# GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

## BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting

**November 18, 2009**

**GAVC REPORT**

Lance Copes from Grundy Area Vocational Center was present to inform the Board of Education about the addition and renovation project for the Morris building. Mr. Scott Rile from Healy-Bender & Associates also talked about the projected plans and how it will affect the four feeder schools (Morris, Minooka, Coal City and GSW.)

**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT**

Ben Bailey gave the BOE an up-date of his progress on various projects and a summary of the Fall Sports Season.

**RTI REPORT**

Ms. Jennifer Wzorek gave a short presentation on how the federally un-funded mandate called RTI (Response to Intervention) is affecting GSW HS.

**TAX LEVY 2010-11**

Dr. Decman provided a few handouts to help explain the tax levy extension for next year. Specifically, he is asking for a 5.03% increase in the extension from last year. As a result of this request, we will have to have a "Truth in Taxation" hearing prior to the next BOE meeting. However, we are expecting only a 1-2% increase in the levy.

**TRUTH IN TAXATION**

Dr. Decman provided the "Truth in Taxation" resolution. This resolution will be in the paper in a few weeks.

**TRANSPORTATION BID**

Dr. Decman received a transportation bid from Illinois Central on October 16. The bid shows an increase in prices of 1.9% over the next two years. The feeder schools have presented the bid from Illinois Central at their BOE meetings. After a few more questions are answered about the presented bid, he will be asking for board approval.

**8TH GRADE ALGEBRA**

All four schools (GSWHS, GGS, SWGS and BGS) superintendents, along with one board member from each school, had a meeting to discuss the various issues related to the 8th grade Algebra program. As a result of this meeting, the schools discussed a potential 8th Grade Algebra Joint Agreement where the schools will all share in the costs.

**NEW BOARD POLICIES**

Dr. Decman, Rita Wright and Chris Irvin previously met to discuss these policies last month. There are only grammatical changes to various policies. He provided a summary of these policies to the BOE.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- Approval of Truth in Taxation Resolution
- Approval of the Tentative 2010-2011 Tax Levy
- Approval of the tentative 8th Grade Algebra Joint Agreement
- Cancel 2nd Board of Education meeting of the month of November

**Superintendent Information Items:**

- Board and Administrator notes
- Legislative Up-Dates
- School Board Convention Up-Date – The seminar schedule and a packet of information was given out to the board members who are attending the convention.
- Panther Press – Each board member received the first edition of the school newspaper.
- Family Violence Prevention Council Letter

**B O A R D  O F  E D U C A T I O N**
President: David Doglio
Vice-President: Chris Irvin
Pamela Brooks, Ed Fellows, Cindy Gerber,
Craig Male, Rita Wright
Principal: Kristine L. Spiezio
Superintendent: Dr. Richard Decman