

GARDNER-SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
GARDNER, IL 60424

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2013
REGULAR 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 7:02 p.m. by President David Doglio.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo. Also in attendance were Superintendent Mr. Michael Perrott and Principal Mr. John Engelman. All members were present "in person."

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES: November 20, 2013 (Regular & Closed). Mrs. Gerber motioned and seconded by Mrs. Brooks to approve the meeting minutes for the month of November 2013.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & PAYROLL: Mr. Male motioned and seconded by Mr. Elens to approve the bills for the month of *December* and payroll for the month of *November*.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to approve the Financial Reports for the month of *November*.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None*.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the President, Mr. David Doglio, Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mrs. Palermo to go into closed session at 7:25 p.m.

2:220-E2

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).
- Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

REGULAR SESSION: Mr. Male motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to return to regular session at 8:47 p.m.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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

Second Reading of Board Policy Revisions and/or Additions = 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 Additions = 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 Calculations:** 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.

APPROVAL OF TAX LEVY: Mr. Male motioned and seconded by Mr. Finn to approve the Tax Levy.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY REVISIONS/ADDITIONS: Mrs. Gerber motioned and seconded by Mrs. Brooks to approve Board Policy Revisions/Additions 4:100, 4:150, 5:100, 5:120, 5:200, 6:20, 6:250, 6:310, 7:300.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVAL OF 1ST READING OF BOARD POLICY REVISIONS/ADDITIONS: 8:30, 7:185, 7:280, 6:60-AP, 6:660E, 6:250E, 5:50, 5:90, 5:120-AP2, 4:110, 4:170-AP1, E5, 3:60, 2:250.

NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

APPROVAL OF DESTRUCTION OF ALL CLOSED MEETING MINUTE RECORDINGS PRIOR TO JUNE 2012: Mr. Male motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to approve the destruction of Closed Meeting minute recordings prior to June 2012.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVAL OF THE OPENING OF ALL WRITTEN CLOSED MEETING MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 2012 TO NOVEMBER 2013: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mr. Male to approve the opening of all written Closed Meeting minutes from December 2012 to November 2013.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVAL OF RELEASE OF JV BOYS BASKETBALL COACH: Mr. Elens motioned and seconded by Mr. Male to release the JV Boys Basketball Coach.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVAL OF JV BOYS BASKETBALL COACH: Mr. Elens motioned and seconded by Mrs. Brooks to approve the JV Boys Basketball Coach.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVAL OF STIPEND ALLOCATION FOR JV BOYS BASKETBALL COACHES: Mr. Elens motioned and seconded by Mr. Finn to approve Stipend Allocation for JV Boys Basketball Coaches.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVAL OF LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to approve Long Term Substitute Teacher, Anne Fritsch.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVAL OF SENIORITY LIST - DISTRICT STAFF AND TEACHERS: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mr. Male to approve the Seniority List – District Staff and Teachers, as presented.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVAL OF CLASS RANK CALCULATION METHOD: TABLED

ADOPTION OF GRADING SCALE REVISIONS: TABLED

DECEMBER 24, 2013 MEETING: Mrs. Gerber motioned and seconded by Mrs. Palermo to cancel the 2nd meeting for the month of December (December 24, 2013).

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION ITEMS: Superintendent Perrott reviewed the following:

- 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 Thurs, 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

ADJOURN: Mr. Male motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 p.m.

AYES: Brooks, Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

PRESIDENT, DAVID DOGLIO

SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON