

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

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2022
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, Wepprecht and Wright. Also in attendance were Principal Mr. John Engelman and Superintendent Mr. Joshua DeLong. All members were present “in person.”

PUBLIC: No public comment.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the meeting minutes for the month of *December*: (December 15, 2021 Public Hearing, Regular & 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, Brooks, Schultz, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Principal’s Report: Mr. Engelman discussed the following:

- January 5th was a Teacher Institute Day – GSW teachers worked on curriculum for the seven new classes that will be offered next school year. They also worked in groups to discuss gaps in classes and grades due to the covid pandemic.

Building and Grounds Report: Mr. Joshua DeLong, presented on the following:

- ESSR-III Grant – Mr. DeLong plans to write in 5 or 6 roof-top units into this grant. That way, if we need to purchase new ones in the next 3-years, we will be covered.

Superintendent’s Report: Mr. Joshua DeLong, discussed the following:

- Superintendent search update – We had 8 total applications. All are solid candidates. Mr. DeLong and Mr. Engelman have completed 1st round interviews. They will recommend 5 candidates to our Committee to interview. This committee will determine 2 or 3 final candidates. A Special Meeting will be held on February 2nd for the Full GSW HS board to interview. It is anticipated that at the February 16th meeting, a Superintendent will be hired.
- School calendar 2022-2023 – The calendar will be approved next month at the February meeting. The calendar, as always, closely aligns with GAVC. Spring Break will be combined with Good Friday and Easter next year.
- Latest COVID Guidelines – GSW is following the latest CDC 5-day quarantine. Mr. DeLong praised the staff on being here consistently and our substitutes as well. GSW has been fortunate in regards to the staffing and substitute shortage issues.

- GSW HS Bass Fishing Team – Mr. Rodney Ford, a long-time Gardner resident, passed away on January 5, 2022 and his family asked for donations to be made to the GSW High School Bass Fishing Team. We have received almost \$700, with more to come.
- Hall of Fame / Homecoming Game – was held on Friday, January 14 at our boys' home basketball game vs. Reed-Custer. It was a nice evening, with a packed house to support our Panthers.

ACTION ITEMS:

SECOND READING OF PRESS POLICY 108: Ms. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the Second Reading of Press Policy 108.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

SECOND READING OF PARAPROFESSIONAL JOB DESCRIPTIONS: Mrs. Wepprecht motioned and seconded by Ms. Wright to approve the Second Reading of Paraprofessional Job Descriptions.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

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

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

OPENING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM JANUARY 2021 THRU DECEMBER 2021: Mrs. Wepprecht motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the Opening of Board of Education Closed Session Minutes from January 2021 thru December 2021.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

TRS SUPPLEMENTAL SAVINGS PLAN: Mrs. Wepprecht motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the TRS Supplemental Savings Plan.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

APPROVE THE TWO-YEAR FOOTBALL CO-OP AGREEMENT (2022-2023 SEASONS) WITH DWIGHT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL: Ms. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the Two-Year Football Co-op Agreement (2022-2023 seasons) with Dwight Township High School.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

AFFIRM THE EMPLOYMENT OF VERONICA SMOLKOVICH AS PART-TIME KITCHEN WORKER: Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to affirm the employment of Veronica Smolkovich as part-time kitchen worker.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

ACCEPT THE RETIREMENT NOTICE FROM PE TEACHER, JON POSING, EFFECTIVE AT THE END OF THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to accept the Retirement Notice from PE teacher, Jon Posing, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Wepprecht motioned and seconded by Ms. Wright to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 PM.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

PRESIDENT, PAMELA BROOKS

SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON