

**GARDNER-SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
GARDNER, IL 60424**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2017
REGULAR MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Gardner-So. Wilmington High School Board of Education, Counties of Grundy and Kankakee, IL was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Mrs. Pamela Brooks.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Palermo and Speed. Also in attendance were Superintendent Mr. Michael Perrott and Principal Mr. John Engelman. All members were present "in person."

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Mrs. Palermo motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the meeting minutes for the month of September (September 18, 2017 – Budget Hearing, Regular & Closed Session minutes), bills for the month of *October* and payroll for the month of *September*, and Financial Reports for the month of *September*.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Palermo and Speed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT / CORRESPONDENCE:

Audience = None.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Principal's Report: Principal, Mr. John Engelman, reported on the following:

- On Oct. 13th, 4 faculty members went to a conference on Youth Suicide Prevention.
- On Sept. 29th, 2 Science teachers went to a conference by Exelon regarding Chemistry and Physics, an overview of nuclear energy, how energy is produced, and a tour of the plant.
- On Sept 26th, Mrs. Heerdt and Mr. Engelman took the Student Publication / Yearbook class to a workshop to learn more about developing the GSW yearbook.
- On Oct. 12th, Mrs. Kilmer and Mr. Engelman took 13 Juniors on a college visitation / tour to Illinois State University.

Alumni Program: The board members reviewed and discussed an example of another area school's Alumni Recognition / Honor program (Dwight High School). The board would like to look at other districts to get ideas then create a program for GSW. The board agreed to table further discussion until the November board meeting. A committee will be put together.

Working Cash Fund Bonds: Superintendent Perrott presented the need and process for securing working cash bonds. The bonds provide revenues to shore up where there are funding shortfalls. As an example, Perrott pointed out that the state still owes the district \$83,151 from last fiscal year and the "outlook for receiving these funds from the state does not look very good." Funds from working cash can help to make up for funding that is not provided by the state or local sources. The district has used Working Cash bonds for a number of years. A current bond will be paid off this December.

Abatement of Working Cash Funds: Looking for the approval of the abatement of working cash funds to specific funds as outlined in the approved fy18 budget.

Student Activity Accounts Deactivation: Eight activity accounts have become dormant and have zero balances. One account is dormant and has a balance. This account will also be eliminated and the balance moved to the General Activity Account.

Snow Removal: Renew Fatlan's Trucking contract for snow removal.

Other Items: None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Building/Grounds Projects = Mr. Perott reported on the following:

- Air-Conditioning Installation = Completed on the 2nd floor and at this time all rooms have ran / tested the units and teachers & students are happy with the results. Maintenance will start working on the 1st floor over this school year and it should be ready for the start of next school year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the President, Mrs. Pamela Brooks, Mrs. Gerber motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to go into closed session at 7:28 p.m.

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- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Palermo and Speed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

REGULAR SESSION: Mrs. Palermo motioned and seconded by Mr. Harvey to return to regular session at 7:40 p.m.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Palermo and Speed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS DEACTIVATION: Mrs. Gerber motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the Student Activity Accounts Deactivation.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Palermo and Speed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

RESOLUTION TO ABATE WORKING CASH FUNDS: Mrs. Gerber motioned and seconded by Mrs. Palermo to approve the Resolution to Abate Working Cash Funds.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Palermo and Speed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

RESOLUTION: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mr. Harvey to approve the Resolution:

Resolution declaring the intention to issue \$590,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds of Township High School District Number 73, Grundy and Kankakee Counties, Illinois, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of said School District, and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Palermo and Speed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to approve the Snow Removal Contract, renewal with Fatlan Trucking.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Palermo and Speed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

OCTOBER 25, 2017 BOARD MEETING: Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to cancel the 2nd meeting for the month October 2017.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Palermo and Speed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION ITEMS: *Superintendent Perrott reviewed the following:*

- FOIA REQUESTS: We had one new request for October.
- School Board Conference Update – members discussed the upcoming conference.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUESTS: None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Harvey, Palermo and Speed.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

PRESIDENT, PAMELA BROOKS

SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON