

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

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2023
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 Vice-President, Mrs. Katy Wepprecht.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Ashley, Harvey, Schultz, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright. Also in attendance were Principal Mr. John Engelman and Superintendent Mrs. Sue Avery. All members were present "in person."

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. David Simms, newly elected GSW High School Board Member, was present to observe the meeting.

Sheriff Ken Briley was present at tonight's meeting to discuss School Resource Officers (SRO). Chris Balkema, Grundy County Board Chairman, participated via phone conference. Sheriff Briley reviewed how the SRO program was developed. After several school shootings, parents started to request more police presence in the schools. Briley created an SRO position and currently has 1 officer splitting time between seven separate school buildings. His team is looking at placing 1 officer in each school, so that every school building has their own SRO. Depending on the need and want of each building, schools may discuss sharing an officer to split the cost. GSW HS is interested in exploring the option of sharing an officer with the three feeder grade schools (BES, GGS and SWGS).

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Ms. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the meeting minutes for the month of *March*: (March 15, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes and Closed Session minutes), bills for the month of *April* and payroll for the month of *March*, and Financial Reports for the month of *March*.

AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Schultz, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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

- Academic Awards Night was held tonight, Wed, April 19th
- Student of the Year – Teachers and staff voted on two boys and two girls from each class that they believed are the students of the year. The criteria was: these are the type of students that you enjoy in your class that you wish all students were like this student. These students were announced at the Academic Awards Ceremony tonight (one boy and one girl from each class).
- Math Team – going to State this Saturday, April 22 at Illinois State University.
- Senior Auction – was held on Monday, April 17. They raised \$600 for childhood diabetes, Pediatric Diabetes research.
- Discipline – behavior has been good.
- Mother's Day Program – being held on Friday, May 5th from 10:30 AM until 2:00 PM in the GSW HS gym. The Spanish and Art Classes are putting on this program, with lunch being provided to all participating students and their guests.

- Pre-Prom Event – this Friday, April 21st there will be a mock accident involving some of our students and parents. The accident scene will be outside in front of the school. The event will be from 8:45 AM to 10:45 AM. Students will view the accident and then head into the gym to attend an assembly to discuss drunk driving situations.

Directors' Reports: None at this time.

Building and Grounds Report: Mrs. Sue Avery presented on the following:

- We are hiring two student workers for our summer cleaning crew.
- The lift is still not working. It is supposed to be repaired sometime this month, in April.

Superintendent's Report: Mrs. Sue Avery discussed the following:

- Prom – being held Friday, April 28th at The Odyssey in Tinley Park.
- Prom Lock-in – being held at The Enchanted Castle immediately after Prom.
- Prom Meeting – being held on Thursday, April 20th for all student attending Prom this year. Students will get an Agenda and go over details for both Prom and Prom Lock-in.
- Graduation – is set for Sunday, May 21st at 12 noon inside the GSW gym.
- GAVC Director's Award – Noah Wise won for the month of April for Building Trades II.
- Masonic Scholarship(s) – Mrs. Avery discussed the mix-up this year with the Masonic Scholarship(s) and our GSW students.

BOE Members Reports: None at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the Vice-President, Mrs. Katy Wepprecht, Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to go into closed session at 7:57 p.m. for the purpose of considering information regarding employment contracts or any matter permissible under the open meetings act.

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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, Harvey, Schultz, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

REGULAR SESSION: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Ms. Wright to return to regular session at 8:24 p.m.

AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Schultz, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

ACTION ITEMS:

RESIGNATION OF HEAD SPIRIT LINE COACH: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to accept the Resignation of Head Spirit Line Coach, Mrs. Nicole Leigh.

AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Schultz, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

RESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT SPIRIT LINE COACH: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Ms. Wright to accept the Resignation of Assistant Spirit Line Coach, Ms. Holly Swisher.

AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Schultz, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

HIRE HEAD SPIRIT LINE COACH: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to hire Head Spirit Line Coach, Ms. Holly Swisher.

AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Schultz, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

HIRE ASSISTANT SPIRIT LINE COACH: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to hire Assistant Spirit Line Coach, Crystal Aukland.

AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Schultz, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

TEMPORARY SUMMER BUILDING CLEANING: Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Ms. Wright to hire Temporary Summer Building Cleaning, Noah King & Jacob Ozee.

AYES: Ashley Harvey, Schultz, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

HIRE VOLUNTEER VOLLEYBALL COACH: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to hire Volunteer Volleyball Coach, Mrs. Heather Muzzarelli.

AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Schultz, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

FY BOARD MEETING DATES: Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Mr. Harvey to approve the FY Board Meeting Dates for 2023-2024.

AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Schultz, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

OTHER(s):

Board member, Mr. Tim Harvey asked about the status of the marquee. The marquee was vandalized, along with three other area schools. Mrs. Avery informed him that we have ordered a special product to remove the graffiti and profanity from the marquee, but are still waiting for it to come in. The brick on the marquee is currently covered with a tarp. This case is still under investigation by the Grundy and Will County Police Departments.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 PM.

AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Schultz, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

PRESIDENT, PAMELA BROOKS

SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON