

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting

February 21, 2018

PUBLIC:

Public Comment: None. There was NO public present at tonight's meeting.

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

- Rhythm of our Youth – Cardiac Screenings for all GSW HS students will be held on Aug. 29, 2018 at the start of the 2018-19 school year. The screenings are conducted in the gym area and results are sent to the parents. This is FREE of charge and will be offered every 2-years.
- School / Building Safety: Procedures regarding school safety efforts at GSW HS were reviewed. We develop a safety plan with Grundy Sheriff and local first responders, which is reviewed each year. We practice required evacuation drills with the Grundy Sheriff / local fire departments. We practice lock downs with Grundy County Deputies with students and teachers in the building. We participate in a reciprocal reporting agreement with Grundy County to share information about suspicious events / activities / persons. We work with students and teachers to keep the building envelope locked down during the day. All visitors enter through the secured main entrance. During the school day all students will enter and exit through the main office. A Grundy Deputy is in the building 2-3 times a week. We are responsive to ALL rumors and chatter about any harmful behaviors that have happened or are reported to be happening. Our social worker and guidance are utilized to work with students in crisis and with emotional needs. Teachers are directed to monitor / supervise halls between classes. We just had meetings with every student in the building to discuss appropriate behavior / anti bullying / reporting. We have had anti-bully awareness presentations by experts / county for parents and students. We have periodic student searches as students enter the building. We have Sheriff's K-9 unit conduct searches. We conduct locker and student searches related to reported / suspected incidents. Our staff, teachers, and students are working together to report and then investigate concerning incidents.

PROPERTY LEASE FOR SOLAR POWER: The recommendation is to **not** pursue a lease agreement to allow solar power system on the school property. 1. Conflict of allowable use of property due to the property was purchased with working cash funds. 2. The lease would tie up the property for 15 to 25 years.

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS P.R.E.S.S.: Mr. Perrott is recommending that the board approves the Illinois Association of School Boards policy updates as recommended in the Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS).

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH DWIGHT SCHOOL DISTRICT: Currently GSW is sharing a Social Worker with Dwight. Mr. Perrott is recommending that we discontinue the intergovernmental agreement with Dwight for the Social Worker. We would like our social worker to be "full-time" at GSW High School, allowing her to be here every day for students and also spend some time working in / covering the library.

MILK CONTRACT: Mr. Perrott is recommending that GSW extends their contract with Clover Leaf Farms for 1-year. There will be a \$0.01 increase per half pint.

OTHER ITEMS: Board member, Katy Wepprecht, spent some time reviewing the wording on the Panther Hall of Fame Constitution and By-Laws. The board reviewed and edited the document and will approve at the March meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Perrott presented on the following:

- Building Projects: The Building Committee met tonight before the regular board to discuss upcoming projects. The Asbestos Abatement Project will start as soon as school is out of session for summer break. There will be contractors walking thru the building and bids will be received and reviewed.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Approval of Consent Agenda: Financial
- Motion to not pursue the Property / Land Lease Proposal for Solar Project
- Approval of the Illinois Association of School Boards P.R.E.S.S.
- Part-time Custodial Maintenance – NO ACTION
- Discontinue the Social Worker Intergovernmental Agreement with Dwight School District
- Approval of Milk Contract – Clover Leaf
- Approval of Teacher Leave – FMLA
- Approval of Early Graduation Request
- February 28, 2018 Board Meeting – Schedule the 2nd meeting for the month of February at 3:30 PM.

SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION ITEMS:

- FOIA Requests – spreadsheet was reviewed.
- Band Trip to Peoria - April 7, Saturday at 7:00 pm. Band, for the third year in a row, will play the National Anthem before the start of the Peoria Rivermen Hockey game.
- Economic Interest Surveys – Surveys sent from the county are coming out and must be filled out by individual board members and returned even if you are leaving the BOE.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUESTS:

None at this time.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Kristen Ashley & Timothy Harvey

Principal: John Engelman

Superintendent: Michael Perrott