

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

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2022  
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 Mr. Joshua DeLong. All members were present “in person.”

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the Vice-President, Mrs. Katy Wepprecht, Ms. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to go into closed session at 7:28 p.m. for the purpose of considering information regarding employment contracts or any matter permissible under the open meetings act.

2:220-E2

- 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. Schultz motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to return to regular session at 7:50 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the meeting minutes for the month of *March*: (March 16, 2022 – Regular Meeting & 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. Engelman discussed the following:

- NHS Adopt-a-Highway: On Wed, April 15<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Kukman, NHS sponsor, and 13 students cleaned up along Route 53. They picked up 14-bags of garbage. The next event is on May 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Academic Award Night – was held tonight, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in the GSW gym. The ceremony went well and attendance was good.
- Ice Cream Awards – Tues, April 19<sup>th</sup> – any student that received a vote for “student of the year” received ice cream at the end of the school day. We had 80 students that received at least 1 vote.

**Directors' Reports:** None at this time.

**Building and Grounds Report:** Mr. Joshua DeLong, presented on the following:

- Parking lot bid / project update: We received 3 bids, with D Construction being the lowest bid. We will start the project as soon as school is out.
- Room Changes: There will be a few room changes for next school year. Mrs. Scaccia will move to Room 305, Mrs. Boaz will move to room 201, Mr. Ward will move to Room 204 and Ms. Dallio will have Room 103 for the STEAM lab.
- Boiler / hot water / water softener update: We are looking to purchase a 7-year old boiler from Gardner Grade School, as they are moving to roof-top units. This boiler would be our back-up boiler. If it can fit / work properly for us, we would purchase from GGS instead of buying a brand new unit.
- Special Education / Grundy County co-op office: We are going move our Tech Director to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room in the library and turn his old office into a space for the Co-op to use for next school year.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Joshua DeLong, discussed the following:

- Curriculum Discussion: Mrs. Heerdt, English teacher, was present tonight to discuss the English curriculum and various books that students read at each grade level. The board and Administration agreed that they are standing behind the book choices that the English teachers pick.
- GAVC Director's Awards: GSW had 3 students receive the Director's Award for the month of March:
  - Kevin Frideres – Automotive Tech I
  - Mallory Wolf – Cosmetology II
  - Braeden Hirsch – Criminal Justice II
- Diane Donnelly Family Scholarship – This year is the 1<sup>st</sup> year for this scholarship. It was awarded tonight at the Academic Awards ceremony to a female senior student. The family has offered to give \$1,000 for 5-years in scholarship money to a female student that will be attending JJC.
- Updated Solar Farm information – Comcast bough 250 of 300 megawatts. This is reassurance that the project will happen.
- Handbook Committee – Mr. Engelman will have recommendations for the board to approve at next month's meeting.
- EBF error in 2018 resulting in \$26,344.66 payment to us this year – This is good news for us. We will be receiving this money soon.
- Prom details – GSW High School Prom is being held on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Gardner American Legion from 6 – 10 pm. The public can view decorations and walk-thru the building from 4:30 – 5:30 pm. Walk-in is at 6:00 pm and coronation is at 9:30 pm.
- Graduation details – 2022 Graduation Ceremony is on Sunday, May 15 at 12 noon in the gymnasium. This year is the 100<sup>th</sup> graduation ceremony.
- Summer School / Credit Recovery – GSW will host summer school at the high school this year. We will have 2 teachers monitoring students completing on-line programs. ESSR funds are being used to pay for this.

**BOE Members Reports:** Katy Wepprecht reminded the board about the GSW Band fundraiser being held this Saturday night, April 23 at 5:00 PM at the Gardner American Legion. There are over 70 raffle baskets, silent auction, a 50/50, music, food, and more. The cost is \$10 per ticket

entry fee. The building will be open starting at 12 noon for a bake sale and for people to purchase raffle tickets. The money being raised will be used to help pay for the Gardner Area Band trip to South Dakota to perform a concert at Mount Rushmore National Memorial in June.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**APPROVE THE RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION TO ISSUE WORKING CASH FUND BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE WORKING CASH FUND OF THE DISTRICT:** Ms. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the Resolution declaring the intention to issue Working Cash Fund Bonds for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District.

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

**MOTIONED CARRIED:** 6-0.

**APPROVE D CONSTRUCTION'S RESPONSIBLE LOW BID FOR THE PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT A TOTAL OF \$321,278.16. NOTE THAT ALTERNATE ONE IS PENDING IDOT APPROVAL.** Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to approve D Construction's responsible low bid for the parking lot improvement project at a total of \$321,278.16. Note that Alternate One is pending IDOT approval.

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

**MOTIONED CARRIED:** 6-0.

**APPROVE IHSA MEMBERSHIP FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR:** Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve IHSA membership for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

**MOTIONED CARRIED:** 6-0.

**APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT JOB DESCRIPTIONS:** Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the second reading of Administrative Assistant job descriptions.

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

**MOTIONED CARRIED:** 6-0.

**APPROVE THE HIRE OF TERRI BALCOM AS SUMMER OFFICE WORKER:** Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the hire of Terri Balcom as Summer Office worker.

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

**MOTIONED CARRIED:** 6-0.

**APPROVE THE HIRE OF TEMPORARY SUMMER BUILDING WORKER, KEVIN FRIDERES:** Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to approve the hire of temporary Summer Building Worker, Kevin Frideres.

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

**MOTIONED CARRIED:** 6-0.

**APPROVE THE DESIGNATION OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING TIME, PLACE AND DATES FOR FY23:** Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to approve the designation of Regular Board Meeting time, place and dates for FY23.

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

**MOTIONED CARRIED:** 6-0.

APPROVE THE CHANGE OF DISTRICT SIGNATORIES: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Ms. Wright to approve the change of District Signatories.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

SET THE DAILY SUBSTITUTE TEACHER RATE FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR:

Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to set the Daily Substitute Teacher Rate for the 2022-2023 school year for \$110 per day.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

NON-TENURE TEACHER REHIRE FOR FY23 SCHOOL YEAR: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the Non-Tenure Teacher Rehire for FY23 school year.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

OTHER(s): None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

---

PRESIDENT, PAMELA BROOKS

---

SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON