

GARDNER – SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #73

BOARD BRIEFS *Highlights of the Budget Hearing & Regular Meeting* SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

PRESENTATION OF FY24 DISTRICT BUDGET:

Mrs. Avery reviewed all of the funds with board members. There is a December deadline to submit the tax levy to both Grundy and Kankakee County Clerk's Office. While there is a slight deficit budget, it is a balanced budget according to ISBE.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Mike Serena, Gardner's Mayor, was present at tonight's meeting to review the safe walks to school program. He thanked the school board members and GSW for their help and support. GSW High School students filled out surveys, and then those responses were submitted to the village. The deadline to submit data to the reimbursement company is October 2, 2023. This process takes about two years, and Gardner can receive up to \$250,000. If the Village of Gardner receives money from this program, it will be used for brand-new sidewalks, sidewalk repairs and signage throughout the town.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mr. Brian Davis, Principal, reported the following:

- GAVC Director's Award Winner for the month of September – Ava Schultz, Cosmo II. Ava is a Senior and in her second year at Cosmetology.
- Athletic Boosters Golf Outing – was held on Saturday, Sept. 2nd. We had a great turn-out again this year.
- Intruder Drill – was completed on Sept 6th with Grundy County School Resource Officer Dept. Damron.
- Athletic Director / Principal Meeting was held on Sept. 7th. Amber Eisha, AD, and Brian Davis, Principal attended this meeting together for GSW. Raising officials pay was discussed, as it is getting more and more difficult to find officials for high school sporting events.
- Curriculum Committee = has been formed and met this week to discuss vertical alignment with the three feeder grade schools.
- Formal Teacher Evaluations – Mr. Davis has conducted a few already since school started.
- Students Discipline – 19 student discipline issues and 1 suspension so far this year.
- Start to school – the first month has been great – great group of teachers and support staff to work with

DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

- NWEA MAP – Ms. Dallio, Academics Coordinator, conducted MAP testing with our Fresh, Soph and Junior students. These tests show where our students need help in Math and English.
 - Interventions/RTI – Students needing extra help will be attending RTI a few days a week during Learning Lab at school, receiving instruction from our Math and English teachers.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS REPORT: Mrs. Sue Avery discussed the following:

- Stairs in Storage Closet – Wally Debelak, Maintenance Director, built stairs in our storage closet so that we are now ROE compliant. This project has been completed.
- Lift is repaired and working well. We have 1 full-time student currently using it, and a few injured students on crutches use it from time to time.
- Building Needs/Maintenance Grant – we had a contractor with Tri-Co come to GSW to meet with Mr. Davis and Mrs. Avery to look at the heating / cooling system on the 3rd floor, our current boiler system and gym area. We can get a quote for a cooling system for our gymnasium.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mrs. Avery presented on the following:

- Triple I Conference Update: Administration and board members will be attending the School Board Conference in Chicago in November again this year.
 - Itinerary coming soon
- Trap Co-op – we are in discussions with Dwight High School. They have a few students that would like to join the GSW Trap Team.
- Continuation of Staff Appreciation – Staff Step-it-ups and early out days. One winner per week for early out day – they pick what day they want to leave at 2:00 pm and Mrs. Avery will cover for them. Step-it-Up prizes will consist of the winner’s favorite drink and snack item.
- Blue Sky Solar Update – This project is null and void as of right now. It has lots of issues and has been pushed back to 2030-2031, with plans in the future for 2032.
- Student Letter – Tyler Wilkey, a Junior at GSW HS, wrote a Thank You letter to Ms. Kilmer, our Guidance Counselor. He attended the HOBY Conference in Chicago over the summer in June 2023. He wanted to let her know how much he enjoyed this conference and thanked her / GSW for allowing him to attend to represent GSW High School.

BOE MEMBERS REPORTS:

None at this time.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Approve the Fiscal Year 2024 District Budget
- Approve the Fiscal Year 2023 Teacher / Administration Compensation Report
- Approve hire for Orange Crush sponsor, Mrs. Nicole Leigh
- Approve the Second Reading of Board Policy 112
- Approve the posting and hire of Guidance Counselor

OTHERS:

None at this time.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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David Simms & Allison Wright

Principal: Mr. Brian Davis

Superintendent: Mrs. Susan Avery