GARDNER-SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
GARDNER, IL 60424

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2014
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 7:15 p.m. by President David Doglio.

ROLL CALL: Members present: 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."

FY14 FISCAL AUDIT: Mrs. Janet Brown, Auditor, was present to review the recent independent FY14 Fiscal Audit with the board members.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES: August 20, 2014 (Regular & Closed minutes) Mr. Male motioned and seconded by Mr. Finn to approve the meeting minutes for the month of *August* 2014.
AYES: Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & PAYROLL: Mr. Finn motioned and seconded by Mr. Elens to approve the bills for the month of *September* and payroll for the month of *August,* including the 3 bills (Healy-Bender & Assoc., Scanlon and Seeco) that were held from last month's meeting.
AYES: Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Male motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to approve the Financial Reports for the month of *August*.
AYES: Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Audience:

- A community member was present to discuss the new GSW HS web-site. He pointed out that some links were missing and files were not in the correct format. He also pointed out that some of the information is out of date. The board thanked him for his comments and informed him that they would look into his comments and correct the webpage.
- Mrs. Heerdt, English teacher and Teachers' Union Rep, thanked the board for the new high-speed internet. She stated that it is almost 20 times faster than the old connection. Her 1st hour Student Publications class up-loaded 41 high-quality photos in about 4-mins for the yearbook. Loading 3 or 4 images last year would have taken all period.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:
Principal's Report = Mr. John Engelman, Principal, reported on the following:

1. Committee Updates
   a. RTI/PARCC – finalizing test schedule. PARCC will be given on March 11 & 12, 2015. ACT/PSAE will be given on March 3 & 4, 2015.

b. SIP (School Improvement Planning Committee) – has met 4 times this year already. Tackling character issues/traits/education. Positive attributes; character education days. Planning for 4 out of the 5 early dismissal days to be spent on character development and the other day will address college readiness.

3. Sept 10th was a ½ day with 11:30 AM early dismissal for students. GSW held Anti-Bullying sessions for students in the morning. In the afternoon, teachers had Professional Development which focused on using assessments to measure student growth.
4. New fiber optic / internet speed. The faculty and staff appreciate the commitment of the board to using resources to upgrade the internet access.
5. Read a very moving, positive letter written by teacher, Mrs. Arrambide, regarding how students view our school and staff.

First Reading of Board Policy Revisions/Additions = Board Policy Revisions/Additions were distributed to each board member for 1st review = 4:80, 4:80AP, 4:490, 4:110E, 4:110AP1, 4:110AP2, 4:120, 4:120AP, 4:130, 4:150.

Other items:
Mr. Perrott discussed the "Read 180" reading program that the staff and RTI team is recommending we implement. This will be an action item at next month's meeting. The cost to purchase the program would be $33,000 for 30 portals, which would be 30 students a year. Funds from Title I and Title II grants would be used to pay for the program.

Mr. Perrott also reviewed the School Uniform Rotation. In 2012 NO new uniforms were purchased. Softball and baseball uniforms are still in good condition, so they will stay in the rotation for 2016. Basketball and volleyball received new uniforms last year. Cross-Country and Cheerleading are in this year's rotation. Pantherettes are also ready for new uniforms. The Band Boosters donated a check for $2,300 to purchase new Pantherette team uniforms for the 2014-15 season.

OLD BUSINESS:
Building/Grounds Projects = Mr. Perrott reported the progress of work from the summer construction. He distributed a summary of projects and the fund source for each. He informed the board of the next noticeable project that is in progress. The walls / ceiling of the stage area will be painted and new stage curtains will be ordered for both the front and back. The GSW logo will be at the top center.
Superintendent Perrott reported on some of the items that have been completed or are in progress since January 1, 2014. Perrott also reported that he secured $112,000 in grant funding from the state to assist with the cost of the projects. The new front electronic marquee was purchased with funds left to the District from the estate of Marge / Bud Gaddo and funds donated from graduated classes.
<u>Some of the projects in progress or completed include</u>:

New main entrance Front Door
"Main office" lettering for front door
3rd Floor HVAC
remove air handler vibration collars in gym
replace air handler vibration collars in gym
remove windows and brick-in windows stage and hall
remove windows and brick in band window and fill pits
North East condensate line replacement

Concession stand condensate replacement
small boiler controls replacement
Concrete Skirts / curbs / sidewalks around school
Drop Ceilings 18 classrooms/areas
lighting for new drop ceilings
Baseball Fence height extension
Replace Glass / broken windows
Electrical service upgrade, phase I
Front Sign (Marque)vendor
Front sign (marque) electric
Front sign (marque) brickwork
Band Room HVAC
Window blinds 10 classrooms
Stage Curtains front and rear stage
painting of stage area
Refinish Gym floor (yearly)
Stage floor refinished
Gym Hallway ceiling heat unit
Gym Hallway/front entrance trophy cases
Asbestos abatement 2nd floor Boys Bath
Asbestos abatement Caulk window and pipe
New Main Boiler and controls
New sump pumps in condensate pits and band room.
Parking lot striping

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the President, Mr. David Doglio, Mr. Elens motioned and seconded by Mrs. Palermo to go into closed session at 9:07 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: Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

REGULAR SESSION: Mrs. Gerber motioned and seconded by Mr. Finn to return to regular session at 10:40 p.m.
AYES: Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY REVISIONS/ADDITIONS (2nd Reading): Mrs. Palermo motioned and seconded by Mr. Male to approve the Board Policy Revisions/Additions (2nd Reading). Board Polices: 4:55-AP, 4:55-E, 4:60, 4:60-AP, 4:60-AP1, 4:60-AP2, 4:60-E, 4:70, 4:70-AP.
AYES: Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVAL OF THE FY14 FISCAL AUDIT: Mr. Elens motioned and seconded by Mr. Finn to approve the FY14 Fiscal Audit.
AYES: Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

APPLICATION FOR ISBE RECOGNITION OF SCHOOLS: Mrs. Gerber motioned and seconded by Mr. Finn to approve the Application for ISBE Recognition of Schools.
AYES: Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

GIRLS JV BASKETBALL COACH: Mr. Male motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to approve the Girls JV Basketball Coach, Christina Sukley, pending enough players for a JV team.
AYES: Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

VOLUNTEER VOLLEYBALL COACH: Mr. Finn motioned and seconded by Mr. Elens to hire JV Volleyball Coach, Amber Eisha.
AYES: Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

VOLUNTEER VOLLEYBALL COACH: Mr. Finn motioned and seconded by Mr. Elens to release Volunteer Volleyball Coach, Zach Boyer.
AYES: Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

VOLUNTEER CROSS-COUNTRY COACH: Mr. Male motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to approve Volunteer Cross-Country Coach, Trevor Howard.
AYES: Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

CHEERLEADING COACHES: Mrs. Gerber motioned and seconded by Mr. Finn to hire Cheerleading Coaches, Samantha Serena, Melissa Kirk and Brian Kirk (volunteer / bus driver).
AYES: Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

REQUEST FOR EARLY GRADUATION: Mrs. Gerber motioned and seconded by Mr. Elens to approve the request for Early Graduation, Dean Floyd.
AYES: Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

2014-2015 DISTRICT BUDGET: Mrs. Gerber motioned and seconded by Mrs. Palermo to approve the 2014-2015 District Budget, as presented.
AYES: Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

SEPTEMBER 24, 2014 MEETING: Mrs. Gerber motioned and seconded by Mr. Elens to cancel the 2nd meeting for the month of September (Sept 24, 2014).
AYES: Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION ITEMS: *Superintendent Perrott reviewed the following:*

- FOIA Requests: List was distributed to board members.
- Gardner Area Band Boosters gave GSW HS a check for $2,300 for new Pantherette uniforms.
- The Band Boosters just paid to have uniforms cleaned for the upcoming parades.
- The Gardner Area Marching Band, which has 25 musicians representing all 4 schools, and the Pantherettes are preparing for the Dwight Harvest Days Parade (Sun, Sept 21) and the Morris Corn Festival (Sun, Sept. 28).
- The GSW Business Club sponsored a blood drive 9/17/2014 and collected 46 pints of blood.
- The GSW National Honor Society assisted St Lawrence Parish with their food pantry. The NHS students assisted in serving 140+ families. Pam Holahan from St Lawrence Parish extended a thank you to the students of GSW and expressed to the Board how impressed she was with the GSW Students.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUESTS:

- Check on down spouts
- Re-stripe the parking lot

ADJOURN: Mr. Finn motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 p.m.
AYES: Doglio, Elens, Finn, Gerber, Male and Palermo.
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

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PRESIDENT, DAVID DOGLIO SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON