GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting

September 16, 2009

2nd READING BOARD POLICIES

Chris Irvin and Dr. Decman went over these policies prior to the last BOE meeting. There are just a few grammatical corrections. The BOE received a summary of these BOE policies. They were asked to approve them at this meeting.

ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

Dr. Decman reviewed the actual enrollments K-12 received from Gardner, Braceville and South Wilmington Grade Schools. Our enrollment is going to decrease over the next five to six years, and then we should see an increase. We do have a very high transition rate among our students and thus this projection could be greatly affected by people moving in and out of the area.

FUTURE OF AG PROGRAM

We are now at a crossroads with our Agricultural program. If we are going to continue the program, Dr. Decman believes we have to do at least two things: Hire a full-time Ag teacher and build some type of garage to house the program. We currently have about 20 students taking Ag classes and if we choose to not continue the program, these students may attend Dwight High School for these courses. The consensus of the BOE is to continue with the Intro to Ag class, but look to see if our students can attend Dwight High School for further Ag classes.

GCSEC RESOLUTION

Due to the change in the By-Laws of the Cooperative Agreement and the result of some Districts that voted "no" to these changes, the Executive Board felt it was important to note in a Resolution approved by all the BOE's in the Co-op the intent of these changes. Specifically, the intent of the changes in the Co-operative Agreement is not meant to stop smaller Districts from sharing resources. However, to do this, the smaller Districts must petition the BOE for approval. Dr. Decman reviewed a "draft" of the actual resolution that each District is being asked to approve by the Executive Board of GCSEC.

SUMMER ATHLETIC ISSUES

The BOE discussed many of the issues of summer athletics at the last meeting. It was decided to table many of these items until this month. The BOE agreed that it wants guidelines enforced, a formalized budget, accountability and a detailed agenda from all the summer programs.

LAND - MINERAL RIGHTS

Dr. Decman reviewed our legal firm's letters discussing the issues related to the mineral rights on the recently purchased property.

ACTION ITEMS

- Approval of the FY 10 Budget
- Approval of Board Policy changes
- Approval of the posting of the 2008-2009 administrative salaries
- Cancel 2nd Board of Education meeting of the month of September

Superintendent Information Items:

- Board & Administrator Notes
- Legislative Up-Dates = Dr. Decman shared w/the BOE that per State Law, GSW has posted on our website all administrative contracts, the teachers' contracts and the salaries for all employees. This information can be found at www.gswhs.grundy.k12.il.us
- Audit letter(s)
- School Profile

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