

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

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 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, Harvey, Schultz, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright. Also in attendance was Superintendent Mrs. Sue Avery. 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. Ashley to approve the meeting minutes for the month of *December*: (December 21, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes & Closed Session minutes and December 21, 2022 Public Hearing – 2022 Levy minutes), bills for the month of *January* and payroll for the month of *December*, and Financial Reports for the month of *December*.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Principal’s Report: Mrs. Avery, Superintendent, reported the following:

- December 2022
- Attendance: 92.7%
- Discipline: 10 detentions
- An All School Assembly on SEL (Social Emotional Learning) was held on Wed, January 11th. The main message from the speaker & his band was, “Someone cares for you, don’t give up, we are here for you.” We received great feedback from both the students and faculty.
- Mr. Engelman recently met with the Gardner Fire Department. We have posted their flyers in our building and put information in our Daily Announcements promoting their Open House being held on Thursday, January 19 at 6:00 PM to inform our students on how to begin a career as a Firefighter/Paramedic. GSW is also setting up a date for the Gardner Fire Protection District to come in during lunch hours and visit with students. Hopefully this exposure will recruit some new members.

Directors’ Reports: No report at tonight’s meeting.

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

- Door Update = They are measuring exterior doors and ordering supplies.
- Lift Update = The lift is broken again and currently being fixed. We are looking into options to purchase a different / new one.

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

- Principal Search Update:
 - 8 total candidates were interviewed and narrowed down to 4. The team interviewed the top 4 candidates on Tues, Jan. 17. A final candidate was chosen. The new principal will be hired at the February board meeting.
- School Calendar 2023-2024 – The tentative calendar was reviewed and will be approved at the February board meeting.
- Extension of Emergency Days – these will be added, if needed. GSW will be planning to use remote learning days in most cases.

BOE Members Reports: None at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the President, Mrs. Pamela Brooks, Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mr. Harvey to go into closed session at 7:08 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, Brooks, Harvey, Schultz, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

REGULAR SESSION: Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to return to regular session at 7:43 p.m.

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

ACTION ITEMS:

SECOND READING OF PRESS POLICY 110: Mrs. Wepprecht motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the Second Reading of Press Policy 110.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 7-0.

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

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 7-0.

OPENING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM JANUARY 2022 – DECEMBER 2022: Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Ms. Wright to approve the opening of Board of Education Closed Session Minutes from January 2022 – December 2022.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 7-0.

OTHER(s):

The Homecoming Pep Assembly, game, and dance were a huge success! There was positive feedback from students, staff, parents and the community.

Pam Brooks congratulated Katy Wepprecht on her induction into the GSW Hall of Fame. This week is Board Appreciation Week, so President Pam Brooks also thanked all of the board members for serving on the GSW HS board of education, and told them that they are very much appreciated.

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Wepprecht motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

PRESIDENT, PAMELA BROOKS

SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON