

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting
JANUARY 17, 2024

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None. No public at tonight's meeting.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mr. Brian Davis, Principal, reported the following:

- Winter Break – December 25 thru January 8. School resumed on January 9.
- No discipline to report
- No tardies to report
- January 8 – Teacher Institute Day – our speaker canceled that day for Professional Development.
- January 9 – 12 was Homecoming Week
- January 15 – No School due to Martin Luther King Day – Holiday
- E-Learning / Remote Days – January 12 and January 16
- January 17 – Homecoming Pep Assembly, Basketball Games and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony with two inductees: Dan Anderson and Sharon Leve.
- New Course Offerings in Science, Math and Physical Education were discussed. We are upgrading our Math Curriculum with Dual Credit course offerings. We are adding a Lifetime Fitness class to our PE course. We are adding Robotics to our STEAM / Integrated Science Curriculum.
- February 14 – 11:30 am early dismissal for students and School Improvement Day (pm) for teachers – Mr. Eric Santos will be coming to GSW to educate our teachers on new technology and artificial intelligence.
- February 19 – No School due to President's Day - Holiday

DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

None.

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

- Boiler Report – Tri-Co was out and completed pipe repairs we needed.
- Custodian – Our night-time part-time custodian passed away over the Holidays / Winter Break. We have a former employee who has offered to temporarily help us out. He has worked on our custodial staff in the past, so is willing to help us out for now until the end of the school year.

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

- GAVC Update – the renovation / addition to the existing GAVC building is still on hold as of now, as schools (partners) are deciding on their own future plans and how they will be moving forward.
- School Calendar 2024 – 2025 – The tentative calendar will be submitted to the Regional Office of Education.
- Transportation Update – Illinois Central School Bus administrators met with the three school district Superintendents (GGS, BES and GSW) to determine an extension of the contract for 2-years.

BOE MEMBERS REPORTS:

None at this time.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Affirm the temporary hire of Devon Tjelle for night custodian
- Approve the Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings 18 months and older
- Approve the Opening of Board of Education Closed Session Minutes from January 2023 to December 2023
- Approve the Resignation of P.E. teacher, Mr. Dan Vashinko
- Approve the 2024-2025 Tentative School Calendar
- Approve New Course Offerings in Math, Science, and P.E.

OTHERS:

Kori Speed commented on how amazing the programs looked for tonight's Homecoming Basketball Games and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Mrs. Avery and Mr. Davis informed the board members that our Athletic Director, Amber Eisha, created and printed the programs for tonight's events. Amber puts together the programs for all of our home sporting events.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Vice-President: Kori Speed

Kristen Ashley, Tim Harvey, Terry Schultz,

David Simms & Allison Wright

Principal: Mr. Brian Davis

Superintendent: Mrs. Susan Avery