

# GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

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## BOARD BRIEFS

### *Highlights of the Regular Meeting*

**June 17, 2020**

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public at tonight's meeting – no public comment.

#### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

Principal, Mr. John Engelman, reviewed the following:

- Graduation Summary = Graduation ceremony was held on Sunday, June 14. We had very positive feedback about the process. The students entered the gym 1 at a time, with only a few family members. J7 was our videographer, Shayla Loring was the photographer and the ceremony was also streaming live on Face Book during the day.
- SIP Meeting = A meeting was held via ZOOM to discuss plans for returning to school in the Fall. Needed to discuss different action plans depending on state guidelines.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Mr. Engelman, Athletic Director, reported on the following:

- IHSA guidelines – they are allowing conditioning at this time with many specifications. Spiritline is the only group interested in holding session. They will hold conditioning session 2-days a week on Monday and Wednesdays outside at the South Wilmington VFW Park. They will have 10 or less per group working with the coach and assistant coach. On June 26, the next phase would allow 50 or less, which would mean we could hold open gyms, etc.
- Trap Shooting has started. They are using the Indoor Range in Diamond. Their season will be about 5-weeks of shooting, with a tournament being held at the end of the month. They had their 1<sup>st</sup> competition today at 4:00 PM. Mr. DeLong and Mr. Engelman attend to watch the students.

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

- Building update: We got a head start on our summer maintenance work this year. Our crew has been painting and doing cosmetic updates. Gray paint has replace the existing brown paint throughout the school, color has been added in the hallways, the gym is currently being painting, new gym lights have been installed, and the gym floor work starts on Monday, June 22.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. DeLong presented on the following:

- School Board Conference – The registration deadline is July 27.
- Prom – We will need to cancel due to state regulations and phase guidelines of 50 or less in attendance. Mr. DeLong will send out communication to parents and students.
- Senior Picnic – Senior Class Sponsor, Ms. Dallio, is looking at holding a Senior Picnic at either the South Wilmington Fireman's Beach Club or the VFW Park in South Wilmington.
- Latest COVID updates – ISBE meeting was held today with new guidelines.
  - Next year - We hope to return with full attendance, wearing face masks. We have also looked at different schedules if we have to limit the number of students that can attend per day. We need to have our e-learning tweaked and planned, as the state can shut us down at anytime during the school year. We are planning on starting school with the original August 17 start day, with the next option being September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Board Policy Manual Update – Mr. DeLong is working with the state to update our out-dated manual. There were over 100 policy changes. We will now be legal compliant.
- Potential Solar Farm – We have not heard any news on this in a long time, so Mr. DeLong made some phone calls and found out that it is still a go. It does take some time, and it will be 3 to 4 years before GSW will see money from this project.

- End of the Year Budget – June 30<sup>th</sup> is the end of the fiscal year.
  - Tentative ending budget figures -
- CARES Grant – we will receive \$14,000 to help with supplies.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Approve Terese Kukman for Summer behind-the-wheel driver’s education teacher, at a rate of \$30 per hour.
- Approve Jillian Wills as Freshman Class Sponsor for the 2020-2021 school year
- TABLE part-time seasonal yard maintenance
- Approve Principal’s contract effective for 2020-2023 school years
- Approve Consolidated District Title 1 Plan for 2020-2021
- Approve Property/Casualty Insurance Renewal
- Approve Workman’s Compensation Insurance Renewal
- Approve Abatement of Working Cash to the Operations and Maintenance Fund of \$400,000
- Approve Abatement of Working Cash to the Transportation Fund of \$150,000
- Approve Purchase of 2015 Chevrolet Collins Activity Bus for \$25,000
- Approve Graduation credits, 23 required credits to graduate
- Allow Superintendent to approve all extra-curricular workout plans

**OTHERS:**

Pam Brooks has about uniform rotation and what sport is up next for new uniforms for the 2020-21 school year. Mr. DeLong will get the rotation list from Athletic Director, Mr. Engelman, and let the board members know.

Allison Wright asked if we have heard anything back from the landowner who was trying to annex his farmland into the GSW school area. Mr. DeLong stated that we have not.

Kori Speed asked if the IHSA is planning on changing around sport seasons – Softball and Baseball to be played in the Fall and Football to be played in the Spring. Mr. DeLong stated that there may have been talks on this, but nothing has been decided yet.

Kristen Ashley asked if we could raise the entry-fee for all indoor sporting events at GSW HS to match other area schools. GSW may be the lowest rate in the area. Mr. DeLong is going to look into this.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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 Kori Speed & Allison Wright  
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