

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

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2024  
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. Katy Wepprecht.

**ROLL CALL:** Members present: Ashley, Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright. Also in attendance were Superintendent Mrs. Sue Avery and Principal Mr. Brian Davis. All members were present “in person.”

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Ms. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the meeting minutes for the month of *January*: (January 17, 2024 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, Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

**MOTION CARRIED:** 6-0.

**INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Principal’s Report:** Mr. Brian Davis, Principal, reported the following:

- Discipline = 5 detentions
- Attendance = 93.7%. Overall attendance is good. We have just a few students that are missing a lot of days.
- Truancy – Grundy County Truancy Officers will be visiting GSW HS on Friday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> to meet with Principal Davis and a few students who are on the truancy list.
- Spiritline Team – Attended IDTA State in Springfield on Saturday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Open Pom and 4<sup>th</sup> in Pom.
- Scholastic Bowl – Took 4<sup>th</sup> place at the RVC Tournament in Tri-Point on Saturday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Professional Development – We had Eric Santos come out to GSW on Wed, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> on our SIP Day and train our teachers on new technology and Artificial Intelligence (AI). Teacher feedback was great. They learned how to quickly develop curriculum and save time. Several have already started to utilize it.
- Girls Basketball – GSW is hosting Sectionals Feb 20 and 22. Our GSW girls team lost their 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Game by 1-point vs. Ottawa-Marquette on Saturday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Boys Basketball – Our GSW boys team lost their 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Game vs. Yorkville-Christian on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>
- Hand Book Committee – We are currently forming a new committee and will be meeting soon to discuss and review next year’s hand book.
- Athletic Hand Book – Mr. Davis is working on creating a new one to use for the 24-25 school year.
- Math Team – going to ICTM Regionals on Feb. 24 and RVC Math Competition on Feb. 29
- No School – Holiday – Casimir Pulaski Day – March 4<sup>th</sup>

- JJC Dual Credit Placement Testing – Juniors will be going to the JJC Campus on March 11<sup>th</sup> for Math and English tests.
- RVC Leadership Conference – March 15<sup>th</sup>

### **Director's Report:**

- Student Services Coordinator – Ms. Angel Dallio submitted her report electronically to the board members. They reviewed her tasks = MAP testing was completed, RTI Committee placed 10 students in Math, 18 students in Reading and 20 students in Language Usage help during Learning Labs, Throw-Back Thursdays on our website & social media updates, SAT will be taken on-line this year on April 10, PSAT on April 11, ISA – Juniors will take the Illinois Science Assessment testing, and the Consolidated District Plant – which is a yearly update.
- Technology Director – Mr. John Williamsen submitted his report electronically to the board members. He indicated he has been working on = State reporting, webinars, set-up student Chromebooks, helping Ms. Dallio set-up MAP testing, replacing networks, wireless network updates, working on moving our door buzzer system from the inner hallway front office door to the outside door of our building, replaced the camera on the front door entrance / front of the building, firewall system, Student Registration – opens up March 1<sup>st</sup>, and purchasing tech related supplies.

### **Building and Grounds:** Mrs. Sue Avery, Supt., reviewed the following:

- Boiler Issues
  - Wally has been working on these issues with Tri Co.
  - Boiler parts from GGS – Gardner Grade School is breaking down and removing their old boiler system. Wally is going to take a look at it and see if we can use any of the parts.
- ROE Inspection / walk through – Two visitors were at GSW HS and will write-up their findings and give us a list of issues to fix / repair. We have not received the report yet.
- Building & Grounds Committee – Board members – David Simms and Tim Harvey will be on the committee and will meet soon to discuss upcoming summer work and long-term plans for GSW.

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

- Working Cash Bonds -The company GSW has been working with for years has dissolved, and Mrs. Avery is now meeting with a new company.
- Online Student Registration / Discount – will open up on March 1<sup>st</sup> and run through the end of May. The Early Registration Discount is \$10.00. Parents will need to register their students on-line using the Teacher Ease program.
- Milk Contract – Renewal of milk contract with Clover Farms with a 2 cents increase. This is standard every school year.
- Fees
  - Raise Food pricing – 10 cent meal increases to keep pace with the state
  - Keep all other school fees the same for the 2024-25 school year
- Transportation Conversation – The three area Superintendents (GSW, GGS and SWGS) met with Illinois Central School Bus to review bus contracts. We have asked for a 3-year extension, instead of a 2-year. We are waiting to hear back from IL Central.
- Add Full-Time Sub Position – Wanting to add a full-time substitute to staffing for the 24-25 school year. This will help fill the daily openings for sub teachers in the building. This employee will work student attendance days and fill in spots in the building where needed, on a daily basis.
- Long Term Sub Position – Long-term PE / Health sub until the end of this school year

- Interviews =
  - PE- (1) position to fill
  - Guidance – have interviewed two candidates for this position. We would like them to start as soon as possible.
- Accounting Update – We received an update from the consulting company – Englert Group, LLC – that they are currently working with our Auditor and cleaning up / balancing our bank recs.

**BOE Members Reports:** None at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the President, Mrs. Katy Wepprecht, Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to go into closed session at 7:47 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, Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

REGULAR SESSION: Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to return to regular session at 9:00 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

ACTION ITEMS:

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

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

APPOINT SUPERINTENDENT TO BEGIN TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to appoint Superintendent to begin Tentative Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

SCHOOL FEES FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR: Ms. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the School Fees for the 2024-2025 school year, raise meal pricing 10 cents.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the Long-Term Substitute teacher, Julie Jurasits for PE/Health until the end of the 2023-24 school year.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

FULL-TIME SUBSTITUTE EMPLOYEE: Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to approve the Full-Time Substitute Employee, Julie Jurasits for the 2024-25 school year.

AYES: Ashely, Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

NON-RENEWAL OF A TEACHER CONTRACT: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the Non-Renewal of a Teacher Contract, Mr. Thomas Choi, Science teacher.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

OTHER(s):

Mr. David Simms reported on the Girls' basketball season and announced that they are the RVC Champs!

The board members discussed the upcoming Band Trip to Savannah, Georgia and Charleston, South Carolina. The Gardner Area Band Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:00 PM at the Gardner American Legion. \$10 admission per person. Bake Sale and Basket Raffle available starting at noon on the day of the event.

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Mr. Simms to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 PM.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

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PRESIDENT, KATY WEPPRECHT

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SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON