

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

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 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 President, Mrs. Pamela Brooks.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None. No public at tonight’s meeting.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Mr. John Williamsen, Technology Director, was present at tonight’s meeting to discuss projects he has been working on and/or completed since the school year started.

- Chromebooks were distributed to all students at the start of this school year for our 1:1 program. Repairs are being done as needed. He is ordering new Chromebooks for incoming Freshman and getting rid of some of the old / outdated ones.
- MAP updates – working with Ms. Dallio on MAP set-up, testing, ect.
- State Reporting – completing these reports throughout the school year.
- Sound System in the gym - Getting quotes from three different vendors to replace and update the entire system. New microphones, new & additional speakers, new amps, install a jack at the score table, etc.
- Networks – servers need to be replaced. This would be done in stages – a new back-up system.
- Cameras – they have been updated and are on the new system. They are clearer, faster and can be accessed remotely. Grundy County Police Dept will also have access to our cameras.
- Copy Machines – getting quotes from two vendors to get new copy machines. They would be brand-new machines – one color and one black & white.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wepprecht to approve the meeting minutes for the month of *January*: (January 18, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes & Closed Session minutes), bills for the month of *February* and payroll for the month of *January*, and Financial Reports for the month of *January*.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Schultz, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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

- Huddle Camera – Free for GSW spectators to watch all our home events in the gym. GSW pays this fee (\$8,000 per year) for livestreaming of events and stats for our coaches. Athletic Boosters helps pay a portion of this fee.
- Attendance for January was: 93.4%
- Discipline for January only had 2 detentions

- SEL (Social Emotional Learning for teachers) and TEAM building on Wed, Feb 8th, half-day via an Escape Room. They were separated into four groups and did their best teamwork. One lucky team did make it out. There was a lot of positive feedback from this event.

Directors' Reports:

- Student Services Coordinator = Ms. Angel Dallio, submitted her report to the board:
 - MAP Scores Presentation = Students are placed in RTI through their MAP scores. Currently, 10 students are in RTI with Mr. Wills in Pre-Algebra and 10 are in RTI with Mrs. Leigh using the ALEX program. The MAP scores also show our high-achieving students.
 - Tardies – we gave detentions to 27 students for being tardy for 1st semester. 64 total detentions.
 - GSW Website and Social Media sites – Ms. Dallio oversees the GSW social media. On Facebook – Ms. Dallio has created Throwback Thursday, and the community has greatly received it.
- Athletic Director = Mr. Engelman reported on:
 - Softball co-op with Tri Point – Mr. Engelman and Amber Eisha have met with Tri Point regarding the 2023-24 season. Details still need to be ironed out before a 2-year contract is approved and signed by both GSW and Tri Point boards. New uniforms were also discussed – combining the school colors into one new uniform for players.
 - JV Baseball Coach – we are looking to hire a JV baseball coach. The position has been posted internally and will now be released publicly.

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

- Lift = We are still having issues with our current lift. The company has problems finding parts and has informed us that our best option is to replace the entire lift for approximately \$43,000.
- Flag Light = We will be fixing/replacing the light on the flagpole behind the school. A new flag will be put up once the light is repaired.

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

- We are waiting for the maintenance grant money for the exterior doors project.
- Negotiations = The first meeting has been set for next Wed, Feb 22.
- Online registration = Registration for the 23-24 school year will open on March 1st - \$10 discount for early registration. Our Guidance Dept has already been out to the three feeder grade schools to get our incoming Freshman registered.
- Milk Contract = We will renew our contract with Clover Farms with a \$.02 increase.
- Transportation Fees with Dwight Co-op = GSW will pay for ½ of the Dwight bus driver's salary. Drivers are paid \$50 per round-trip, so that GSW will pay \$25.00 per trip.
- Fishing Team Shirts = There was a discussion with a fishing team member about their team shirts. The Fishing team purchases shirts for their members since they are personalized with last names, sponsor names, logos, etc. They fundraise money and are self-sufficient. GSW purchases other team uniforms in the rotation and can be used again year after year.
- PE Position posted – We have posted the 2023-24 PE position. So far, we have received two applications. Interviews will be held next week.
- Internal Posting of JV Baseball Coach = This position was posted internally. Mr. Wills, the Varsity baseball coach, has indicated that he can coach both JV and Varsity this year. There are no game schedules for the same days, as we will need more players to have

two separate teams. A lot of the JV players will play both JV and Varsity. The Posting will now go out to the public.

- W Flag and the Rally Flag = The W Flag for both softball and baseball teams have been ordered. They are both school colors (orange, black & white) – but are a little different since each team picked their favorite flag design. The Rally Flag has not been ordered yet. Athletic Boosters has a meeting on Feb 27th and it will be discussed at this upcoming meeting.
- Solar Farm Update = The project has now been pushed back to 2027. Due to the new map layout, GSW will be getting a little more money than previously projected. This is good news for our school.

BOE Members Reports: None at this time.

ACTION ITEMS:

MILK CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH CLOVER FARMS: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wepprecht to approve the Milk Contract renewal with Clover Farms.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

APPOINT SUPERINTENDENT TO BEGIN TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024: Mrs. Wepprecht motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to appoint Superintendent to begin Tentative Budget for the Fiscal Year 2024.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Schultz, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

2023-2024 DISTRICT CALENDAR: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the 2023-2024 District Calendar.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Schultz, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

SCHOOL FEES FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR: Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the School Fees for the 2023-2024 School Year.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Schultz, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

TRANSPORTATION FEES DWIGHT CO-OP: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wepprecht to approve the Transportation Fees Dwight Co-op.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Schultz, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

PRINCIPAL RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the Principal recommendation to the board, Mr. Brian Davis.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Schultz, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

RESIGNATION OF PLAY DIRECTOR: Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to accept the Resignation of Play Director, Stefanie Rymsza.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Schultz, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

RESIGNATION OF JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL COACH: Mrs. Wepprecht motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to accept the Resignation of Junior Varsity Baseball Coach, Mr. Bill Asbridge.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Schultz, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL BASEBALL COACH: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve Supplemental Baseball Coach, Mr. Chris Halpin.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Schultz, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL SOFTBALL COACH: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wepprecht to approve Supplemental Softball Coach, Katelyn Farris.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Schultz, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

OTHER(s):

Katy Wepprecht, Board Vice-President, asked if we can look into the following:

- Additional lighting for our back-parking lot. It is still very dark in the back-parking lot for our fans leaving GSW after sporting events.
- Hand railing in the upper bleachers – add more railing and make the gym seating more senior friendly
- Visitors signage – can we add “visitors” – paint block letters on the gym wall behind the visitor seating area.

Terry Schultz asked if we can get the Prom Itinerary out so that parents and students know details as soon as possible since the prom is away / out of town this year.

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 PM.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Schultz, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

PRESIDENT, PAMELA BROOKS

SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON