

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Public Hearing & Regular Meeting

March 20, 2019

“Public Hearing”

WAIVER OF HOLIDAYS: Mr. Perrott explained the Public Hearing for Waiver of Holidays, as suggested by the Regional Office. This would allow GSW to waive certain Holiday(s), as needed, and not have to approve every calendar year. Approval of waiver of public school holidays and authority to waive specific public school holidays in district calendars as deemed necessary and as presented in the public hearing. Authority of waiver extends to the following Holidays: Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran’s Day, Martin Luther Day, Polaski Day, Presidents’ Day, and Memorial Day as approved yearly in the District Calendar by the Board of Education.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE WAIVER OF HOLIDAYS:

No public comment.

“Regular Meeting”

PUBLIC: Mrs. Jennifer Smykowski informed the board members that she attended a “Heroin Forum” at the Coal City Public Library and that it was very informative. They had a trailer set-up as a mock teenage bedroom and gave parents tips on how drugs are hidden in plain sight. She said it was great for parents.

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

- April 9 – Juniors will take the SAT (state required), Freshman and Sophomore students will take a practice test and Seniors will be off for the school day.
- Feb. 27 – Incoming Freshman Registration was held at GSW HS. We had a great turn-out from all 3 feeder grade schools.
- March 7 – Sports Awards Night – went well.
- March 6 - Our Math team won the conference tournament on March 6 for the 6th year in a row!
- March 13 – NHS Induction Ceremony was held with 10 new members being inducted.
- A Special Thank You to Craig Male – for picking up, hauling and delivering limestone to the GSW baseball field.
- Art Work – 3 GSW students submitted their art work and placed – Elizabeth Fortier, Ashlynn Wallerich and Hannah Miller. Congratulations to Hannah Miller for receiving 1st place in the Exhibit Fine Art Center and Gallery High School Art Show for her self portrait done in colored pencil, and receiving honorable mention for her black and white pencil drawing, titled Joseph.
- Allan Wills – IBCA (Illinois Basketball Coach Association) Basketball Coach of the Year for District #9

LUNCH PROGRAM: To come into compliance with the state / federal lunch program, we need to raise the adult lunch price \$.50 above the student lunch price. We are currently \$.25 above student lunches. We need to raise the price to \$3.36. This will take effect for the 2019-20 school year.

2019 AMENDED CALENDAR: As we do each year, we need to amend the current school year calendar to show the days we took off for weather and to reset the last day of school using our reserve emergency days. This year we used 3 emergency days, which we need to now add to the end of the year calendar in May.

2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR: Mr. Engelman explained the proposed calendar and how we going to use a “waived” school holiday. He worked with GAVC and the 3 feeder grade schools to get the calendar to closely match-up with the other districts. For the 2019-20 school year, we are going to “waive” Casimir Pulaski Day and use it for a Teacher Institute Day. If we have an Emergency Day before that date, we will then use that day for a regular school day with student attendance and move the Teacher Institute Day to the end of the school year.

IHSA MEMBERSHIP: As we do each year, we have to renew our membership with the IHSA. The renewal does not cost anything but needs to be approved by the Board.

CROSS-COUNTRY: With the resignation of Coach Larry Lane, Dwight has/ is pulling out / would like to make changes to the agreement of Cross Country. We need to pull out of the GSW Cross-Country Coop and then approve to be in a Dwight Cross-Country Coop. Mr. Engelman, Athletic Director, will work with Dwight to get IGA in place.

FOOTBALL CO-OP: As is being discussed at Dwight at their March board meeting.... It appears as if our football coop with Dwight is collapsing. The Dwight BOE is voting on this item this month (TONIGHT). Mr. Perrott spoke with the Superintendent and he is fairly certain that Dwight will cancel our Football Coop agreement but that is a Dwight Board decision.

VOLLEYBALL SUMMER CAMP: Volleyball coaches are requesting that the Varsity players attend a camp / tournament in Missouri this summer. Details of the camp were discussed. Head and Assistant coaches will attend, along with parents to help chaperone.

VOLLEYBALL FUNDRAISER: The Volleyball coaching staff is wanting to conduct a Trivia Night Fund Raiser on June 14, 2019 at the American Legion. This will be an adult only event. All funds from this event will profit the Volleyball program.

OTHER ITEMS:

Board member, Katy Wepprecht, asked if the Sports Boosters helped / financially supported the volleyball program. Would the Athletic Fund give money to our GSW Volleyball Program to help pay for their out-of-state trip to Missouri? Board members and Administration discussed this situation.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Perrott presented on the following:

- District Financial Software – Mr. Perrott gave board members an update on the progress.
- School Safety Administrative Committee – next meeting is scheduled for Wed, April 17 at 4:30 PM
- Building Projects – these will be part of the summer list / projects:
 - Air-conditioners out of windows – replace that section with glass
 - Finish Hallway walls
 - Refinish locker room offices
 - New heating system for locker room areas is being researched

ACTION ITEMS:

- Approve Authority to Waiver of School Holidays
- Approval: Non-Tenure Teacher Rehire for FY20 School Term
- Approval of Lunch Program – Adult Meal price increase of 0.25 to \$3.36 to begin 2019/20 school year
- Approval of 2019 Amended Calendar
- Approval of 2020 School Calendar
- Approval of IHSA Membership
- Approval of Cross-County Coop Dissolution
- Approval of Cross-Country Coop with Dwight Township High School

- Approval of Volleyball Summer Camp – out-of-state trip to Missouri
- Approval of Athletic Director Job Description
- Approval of Volunteer Softball Coach – Darren Farris
- Approval of Retirement / Resignation – Mr. Michael Perrott, Supt.
- March 27, 2019 Board Meeting – Cancel the 2nd meeting for the month of March 2019.

SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION ITEMS:

Mr. Perrott reported on the following:

- FOIA Requests
- Band Events:
 1. Tuesday, March 12th – RVC Music Festival at Olivet Nazarene University
 2. Saturday, April 6th – Anthem with Peoria Rivermen
 3. Saturday, May 4th – Music in the Parks Band Competition in Gurnee
 4. Tuesday, May 7th – Spring Band Concert / Awards Night at GSW HS
 5. All 4 Graduations – SWGS, GGS, GSWHS, BES

BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUESTS: None at this time.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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