GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting

December 16, 2009

JUNE BOARD MEETING

Dr. Decman asked the BOE to re-schedule the June 2010 meeting due to him being able to attend the National Model Schools Conference in Orlando, FL during the currently scheduled meeting time. This conference is paid for by TREES. The Board discussed and agreed to move the meeting up by 1-week and hold in on June 9, 2010.

TRANSPORTATION BID

Dr. Decman discussed the latest, revised bid from Illinois Central School Bus. He believes all the questions that were asked have been answered. The BOE discussed whether to approve this bid or open the bid up to other transportation providers.

TRANSPORTATION ANALYSIS/BUS BIDS

Dr. Decman told the BOE that he has been working on getting bids for a 14-passenger bus and a 71-passenger bus. Dr. Decman recommended purchasing the 14-passenger bus and if the BOE desires, leasing a 71-passenger bus. The BOE is interested in finding out the cost associated with buying the lease out on our existing Panther Bus.

IASB CONVENTION

Each one of the board members briefly discussed one or two highlights from the seminars they attended.

BOARD POLICIES 2nd READING

A summary of these policies were given to the board members. There are only grammatical changes to various policies.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT POLICIES

Dr. Decman discussed the proposed policies for FOIA. These policies are in response to the recent legislation passed by the State.

8TH GRADE ALGEBRA REVISED AGREEMENT

The original agreement has been revised due to a new clause added by the request of the Gardner Grade School.

RACE TO THE TOP

Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan and the State of Illinois are proposing a grant to Illinois schools that GSW may be interested in pursuing. Dr. Decman reviewed the grant application with the BOE. The major hurdle in getting this grant will be having the Teachers' Union sign-off on an agreement to pursue Performance Based Contracts for all teachers. Dr. Decman has been trying to find as much information as possible about this grant.

ACTION ITEMS

- Approval of the Enclosed Illinois Central Transportation Bid for the school years 2010-2011 and 2011-2012)
- Approval of the revised Freedom of Information Act Policies
- Approval of the July & August Board Policy Revisions
- Approval of the June Board Meeting Date Change – changed to the 1st Wednesday of the month (June 9, 2010)
- Cancel 2nd Board of Education meeting of the month of December

- Approval to pursue the Race to the Top Grant
- Approval of the 2010 Tax Levy as presented
- Approval of the 8th Grade Algebra Revised Agreement

Superintendent Information Items:

- Legislative Up-Dates
- Thank You Letter from the American Cancer Society
- Letter from Robbins, Schwartz, etc. (School Attorneys)
- Board & Administrator Notes

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