

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Public Hearing & Regular Meeting DECEMBER 18, 2013

PUBLIC HEARING

GSW HS conducted a Public Hearing concerning the intent of Township High School District Number 73, Grundy and Kankakee Counties, Illinois to sell \$740,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the School District.

No public comment – No comments from any of our Board of Education members.

2013 TAX LEVY

The tentative Tax Levy was presented at the November board meeting. Since the November board meeting more accurate numbers from both Grundy and Kankakee County have been included in the levy. The levy will be carried to the Grundy and Kankakee County Clerks upon approval.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal John Engelman reported on the following:

- There was discussion at a recent Principals' meeting regarding the SVC inviting GSW to join their conference again in 2015, also inviting Milford and South Newton school districts. The RVC has proven to be good competition within a reasonable distance for GSW. GSW has found good competition within the RVC and the recommendation is to stay with the RVC. The RVC and SVS does plan to combine conference schedules to create a larger pool of play in some of our sports.
- Dec 4, 2013 was a ½ day for student attendance. The afternoon was a SIP (School Improvement Day) for teachers. Our Math & English teachers stayed at GSW to work on curriculum projects. All other teachers were scheduled at nearby high schools to observe classes.
- January 3, 2014 – teachers will return for a Teacher Institute Day. Professional development presenter Kelly Dubeck will be here to work with our teachers.

SENIORITY LIST: DISTRICT STAFF AND TEACHERS

All teachers / staff were given the opportunity to review the employment seniority list.

SECOND READING OF BOARD POLICY REVISIONS AND/OR ADDITONS

Policies reviewed at the November meeting were presented. No revisions or additions to these policies were made since the November meeting.

FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY REVISIONS AND/OR ADDITONS

A set of board policies were presented to the Board for review. There were several revisions made due to new legislation and recommendations from the Illinois School Board Association. These policies will be brought to the January board meeting for a second reading and potential approval.

OLD BUSINESS:

BUILDING ITEMS

- Front Entrance Work = The steel beam has been set. The Concrete pad and part of the sidewalk has been poured. Some carpentry work has to occur before the opening can be measured for the front door and glass panels. This will become the public entrance for the high school.
- HVAC = Reviewing recommended upgrades to the library / third floor HVAC.
- Electronic Sign / Marquee = Mr. Engelman has met with a company to give us an idea of costs and options.

- Electronic System Panel upgrade = Mr. Perrott is still waiting for an estimate on this project.

CLASS RANK CALCULATION

Mr. Engelman and Jennifer Kilmer have been working on this and put together a proposal for the board to review. The board had a discussion regarding the calculation of GPA (grade point average), calculation of class rank, and grading scale.

MAINTENANCE GRANT APPLICATION

Mr. Perrott is still waiting for approval of a grant from the state. We have received \$70,000 of grant money from the state for building projects over the past two years. Perrott has prepared another matching grant this year requesting \$50,000.

ENERGY GRANT APPLICATION

Mr. Perrott is still waiting for approval of a grant from the state. Perrott has prepared an application requesting matching funds of approximately \$175K. The focus of this project is the upgrading of the boiler controls, burners, steam traps, in-room controls and gym ventilation.

ACTION ITEMS

- Approval of Tax Levy
- Approval of Board Policy Revisions/Additions (4:100, 4:150, 5:100, 5:120, 5:200, 6:20, 6:250, 6:310, 7:300)
- 1st Reading of Board Policy Revisions/Additions (8:30, 7:185, 7:280, 6:60-AP, 6:660-E, 6:250-E, 5:50, 5:90, 5:120-AP2, 4:110, 4:170-AP1,E5, 3:60, 2:250) - NO ACTION REQUIRED
- Approval of destruction of Closed Meeting Minute Recordings (prior to June 2012)
- Approval of the opening of all Written Closed Meeting Minutes (Dec 2012 thru Nov. 2013)
- Approval of Release of JV Basketball Coach
- Approval of JV Boys Basketball Coach, Mr. John Engelman
- Approval of Stipend Allocation for JV Boys Basketball Coaches
- Approval of Long Term Substitute Teacher – Anne Fritsch
- Approval of Seniority List – District Staff and Teachers, as presented
- Approval of Class Rank Calculation Method - TABLED
- Adoption of Grading Scale Revisions - TABLED
- Cancel the December 24, 2013 meeting (2nd meeting of the month of December)

Superintendent Information Items:

- FOIA REQUESTS: No requests for the month of December.
- THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS: The GSW Business Club put together 15 full Thanksgiving Meal Baskets and presented them to families in need in our community. They worked with We Care of Grundy County to identify families.
- TORNADO RELIEF: Mrs. Arrambide and the Student Council students coordinated a Tornado Relief Project. Mr. Perrott stated that he is very proud of how the Panther Nation pulled together to collect, organize, clean, load and transport 3,300 items.
- CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The GSW HS concert was held on Wed night, Dec 11 at 7:00 PM.
- FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE: Final exams will be held Wed, Dec 18 from 8AM until 2PM and Thur, Dec 19 from 8AM to 12 noon.
- NHS BLOOD DRIVE: The blood drive was held on Tues, Dec 10 from 2PM to 6:30 PM. We had a total of 34 donors.
- 8TH GRADE REGISTRATION NIGHT: will be held on Wed, February 19, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the café

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Vice-President: Pam Brooks

Joe Elens, Matt Finn, Cindy Gerber,

Craig Male, Allison Palermo

Principal: John Engelman

Superintendent: Michael Perrott