

GARDNER-SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
GARDNER, IL 60424

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF JANURY 16, 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 7:00 p.m. by President David Doglio.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Don Phillips announced that he was present at the meeting to represent both the Morris Radio Station and The Paper in Dwight.

Mr. Perrott talked about the recent disruption at GSW HS. He informed the board that one of the main questions asked to him was, "why weren't the parents called about this last event?" Answer: The school wasn't threatened. And even though no threat was made we worked with the police and made doubly sure that there was no threat to the school. Of all the students we interviewed not one of them can directly be linked back to the "student" actually saying anything that threatened the school. Mr. Perrott stated that he believes that the administration, faculty, staff, and the police did everything that they should have. We did more and will continue to do more.

Grundy County Sheriff, Kevin Callahan, was present at the meeting to discuss his involvement and his deputies involvement in the situation. Callahan complemented the school administration for how the situation was handled and the cooperation that occurred between the Grundy County Sheriff's Department and the school.

Perrott informed the audience that Judge Marsaglia ruled in favor of GSW at the December 31, 2012 court hearing. GSW HS may use the funds as they have for the previous 26 years. There has been a Status Hearing set for January 31, 2013 at 9:00 AM at the Grundy County court house.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES: December 19, 2012 (Regular & Closed Meetings) and December 19, 2012 Tax Levy Hearing. Mr. Elens motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wright to approve the meeting minutes for the month of *December 2012*.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

OTHER REPORTS AND ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- **Principal Report** = Principal John Engelman reported that the School Improvement Plan (SIP) Committee has met 8 times already this year. GSW HS has joined a state wide Special Ed Data Cohort and has met 5 times – 2 times in Springfield and 3 times here at GSW. Surveys have opened up communications in the building. Kellie Doubeck, professional development provider has been at GSW 5 times to assist our faculty develop “Common Core” curriculum. Doubeck is also assisting the faculty to develop strategies to implement Vocabulary and Literacy. We have continued MAP testing and the 2nd test will be given to students in early February. We have started mandated on-line training for teachers and non-certified staff members. There has been a favorable response by the faculty and the sessions are on-going. On October 1st, a speaker was brought in to talk about relieving classroom anxiety for students and/or adults. All teachers are working on implementing: Use of a “bell ringer”, verbally state the lesson objective each day, use verbal and written advance organizer and review every lesson at the end of the period.
- **School Name Change** = Mr. Perrott gathered all the information he received from the web survey and public comments and distributed a hard copy to each board member. Board members requested a copy of the presentation made by the Probability & Statistics class students. The board agreed to further review all the information before bringing the topic up to vote. The board will take action at an upcoming regular meeting.
- **School Calendar 2013-2014** = Principal, Mr. John Engelman, is currently working on the school calendar. He has been working with Morris, Minooka and Coal City high schools to line up our attendance days for GAVC (Grundy County Vocational Center) sessions. Then, he will try to match up GSW with the three local grade school calendars (Gardner, Braceville and South Wilmington) as close as possible.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Roof Project** = There are a few projects that need to be wrapped up in order for the roof project to be complete. The electricians will be out this Friday, January 18th to complete installation of the lights over the entrance way doors. The heat tape in the gutters of the vaulted gym roof still needs to be installed. Final payment to the roofing company is being delayed until all work is completed.
- **Other building work** = When cleaning up the sewer project area, the board of education would like to look at making a new front entrance area. Ideas about putting in a window, vestibule and main office entry were discussed. Tearing up the flooring in the teachers’ lounge and hallway to fix and/or replace current pipes was also addressed. The Building committee will select a date for a meeting to discuss potential building maintenance and improvement projects.
- **Pepsi Contract** = The current Pepsi contract ends in July 2014. We currently have 3 beverage machines in our building. GSW HS receives \$2,200 a year plus 35% of all sales.
- **ROE Health Life Safety Report Follow-up** = Assistant Regional Superintendent, Mr. Chris Mehochko came through the building last month and completed the Health Life Safety Visit. Our building received an A-status. There were just a few “easy” fixes that need to be addressed. Ceiling tiles need to be in place, good housekeeping in the shop room and maintenance office areas, door closing mechanisms on the cafeteria doors, electric drop cords need to be addressed, science storage closets need to be properly inventoried. We are currently eliminating visible/ temporary extension cords as we move from room to room installing drop ceilings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the President, Mr. David Doglio, Mr. Elens motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to go into closed session at 8:00 p.m.

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- 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).

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

REGULAR SESSION: Mrs. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to return to regular session at 9:02 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

SCHOOL NAME CHANGE: Tabled – board members requested additional information on subject.

ACKNOWLEDGE AND ACCEPT \$50 GIFT FROM TRI-K SUPPLIES & SERVICE: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to acknowledge and accept \$50 gift from Tri-K Supplies & Service.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

JANUARY 23, 2013 MEETING: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mr. Finn to cancel the 2nd meeting for the month of January (January 23, 2013).

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION ITEMS: Superintendent Perrott reviewed the following:

- FOIA Requests = No requests for the month of December
- Board Election =
 - Six nomination packets picked up.
 - One petition was not returned.
 - Five (5) total running for 4 seats.
 - Order of the ballot will be: (in order of petitions received / turned in)
 - 1st - James Riley
 - 2nd - Allison Wright
 - 3rd - Cindy Gerber
 - 4th - David Doglio
 - 5th - Craig Male
- 2013-14 Curriculum Guide = Copies of the 2013-14 curriculum guide were presented to the Board. The new guides are currently being used to register students for the up-coming school year.
- Grundy County Sheriff Visits = GSW administration has been told that the Sheriff Department has made a commitment to be more visible in all of the Grundy County Schools. GSW has had no less than 6 different deputies tour the building. Perrott stated, "It is good for law enforcement to be familiar with our building and for our students to see them. I am sure that we have received several more visits than other buildings have had because of the recent rumor. We look forward to having the officers in the building in the future."

- Permission has been granted to the tenant who is farming our land to clean-up the fence row and tree line.
- Thank you note received from Arden Wills' family. GSW HS sent a plant from BOE, faculty & staff members.
- A huge thank you from the board of education to Mark Small, Brian Christensen and Craig Male for the use of their heavy equipment during our sewer project.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUESTS:

- Recording of Votes Question = Robert's Rules: "under minutes and voting". Outside of stating a vote should be taken in alpha order with the presiding chair last there is nothing that states how the minutes should record the vote.

ADJOURN: Mr. Male motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

PRESIDENT, DAVID DOGLIO

SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON