

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting

July 17, 2019

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public audience – no comment.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT: Mr. Engelman was not present at tonight’s meeting, so Mr. DeLong reported on:

- Attended Safety Meeting with County Administrators at 911 center
- Setting up Safety Planning with Police
- Setting up meeting with Police and Fire Dept. to review our GSW HS Crisis Management Manual
- Professional Development Scheduled for the first semester Teacher Institute Days is set up. First Semester will concentrate on Safety and second semester will be guided towards Curriculum.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT: Mr. Josh DeLong presented on the following:

- Summer cleaning update = Still on schedule and going well.
- Library update = Being painted, new furniture assembled, community members having been coming in to help sort through books and clean up the area.
- Locker room project update = going well, just waiting on roof top units to come in and be placed. Need to run wire, conduit to locker rooms, which will require an electrician coming in. Both PE offices will be painted.
- Hallway update = New trophy case has been added to the 1st floor hallway. Freshmen lockers might be moved back downstairs to 1st floor hallway. This would help with the congestion on the 2nd floor with having 2 classes downstairs and 2 classes upstairs.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Mr. DeLong presented on the following:

- Agenda and meetings format discussion – the board reviewed sample agendas and discussed how the GSW agenda will look for future meetings. Instead of using the old, out-dated iPads at the monthly meetings, we will start accessing Google Drive and use the school Chrome Books.
- 10-year Health Life Safety Inspection – This inspection is mandated by law, stating that our architect has to come out to inspect the school building and report any findings. Our report came back and was better than expected since we have already done lots of big repairs and updates. A-items have to be fixed in 1-year. B-items have 5 to 10 years to be completed. Board members reviewed these specific projects.
- Board Committee Structure – Mr. DeLong reviewed who was appointed to each committee:
 - GAVC: Pam Brooks
 - SPECIAL EDUCATION CO-OPERATIVE: Allison Wright
 - IASB GOVERNING BOARD / IASB CONVENTION DELEGATE: Katy Wepprecht
 - BOARD POLICY: Kristen Ashley
 - BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Pam Brooks & Tim Harvey
 - INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT(S) COMMITTEE: Allison Wright
 - COMMUNITY COUNCIL / SAFETY COMMITTEE: Cindy Gerber & Kori Speed

Mr. DeLong also discussed adding another new committee, consisting of a few board members from GSW and DTHS (if interested) for communication in regards to the Sports Co-op.

- Insurance premiums – Mr. Rick Klein, our insurance provider, was in to meet with Mr. DeLong. There will be a 4% increase with Blue Cross / Blue Shield. Mr. Klein will be back to meet with employees for Open Enrollment.
- Announcement of Vendors of Records:
 - Newspaper: The Paper in Dwight, IL

- Bonds: First Midstate, Inc. in Bloomington, IL
- Attorney Services: Robbins Schwartz, LTD in Chicago, IL
- Architectural Services: Healy, Bender & Associates, INC in Naperville, IL
- Banking and Investments: First Midwest Bank in Gardner, IL
- Others:
 - Two parents / community members (Melanie Wise & Betsy Hennessy) have volunteered to come in and clean up the GSW weight room so that it is accessible to the students, faculty, staff and coaches. There are several items that need to be moved out of the room and stored in other areas.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Hire Guidance Counselor Secretary – NO ACTION
- Approval of Scholastic Bowl Co-Sponsors – Rebecca DeHeer & Stephanie Rymysza
- Approval of Evaluation Tool changes, presented by the Joint Committee
- Approval of Contract with IASB to Update Board Policy

BOARD OF EDUCATION

President: Pam Brooks
Vice-President: Katy Wepprecht
Kristen Ashley, Cindy Gerber, Tim Harvey,
Kori Speed & Allison Wright
Principal: John Engelman
Superintendent: Joshua DeLong