

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Public Hearing – 2022 Levy & the Regular Meeting **DECEMBER 21, 2022**

PRESENTATION OF 2022 LEVY:

Superintendent, Sue Avery, presented the 2022 Levy and informed the board members that there were no changes since it was presented at last month's meeting. It was posted in The Paper and will be filed in both Grundy and Kankakee Counties on Thursday, December 22nd.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None. No public at tonight's meeting.

FY22 AUDIT REPORT:

Mrs. Tawnya Mack and Mrs. Laurie Pope from Mack & Associates were both present to review the FY22 Audit with the board members. Mrs. Mack reviewed the balance sheet and expenses. Mrs. Pope went over the findings. Our books are being cleaned up nicely, the newer software is being utilized more effectively, and moving in the right direction for our school finances.

TENTATIVE BAND TRIP PRESENTATION:

Mr. Michael Leone, Gardner Area Band Director, was present to discuss the band trip to Charleston, South Carolina and Savannah, Georgia. He stated that he was asked if the Gardner Area Band would like to represent the State of Illinois and compete in Charleston and perform in Savannah. He wants to link both performances into one trip, since the towns are approximately 100 miles apart. The plan is to depart on May 30 and return on June 3. Mr. Leone is asking for approval now, so that he can get an affordable parent payment plan started up in January 2023. The trip would take place during Summer 2024.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mrs. Avery, Superintendent, reported the following:

- Attendance: 91.2%
- Discipline: 12 detentions; 1 student with 3 separate days of in-school suspensions
- Illinois State Scholars: Congratulations to the following GSW HS Seniors – Amelia Brock, Brody Fatlan, Delaney Platt, Jacob Shaughnessy, Avery Williams and Allston Latimer.
- Dance Competition: 1st place Spiritline Pom and Open Pom. Qualified for State in both Pom and Open Pom. Ava Brassard, Senior, received the Rising Star Award. The second competition of the year at the Metea Valley IDTA Regional Competition, the Spiritline team placed 1st in Pom, 1st in Open Pom, and 2nd in the IHSA Category! Madelyn Wilson, Freshman received a Rising Star Award for showmanship.
- The Team and Coaches are doing amazing this year!
- Flags took 1st place in the competition that GSW hosted.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS: None at tonight's meeting.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT: Mrs. Sue Avery discussed the following:

- New exterior doors with Matching Maintenance Grant – The grant will help pay for new doors in the front gym hallway area, doors by the front steps and back kitchen doors. This is a matching grant of \$50,000. Our low bid was \$106,000 for all three areas. The project will start sometime in early 2023.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mrs. Avery presented on the following:

- Triple I Conference: The conference was attended by GSW BOE members.

- Putt Putt Golf – Board Conference Winnings – the GSW team won \$500 during the Healy Bender Client Event at the Joint Annual Conference in Chicago. The money donation received was used for a taco bar luncheon for faculty and staff. The luncheon was held on Wed, December 21st.
- New Kitchen Helper – Mrs. Rhonda Rynearson will be joining our staff as part-time kitchen helper.
- Bookkeeper had a baby – Mrs. Amber Ryle had a baby girl on Tuesday, December 13th. She will be out on maternity leave, but returning to work in late January.
- Principal Search Update – We have received 5 applications. Individual interviews will be held on January 10th with Mrs. Avery and Mr. Engelman. Team interviews will be held on January 17th with our GSW team of teachers, board members, and social worker.

BOE MEMBERS REPORTS:

Kori Speed asked if the clock in the gym could be fixed, if towels could be available during home basketball games, if a trash can could be placed in the upper bleachers for home games, and the status of an Athletic Trainer.

Katy Wepprecht asked about programs being available at all home games. She also asked if the Gardner Fire Department can come into GSW and have a meeting with our students to discuss careers in the fields of EMTs and Firefighters. The local Fire Department is hoping this can help recruit some future members.

ACTION ITEMS :

- Approve the FY22 Audit, as presented
- Approve 2022 Tax Levy
- Certificate of Compliance with Truth and Taxation
- Appoint the Superintendent to review Closed Session Minutes
- First Reading of Press Policy 110
- Approve to Hire Kitchen Helper – Mrs. Rhonda Rynearson
- Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Trees Program
- Approve the Reciprocal Agreement for Grundy County
- Approve the Gardner Area Band Trip to South Carolina and Savannah, Georgia – Summer 2024

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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 Kori Speed & Allison Wright
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