

**GARDNER-SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL  
GARDNER, IL 60424**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2018  
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 7:00 p.m. by President Mrs. Pamela Brooks.

**ROLL CALL:** Members present: Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Speed and Wepprecht. Mrs. Kristen Ashley arrived at 7:07 pm. Also in attendance were Superintendent Mr. Michael Perrott and Principal Mr. John Engelman. All members were present “in person.”

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Mrs. Wepprecht motioned and seconded by Mr. Harvey to approve the meeting minutes for the month of December: (December 20, 2017 – Public Hearing: 2017 Levy, Public Hearing: Sale of Working Cash Bond, Regular & Closed Session minutes), bills for the month of *January* and payroll for the month of *December*, and Financial Reports for the month of *December*.

**AYES:** Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Speed and Wepprecht.

**MOTION CARRIED:** 5-0.

**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 Heerd, Year Book advisor, took the board of education photo at tonight’s meeting.

**REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Principal’s Report:** Principal, Mr. John 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.

**Other Items:** None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

**Building/Grounds Projects** = Mr. Perott reported on the following:

- **Library Proposal** – Mr. Perott has met with contractors, architect, teachers and the teachers' union rep to discuss this project. The proposal is to move the library from the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor down to the 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Perott 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the President, Mrs. Pamela Brooks, Mrs. Wepprecht motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to go into closed session at 8:30 p.m.

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- 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).
- The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5).
- The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6).

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

REGULAR SESSION: Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to return to regular session at 9:33 p.m.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

PROPERTY/LAND LEASE PROPOSAL: TABLED. Mrs. Gerber motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wepprecht to TABLE the Property / Land Lease Proposal.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE ABATEMENT OF THE WORKING CASH FUND OF THE DISTRICT: Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the Resolution Ratifying the Abatement of the Working Cash Fund of the District.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

WORKING CASH BOND SALE RESOLUTION: Mrs. Gerber motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wepprecht to approve 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.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

LIBRARY PROPOSAL: Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Proposal – Amending Proposal: to approve renovation items presented in the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the “Library Proposal.”

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Harvey and Wepprecht.

NAYES: Speed

MOTION CARRIED: 5-1.

JANUARY 24, 2018 BOARD MEETING: Mrs. Gerber motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to cancel the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting for the month January 2018.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

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

- FOIA Requests

BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUESTS: None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 PM.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

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PRESIDENT, PAMELA BROOKS

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SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON