

**GARDNER-SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**  
**GARDNER, IL 60424**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 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 Palermo. Also in attendance were Superintendent Mr. Michael Perrott and Principal Mr. John Engelman. All members were present "in person."

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES: May 15, 2013 (Regular & Closed), May 21, 2013 (Special Meeting & Special Meeting Closed Session) and June 6, 2013 (Building Committee Meeting). Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to approve the meeting minutes for the months of May and June 2013.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & PAYROLL: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mr. Finn to approve the bills for the month of *June* and payroll for the month of *May*.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

**OTHER REPORTS AND ITEMS DISCUSSED:**

**Principal's Report** = Principal John Engelman reported on the following:

- All teachers turned in curriculum for at least one subject at the end of the school year.
- A school-wide writing rubric was created for use in all classes.
- The Pippins (a husband & wife Math team) came in for a 1-day workshop with the Math teachers.
- The English Department met and reviewed their curriculum. They also developed an English rubric.

**Building Committee Report** = Work is progressing nicely for summer. Tile abatement is lined up. We have three separate project costs for the three separate projects (teacher lounge, carpeted hallway, guidance office). The three abatement projects will cost approximately \$36,120. The floors will be started on July 8. The main entrance security door work is lining up. Final drawings for the main security door entryway and drawings for the concrete are complete.

**Lease Agreement with Gardner Village TIF District** = Mr. Perrott reported several townspeople were present at the Gardner Village Board Meeting that was held on Monday, June

10<sup>th</sup> with questions about the licensing (TIF) money owed to GSW High School. He also stated that there will not be a resolution until the end of October due to the Village appealing the judge's decision.

**Illinois County School Facility Tax** = There is good conversation starting around the county regarding a 1% sales tax increase to directly support the schools. The money would have to be used for OM type of expenditures / abatement of taxes. School districts must pass a resolution in the fall for the question to be placed on the March election ballot.

**Prairie State Insurance Cooperative Renewal** = Mr. Perrott stated that we are in this coop for worker's compensation and property & casualty. Our P/C cost has decreased due to lack of claim experience and worker's comp is up a bit. Mr. Perrott is recommending that the board approve our continued participation in the coop and fees to be paid in July for FY14. He also informed the board that he would like to bring in the coop representative to explain the program, coop and benefits at the July meeting.

**Health Benefit Provider** = Mr. Perrott made the recommendation to move from our current broker provider Dan Cantu Agent/ Downers Grove to the Horton Group in Orland Park. We will maintain Blue Cross/ Blue Shield, but will be upgrading the service that we receive from our agent/broker group. There is not a difference in cost to benefits. Because of the changes that are coming in the insurance law (Obama-care) we need a broker that is willing to help us navigate the changes. Mr. Perrott distributed a sheet with insurance costs for FY14.

**RVC Officials Salary Scales** = Mr. Perrott informed the board that only the basketball officials pay was increased by \$5.00 per game. All others stayed the same. The River Valley Conference is trying to stay competitive with official's salaries with other area schools / athletic conferences.

**FY 14 Budget Process** = Mr. Perrott has prepared a time line. His goal is to complete the process within our regular BOE meeting schedule. The budget process will begin tonight with designating a person to prepare the budget. Then at the next few regular meetings, GSW will present the budget, send to The Paper, put on display, have a Public Hearing and then submit to the state by September 20, 2013.

**Fall School Registration** = GSW HS had previously discussed putting together an online and mail-in pre-registration. This will not be put into effect for the 2013-14 school year. The logistics were not worked out by the time that they need to happen. We will run the traditional "walk-in" registration as in years past. Registration Day will be held on Thursday, August 1 from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM in the cafeteria.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- **Building Items:**
  - Adler Roofing is finishing several punch items. Healy Bender & Associates has been contacting them but have received no response. GSW is holding \$64,479 that will be paid to Adler when they complete the punch list.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the President, Mr. David Doglio, Mrs. Gerber motioned and seconded by Mrs. Palermo to go into closed session at 8:24 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).

- 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: Mrs. Gerber motioned and seconded by Mrs. Palermo to return to regular session at 10:33 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

DESIGNATION OF PERSON TO PREPARE TENTATIVE BUDGET: Mr. Elens motioned and seconded by Mr. Finn to designate Mr. Michael Perrott, Superintendent, to prepare Tentative Budget.

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

MOTION DENIED: 7-0.

LEASE AGREEMENT: Mr. Male motioned and seconded by Mr. Elens to approve the Continued Lease Agreement with Christensen Brothers Farm.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

PREVAILING WAGES FOR CONSTRUCTION TRADES EFFECTIVE 7/1/13: Mr. Finn motioned and seconded by Mrs. Palermo to approve the Prevailing Wages for Construction Trades effective 7/1/13.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

HIRE OF ENGLISH MATERNITY LEAVE: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mrs. Palermo to approve hire of Abigail Brown for English maternity leave.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

TEACHER RESIGNATION: Mr. Elens motioned and seconded by Mr. Male to approve teacher resignation; Biology teacher, Mr. David Blackburn.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

CURRICULUM MATERIAL APPROVAL: Mrs. Gerber motioned and seconded by Mrs. Brooks to approve the Curriculum Material: English Department Vocabulary Books.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

PRAIRIE STATE INSURANCE COOPERATIVE RENEWAL: Mr. Finn motioned and seconded by Mr. Elens to approve the Prairie State Insurance Cooperative Renewal.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

CHEERLEADING CAMP: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to approve Cheerleading Camp in Zion, Illinois July 17-19, 2013.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

SPRING PLAY SPONSOR RESIGNATION: Mr. Elens motioned and seconded by Mr. Male to approve the Spring Play Sponsor Resignation: Diantha Harper.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

SPRING PLAY SPONSOR HIRE: Mrs. Palermo motioned and seconded by Mr. Finn to approve hire of Spring Play Sponsor: Cassie Bashayreh.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

PANTHERETTE VOLUNTEER COACH: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mr. Male to approve the Pantherette Volunteer Coach, Hannah Conger.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

CHEERLEADING VOLUNTEER COACH: Mrs. Palermo motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to approve Cheerleading Volunteer Coach, Allison Serena.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

FRESHMAN CLASS SPONSOR: Mr. Male motioned and seconded by Mr. Elens to approve Freshman Class Sponsor, Scott Hunt.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

HEALTH BENEFIT PROVIDER: Mr. Finn motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to approve Health Benefit Broker/Agent: The Horton Group, Orland Park.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

JUNE 26, 2013 MEETING: Mrs. Brooks motioned and seconded by Mrs. Palermo to cancel the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting for the month of June (June 26, 2013).

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION ITEMS: Superintendent Perrott reviewed the following:

- **FOIA Requests** = Three requests were received from three sources. Sheet Metal Workers Union, Barbara Baker, and Dick Hileman/ Village of Gardner.
- **GSW Athletic Booster Golf Outing** was held on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> with 12 noon shotgun start at the Dwight Country Club. \$2,095 was raised from this event for athletic programs at GSW.

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUESTS:

In response to appeals expressed by Gardner citizens the GSW Board requested that Superintendent Perrott prepare a communication to Gardner Village Board. The letter is to communicate that the High School is willing to waive currently owed penalty interest fees imposed by the court on the Village. In exchange the Village would withdraw its court appeal and abide by the decision that was already handed down by the Circuit Court in Grundy County. This agreement would save additional attorney fees for GSW and the Village. In addition GSW

would be allowed to prepare a budget for the upcoming year without the fear of losing additional money.

ADJOURN: Mr. Finn motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

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PRESIDENT, DAVID DOGLIO

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SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON