

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS

Highlights of the Regular Meeting

November 18, 2020

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tawnya Mack and Roxanne Anderson were present as parents / community members to express their concerns about remote learning. Mrs. Mack stated that there are several parents unhappy with the current remote process for students that are home due to quarantine and that they need more instructional time with teachers either via Zoom or live-streaming of classes during school hours. She asked the board if they could have all of the teachers on a uniform platform. Board President, Pam Brooks, thanked them for coming and stated that they would take these concerns into consideration and further discussion would be needed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Principal, Mr. John Engelman, reported on the following:

- November 5 was the Hall of Fame selection meeting. We retired 3 members: Donna Bexson for the 50s, Sandy Harrop for the 60s, and Kori Speed for the 80s. Each served 3-years on our committee. New members were elected. Currently we are not filling the 1950s position. John Hollmeyer and Jim Fair, both previous winners, were in attendance and greatly contributed a vast knowledge of information on some of the nominees. This years' winners are = Leroy Brandt and David Doglio.

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

- ROE compliance visit = Due to the shut down for COVID in the Spring, the visit was postponed and took place this Fall. GSW received a letter from the Regional Office of Education that our building was in compliance and received an A status.
- Building update = Our building is being cleaned and disinfected on a daily basis, with our custodial staff cleaning throughout the entire day while students are present. Wally is still working afternoons and finishing up many projects. It is boiler season, which means steam leaks are being dealt with quite often.

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

- Board vacancies = There will be 4 seats on the 7 member Board of Education that need to be filled. Mrs. Cindy Gerber informed the board that she will NOT be re-running for election. She is now running for the South Wilmington Grade School Board of Education, as her children attend/will be attending that particular school.
- Hall of Fame Inductees = Leroy Brandt and David Doglio are the winners this year. We will hold the Hall of Fame induction ceremony during Graduation on May 16, 2020.
- GAVC Director's Award Winner = Olivia Cerutti for Cosmetology – winner for the month of October
- Extra-curriculars = The state of IL will go into Tier 3 this Friday – All indoor sports will be shut down. There will be no meetings over 10 people, which means our December Board Meeting will more than likely be an online Zoom meeting.
- Holiday breaks = There has been much discussion on schools choosing to close from Thanksgiving Break through Christmas and not returning for in-person instruction until after Martin Luther King Day – January 19, 2021. GSW would like to stay in-person for as long as we can, under the Governor shuts down the entire state of IL.
- Solar farm project update = There are 4 schools affected with the Blue Sky Solar project = 2 Dwight school, GSW High School and Gardner Grade School. Out of the 4 schools, GSW HS will be getting the least amount of money from it.
- Estimated Tax Levy presentation = We do not need to go out for Truth in Taxation this year. We do not have to put anything in The Paper or hold a meeting before our Regular Meeting in December. A worksheet/spreadsheet was distributed to board members to explain EAV.

- Transportation = GSW HS, GGS, BES and SWGS are going out to bid for transportation.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Approve 3-year contract renewal for the Superintendent, July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024
- Approve 3-year intergovernmental agreement with Braceville Elem. #75 for a shared Superintendent, July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024
- Appoint Mr. DeLong and Mr. Engelman as district representatives for SB7 committee
- Approve Estimate of Aggregate Tax Levy, as presented.

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