

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

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 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 8:00 p.m. by President, Mrs. Katy Wepprecht.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Ashley, Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed and Wepprecht. 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: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the meeting minutes for the month of *December*: (December 20, 2023 Public Hearing – Tax Levy, Regular Meeting minutes & Closed Session minutes), bills for the month of *January* and payroll for the month of *December* and Financial Reports for the month of *December*.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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

Winter Break – December 25 thru January 8. School resumed on January 9.

No discipline to report

No tardies to report

January 8 – Teacher Institute Day – our speaker canceled that day for Professional Development.

January 9 – 12 was Homecoming Week

January 15 – No School due to Martin Luther King Day – Holiday

E-Learning / Remote Days – January 12 and January 16

January 17 – Homecoming Pep Assembly, Basketball Games and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony with two inductees: Dan Anderson and Sharon Leve.

New Course Offerings in Science, Math and Physical Education were discussed. We are upgrading our Math Curriculum with Dual Credit course offerings. We are adding a Lifetime Fitness class to our PE course. We are adding Robotics to our STEAM / Integrated Science Curriculum.

February 14 – 11:30 am early dismissal for students and School Improvement Day (pm) for teachers – Mr. Eric Santos will be coming to GSW to educate our teachers on new technology and artificial intelligence.

February 19 – No School due to President’s Day - Holiday

Director’s Report: None.

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

Boiler Report – Tri-Co was out and completed pipe repairs we needed.
Custodian – Our night-time part-time custodian passed away over the Holidays / Winter Break. We have a former employee who has offered to temporarily help us out. He has worked on our custodial staff in the past, so is willing to help us out for now until the end of the school year.

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

GAVC Update – the renovation / addition to the existing GAVC building is still on hold as of now, as schools (partners) are deciding on their own future plans and how they will be moving forward.

School Calendar 2024 – 2025 – The tentative calendar will be submitted to the Regional Office of Education.

Transportation Update – Illinois Central School Bus administrators met with the three school district Superintendents (GGS, BES and GSW) to determine an extension of the contract for 2-years.

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 8:12 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, Simms, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

REGULAR SESSION: Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to return to regular session at 8:56 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

ACTION ITEMS:

AFFIRM THE TEMPORARY HIRE OF DEVON TJELLE FOR NIGHT CUSTODIAN: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to affirm the temporary hire of Devon Tjelle for night custodian.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

DESTRUCTION OF CLOSED SESSION AUDIO RECORDINGS 18 MONTHS AND OLDER: Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to approve the Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings 18 months and older.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

OPENING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM JANUARY 2023 TO DECEMBER 2023: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve

the opening of Board of Education Closed Session Minutes from January 2023 to December 2023.

AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed and Wepprecht.
MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF PE TEACHER: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mr. Harvey to approve the Resignation of PE teacher, Mr. Dan Vashinko.

AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed and Wepprecht.
MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVE THE 2024-2025 TENTATIVE SCHOOL CALENDAR: Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the 2024-2025 Tentative School Calendar.

AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed and Wepprecht.
MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVE NEW COURSE OFFERINGS IN MATH, SCIENCE, AND P.E.: Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve new course offerings in Math, Science, and P.E.

AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed and Wepprecht.
MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

OTHER(s): Board member, Kori Speed commented on how amazing the programs looked for tonight's Homecoming Basketball Games and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Mrs. Avery and Mr. Davis informed the board members that our Athletic Director, Amber Eisha, created and printed the programs for tonight's events. Amber puts together the programs for all of our home sporting events.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 PM.

AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Schultz, Simms, Speed and Wepprecht.
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

PRESIDENT, KATY WEPPECHT

SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON