GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting

April 15, 2009

PARENT-STUDENT HANDBOOK

Kristine Spiezio, Principal, reviewed the 2009-10 GSW Handbook. She went over the numerous changes/additions/deletions to next year's book.

BOARD POLICIES

Dr. Decman gave a summary of the changes to the BOE policies. After a careful review of the policies, the committee will be recommending the approval of all these changes. This is the 2nd reading of these policies.

SUMMER WORKERS

Dr. Decman will be asking for approval of two student summer workers. This is a reduction of one student worker. He feels this is a necessary measure since Wally Debelak, new Head of Maintenance/Custodian, will be joining the team on July 1st.

FACULTY/STAFF APPRECIATION NIGHT

We will be hosting an appreciation night for Faculty/Staff on Monday, May 4th at 6:30 PM at Big Fella's in Gardner. Invitations will be sent out later this week.

WATER TANK(s) BID FROM KORELLIS

Dr. Decman reviewed the water tank bid from Korellis vs. the bid from Cooper-Harper, Inc. Our insurance has notified us that they will not cover this repair. The BOE decided they will discuss this issue at the May meeting.

ROOF REPAIR(s) BID FROM ADLER

Dr. Decman reviewed the roof repair(s) bid from Adler Construction. We have had several leaks in the roof over the past two years. As a result, Adler Construction gave us a bid to fix the roof. The BOE discussed how they would like to proceed on this issue.

PEPSI VS. COKE

Dr. Decman reviewed the comparison between the two bids. He is recommending that the BOE approve the new Pepsi contract.

MINERAL RIGHTS

Dr. Decman discussed the mineral rights on our recently purchased land. He discussed the information from our attorneys on how we need to proceed to obtain these mineral rights. He will be asking the BOE to approve the attached resolution.

TAX LEVY PROJECTION

Dr. Decman reviewed the latest tax levy projection from the County. This projection is about a 10% increase in EAV, which will mean more local revenue to the district, but less General State Aid.

ACTION ITEMS

- Approval of summer workers – Joey Wren & Amber Eisha
- Approval of IHSA membership
- Motion to employ English teacher – Michelle Scaccia
- Motion to approve new Pepsi contract
- Motion to approve the attached Resolution regarding mineral rights to the recently purchased land.
- Approval of teacher FMLA leave – Anthony Cozzi
- Cancel 2nd Board of Education meeting of the month of April

Superintendent Information Items:

- Legislative Up-Date – Specifically, Dr. Decman passed out a handout explaining how the end of the "Hold Harmless" bill could possibly affect our area & possible future reorganization.
- Orientation of New Board Members Handout
- 2009-2010 Budget – Amend 2008-2009 Budget – Budget Hearing will be May 20, 2009.
- Board & Administrator Notes
- Prom – Saturday, May 2nd
- Transportation – Discussion on the future of transportation for the High School and possibly reaching an agreement with the 3 Grade Schools in sharing costs.
- Special Ed – Discussed how the change in billing passed by the Grundy County Special Ed Cooperative will affect GSW.
- Reorganization/Feasibility Study – Waiting for the Grade Schools to determine whether or not they are willing to move forward with a study to determine the possibilities/opportunities for Reorganization/Consolidation.

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