

GARDNER-SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
GARDNER, IL 60424

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2012
PUBLIC FORUM / MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Gardner-So. Wilmington High School Board of Education, Counties of Grundy and Kankakee, IL was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President David Doglio.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Doglio, Elens, Finn, Male and Wright. Mrs. Brooks arrived at 7:05 PM. Also in attendance were Superintendent Mr. Michael Perrott and Principal Mr. John Engelman. All members were present "in person."

PUBLIC FORUM REGARDING DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL NAME CHANGE:

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

During the December 5, 2012 public forum GSW Superintendent Michael Perrott reviewed the events and process that lead up to the forum. Perrott noted that Mr. James Homa, Mayor of Braceville, on September 20, 2011, addressed the Board of Education regarding adding the name of Braceville to the existing school name. At that time the GSW Board of Education did not take any action. In addition, Perrott reviewed the history of the process by which GSW obtained numbers and opinions from the public. The administration used an on-line survey on the school's website and a printed survey in "The Paper." Mr. Perrott received on-line surveys, mail-in surveys, and letters from the public.

The board of education discussed this topic at most of the board meetings since Mr. Homa brought it to the boards' attention. Board minutes regarding the name change topic were printed in the local newspapers.

STUDENT PRESENTATION

Ms. Nicole Emperor's Probability & Statistics class was given the project of breaking down the numbers and categorizing comments & reasons regarding the district name change. Three students from the class were present to review their findings, Chelsea Schultz, Abby Horrie and Megan Jett. The students gave a PowerPoint presentation to the board of education & public reviewing the history of GSW High School, the percentage of students from each town, community surveys, school surveys and the overall results of students' and individual towns' opinions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizens were in attendance from Braceville, Gardner and South Wilmington. Community members were given the opportunity to address the board and voice their opinions. Persons addressing the board spoke about why the board should or should not add Braceville to the existing school name.

The GSW Board of Education took no action during the meeting.

ADJOURN: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mr. Male to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Male and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

PRESIDENT, DAVID DOGLIO

SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON