Club Stipends, per the contract – additional Clubs that were originally receiving no money for the Club Sponsor, will now be receiving a \$500 stipend. This will include Bass Fishing and Trap Shooting. There was also discussion on potential other clubs, including a tennis club.

**OTHER(s):**

None at this time.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Approve the FY 2021 District Budget, as presented during Budget Hearing
- Approve the FY 2020 Teacher / Administration Compensation Report
- Approve the Press Policy Updates

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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Vice-President: Katy Wepprecht

Kristen Ashley, Cindy Gerber, Tim Harvey,

Kori Speed & Allison Wright

Principal: John Engelman

Superintendent: Joshua DeLong