

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting

February 20, 2019

PUBLIC: No public. No public comment.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mr. Engelman presented on the following:

- Feb. 15th Assembly with speaker, Josh Jahn. He spoke to GSWHS students, 8th grade students from Gardner, South Wilmington and Braceville, a few Coal City SADD group students with their sponsor and community members about how his family was killed by a drunk driver. His presentation was impactful and very powerful.
- GSW HS Spring Play will be held on April 13 & 14. There are 12 students involved – cast & crew.
- Feb 13th was an 11:30 AM early dismissal for students and the afternoon was spent on Professional Development for teachers. The morning was spent with students attending our College & Career Day. They went to different stations throughout the building to hear speakers. There were also 30 tables set-up in the gym area with colleges, work force, local businesses etc. for the students to visit with. In the afternoon teachers attended diabetes training, “Special Ed 101” training and SAT testing discussion.
- Sports – Girls basketball is the Co-Conference RVC Champs. GSW & Beecher split this honor. Boys basketball team is the RVC Champions. Wrestler, Cameron Klingler, won 5th place at the IHSA State Finals. Spiritline team attended both IDTA State where they brought home 3rd place in Jazz, 2nd place in Poms, and 2nd place overall. The Pantherettes also competed at the IHSA State Finals.
- Natural Helpers Overnight Trip – Feb 16 & 17 – GSW took 17 students and 4 adults – to a 2-day workshop to teach the students how to be better equipped to help their friends with problems. A mixture of Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors attended, with the Senior Leaders running some of the program.

MILK CONTRACT: Mr. Perrott is making a recommendation to extend our contract with Clover Leaf Farms for 1-year. There is a \$0.01 increase per half pint.

SCHOOL CALENDAR: There was discussion regarding next year's calendar. The final school calendar will be approved in March. Mr. Engelman informed the board that he tried to make 1st semester and 2nd semester even days. He tried to match up to previous years with just a few changes. For the 2019-2020 school year, we needed to add 1 more day, which would be a Teachers Institute Day. With input from the teachers, Casimir Pulaski Day in March was selected as a Teachers Institute Day. Mr. Perrott will prepare the appropriate paperwork in order to waive the holiday and it will be an action item for the next board meeting. That day will become a Teacher Institute Day, but if we need to make-up a day because of weather, then we will use this day as a Student Attendance Day and the T.I. will be moved to the end of the school year. We have also removed the Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences. Of the 13 schools contacted only 2 other area schools are still holding Spring Conferences. The Fall Parent / Teacher conference is still being planned.

OTHER ITEMS: Mr. Perrott informed the board that the Financial Software Program that GSW is currently using in the district will no longer be by the end of the fiscal year. We are working quickly to explore new software. John Williamsen, Tech Director, and Sherri Garrett, District Bookkeeper, are working with the current company to discuss switching over to their web-based system vs. other software packages available. Yearly fees and data transition fees were reviewed. Mr. Perrott will keep the board informed with the progress and what the final plan will be.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Perrott presented on the following:

- Library Goals: Mrs. Wills prepared a spreadsheet containing current library goals. The board reviewed and discussed. The Bookmobile will be at GSW HS twice a month from 12 noon to 1 pm. Students will be able to go out to the Bookmobile and browse thru their selection during 5th hour, which is Learning Lab / Lunch hours.
- School Safety Administrative Committee: Will hold its' 2nd meeting on Thursday, February 28th from 4:30 to 5:30 PM in the board room. Members have been invited.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Accept Coach Resignation – Mr. Larry Lane / Cross-country
- Approval of JV Officials Pay - \$60.00
- Athletic Fan Suspension – as discussed in Closed Session
- Approval of Milk Contract – 1-year contract with Clover Leaf Farms
- February 27, 2019 Board Meeting – Cancel the 2nd meeting for the month of February 2019.

SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION ITEMS: Mr. Perrott reported on the following:

- FOIA Requests: Spreadsheet was reviewed.
- Economic Interest Surveys: Surveys are coming out and must be filled out and returned even if board members are leaving the BOE.
- Band Trip to Peoria: April 6, Saturday. The Gardner Area Band, for the 4th year in a row, will play the National Anthem before the start of the Peoria Rivermen Hockey game.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUESTS: None at this time.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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