GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting
May 20, 2009

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT

Shane Tucker, GSW Athletic Director, was in attendance for coaching recommendations for the 2009-10 school year. He recommended to the Board of Education that all coaches be rehired for next year. We are still currently looking for a JV and Varsity Volleyball coach. Mr. Tucker discussed the coaches' evaluations and how they are handled. Both Softball and Baseball are heading into Regionals. They both had successful seasons. The girls with 20 wins and the boys with 17. June 9th will be the Spring Sports Awards Night. There was a meeting in Dwight on Monday night, May 18th and they passed/renewed the co-op with GSW HS in Cross-Country, Track, Golf and Football. Mr. Larry Lane has agreed to be the Cross-Country coach again. An incident at a boys' baseball game was discussed with the board. Tucker explained to the board the actions taken by the IHSA and GSW as the result of a coach and player being ejected in the baseball game. Lastly, Shane Tucker is now resigning as our Athletic Director as of June 30, 2009. He is willing to help our new athletic director, Ben Bailey make a smooth transition as our new A.D.

CHEERLEADING UNIFORMS

As presented last month, the cheerleading sponsors are requesting approval for new uniforms. They are up in the rotation and it was a question of the uniform appropriateness and the overall cost. The BOE discussed the issue and decided on approving the cost of $70 per uniform for the cheerleaders.

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK

This was the 2nd Reading. As discussed last month, the handbook committee was asking for approval of the changes in the handbook.

SUMMER WORK 2009

Dr. Decman reviewed the summary of the proposed summer work. Included in the schedule is the water heater replacement and numerous other items that will mostly be completed by our current maintenance/custodial team.

POTENTION BUDGET CUTS

Dr. Decman reviewed a summary of potential budget cuts due to a decrease in enrollment of approximately 20 students (specifically 230 to 210 students). He is proposing that we will need to make approximately $60,000 in budget cuts, in order to maintain a balanced budget for next year. Dr. Decman has shared this list with the Union leadership and will send all faculty/staff the list of possible reductions by the end of the week. The BOE will review these possibilities and make a decision in the June or July meeting on how to move forward.

BOARD MEETING DATES

Dr. Decman reviewed next year's proposed BOE meeting dates. The BOE will be asked to approve the dates for 2009-2010 school year. Each meeting will be on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. with a 2nd meeting scheduled on the 4th Wednesday, if needed.

IHSA BASS FISHING TEAM

Earlier this year, a BOE member inquired about the possibility of GSW having a Bass Fishing Team. Dr. Decman reviewed some information about Bass fishing teams from the IHSA. New Athletic Director, Ben Bailey will be investigating this possible addition to the extra-curricular offerings in the near future.

STUDENT REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

Kayla Kellogg and her GAVC instructor requested some assistance from the school in paying for Kayla's Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN which Kayla qualified for by placing second in the regional competition. The BOE reviewed the letter of request.

TAX LEVY / TIF INFORMATION

Dr. Decman reviewed & explained in-depth our tax levy and TIF information that was received from the Grundy County Clerk.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS

Ms. Spiezio and Dr. Decman interviewed two internal candidates and are recommending that we employ Ben Bailey as the A.D.

ACTION ITEMS

- Approval of Cheerleading Uniforms – at $70.00 per uniform
- Approval of Employment of Recommended Coaches for 2009-2010
- Approval of 2009-10 Parent-Student Handbook – with corrections as noted
- Approval of Summer Work 2009 as presented
- Approval of Amended 2008-2009 Budget
- Approval of Board Meeting Dates for 2009-2010
- Approval of Summer School Driver's Education Instructor – Ben Bailey
- Approval of Employment of Athletic Director for the 2009-2010 school year – Ben Bailey
- Cancel 2nd Board of Education meeting of the month of May
- Motion to Approve $100 donation to Kayla Kellogg for HOSA Conference

Superintendent Information Items:

- Certificate of Financial Recognition
- Softball Letter – from Theodore J. Parcell of Kankakee, IL (the father of an injured player)
- Board & Administrator Notes
- Legislative Up-Dates
- Superintendent's Summer Calendar

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