GARDNER-SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
GARDNER, IL 60424

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 2020
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 7:04 p.m. by President, Mrs. Pam Brooks.

ROLL CALL: Members present "in-person" were: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright. Also in attendance "in-person" was Principal Mr. John Engelman. Superintendent Mr. Josh DeLong attended via phone-in / FaceTime.

PUBLIC: No public at tonight's meeting. No public comment.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Mrs. Wepprecht motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to approve the meeting minutes for the month of *July*: (July 15, 2020 Regular Session minutes), bills for the month of *August* and payroll for the month of *July*, and Financial Reports for the month of *July*.
AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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

- Update on the first few days –This year our 1st day was unlike ever before due to the Pandemic. We have a monitor / teacher at each entry door taking temperature checks and reviewing the COVID symptoms with every student entering GSW HS. It is going well, students are following directions and rules, and kids seem to be happy to be back in-person at school. It has been very overwhelming and tough for our teachers to prepare for this change. They are doing a very good job at adjusting and have positive attitudes. We currently have about 12% of our students participating in the remote learning option. Mr. Engelman also praised Supt. DeLong for doing a fantastic job with COVID, being transparent/open to staff and public and keeping up on all the new procedures and daily changes.

Director's Report: Mr. Engelman, Athletic Director, reported on the following:

- IHSA update = Due to the latest IHSA guidelines and due to not having a football team GSW will be able to play fall Boys' Baseball. Practice will start on Monday, August 24. We have about 15 boys interesting in participating (Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors). We have 10 total games scheduled against 3 other area schools. Games will be played September and October.

Building and Grounds Report: Mr. Josh DeLong presented the following:

- Building update – There was a lot of work done over the summer months. There are still several small projects that are being finished up. We are waiting for the window company to come back and replace the glass where the window a/c units were taken out.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. DeLong presented on the following:

- School so far – We have had a few parents un-happy with our return to school policy and have expressed concerns and comments on social media. Otherwise, all our parents and kids seem to be happy with the current GSW schedule and understand the reasoning behind it. Currently, we are having students with last names of A thru L here in-person on Mon / Wed. Then students with last names M thru Z are here Tues / Thurs. Fridays are remote learning for ALL students. This is due to several large class sizes and small physical classroom spaces. We looked at using other parts of the building to hold classes, but there are too many large class sections and few options to move classes to each hour. This has been looked at several times. We are looking out for the safety of the students and staff. There is no safe way to have all of our students here in the building at the same time
    - Potential future plans – After Labor Day, we are looking to move to more of an A/B format where groups would rotate on Friday. Lengthening the school day was also discussed along with the pros and cons of doing so.
- Calendar
    - Potential remote learning planning days – we are given 5 days for this school year. We are going to use 1-day the Wednesday before Thanksgiving in November. We will have 4 left to use as needed.
- FY2021 Tentative Budget Presentation – July 1st is the start of the Fiscal Year. This year more than ever we are planning for the unknown financially. Transportation and building supplies are major unknowns for expenditures and revenues on the state and federal side are flat. Breakfast and lunch programs will take a big hit as well. This budget is prepared with an underestimate in expected revenues and overestimate of anticipated expenditures for the year. This current tentative budget does project us deficit spending nearly $300,000 this fiscal year. It is anticipated that GSW will have an ending fund balance of $2,707,736 on June 30, 2020. The Public Hearing for the FY2021 Budget is on September 16 at 7:00 pm, to be held right before the Sept. Regular Board Meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

Mrs. Pam Brooks reminded the board members that a parent had previously expressed concerns regarding JV cuts for our sports programs. This specific topic was discussed at last month's board meeting. The parent is still interested in attending a future board meeting to speak with board members.

ACTION ITEMS:

RATIFICATION OF THE GSW TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PLAN: Ms. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Gerber to approve the Ratification of the GSW Transition to School Plan.
AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.
MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FY2021 BUDGET ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2020 AT 7:00 PM: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wepprecht to approve the Public Hearing for the FY2021 Budget on September 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM.
AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.
MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

INCREASE DAILY SUBSTITUTE TEACHER RATE: Mrs. Wepprecht motioned and seconded by Ms. Wright to approve the increase in Daily Substitute Teacher Rate to $90.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.
MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

OTHER(s): NONE.

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Wepprecht motioned and seconded by Ms. Wright to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM.
AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Gerber, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

PRESIDENT, PAMELA BROOKS

SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON