

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting

January 17, 2018

PUBLIC:

Public Comment: None.

Property / Land Lease Presentation: IGS Solar representatives were present at the meeting to propose a 15-year lease for a solar farm on existing GSW HS property. This lease would then renew every 10-years. It would be a 7,500 to 8,000 panel unit covering a 12-acre generation area. It would be a secure sight with a locked gate and insured by IGS Solar. The company would come out twice a year to mow and check the area. When the unit is being built, the company will use local labor, engineers, businesses, etc. It would be a fixed lease income to the school.

Board Picture: Mrs. Susan Heerdt, Year Book advisor, took the board of education photo at tonight's meeting.

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

- Spring 2016 Science Assessment – A copy of the ISBE Illinois Science Assessment from 2016 testing was distributed to the board and audience. The overall performance level for GSW High School was at a Level 2 – Proficient – scoring 73.9%. The results of this test were just released to the districts around the state.

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP INITIATED BY CLASS OF 1957: Mr. Engelman informed the board: Members of the Class of 1957 donated \$5,000 to start this scholarship. There will be a \$500 scholarship awarded to a GSW graduate each year until funds are gone. Mr. Engelman worked with the Class of 1957 to come up with criteria. The scholarship will start this year. There has been a committee formed to use a rubric to select a “well-rounded” graduate to receive the scholarship. The goal is to continue to collect donations from other alumni and specified donations to support the alumni scholarship. The hope is to raise enough money to award this scholarship beyond the next 10 years.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Perrott presented on the following:

- Library Proposal – Mr. Perrott has met with contractors, architect, teachers and the teachers' union rep to discuss this project. The proposal is to move the library from the 3rd floor down to the 1st floor to make it more accessible to students and revitalize its use. This will be a potentially 2-year project and will be completed in steps. The project will be started with upgrades primarily on the first floor this summer. The second phase of the project will be re-evaluated next year. The library will remain on the third floor for 2018 – 2019.
- Alumni Wall – Hall of Fame – tentatively will be down by the gym area. Perrott proposed a marble plaque / brick be made for each inductee and the bricks be set into the wall.
- Alumni Program – The program was reviewed by the Board Committee and still needs a name. Some changes are being made to make it unique. The person(s) being honored will receive the award at either the Home Coming basketball game and/or graduation ceremony. During the 1st year up to 4 alumni will be inducted and then every year after up to 2 alumni will be inducted. The program will start next school year.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Tabled: Property / Land Lease Proposal
- Approval: Resolution Ratifying the Abatement of the Working Cash Fund of the District
- Approval of the Working Cash Bond Sale Resolution: Resolution providing for the issue of Taxable General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2018, of the District, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.
- Approval: Renovation items presented in the 1st phase of the "library proposal."
- January 24, 2018 Board Meeting – Cancel the 2nd meeting of the month of January.

SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION ITEMS:

- FOIA Requests – spreadsheet was reviewed.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUESTS:

None at this time.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

President: Pam Brooks

Vice-President: Katy Wepprecht

Cindy Gerber, Allison Palermo, Kori Speed

Kristen Ashley & Timothy Harvey

Principal: John Engelman

Superintendent: Michael Perrott