

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

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 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 7:04 p.m. by President, Mrs. Katy Wepprecht.

ROLL CALL: Members present: 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.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Ms. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the meeting minutes for the month of *May*: (May 15, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes & Closed Session minutes), bills for the month of *June* and payroll for the month of *May* and Financial Reports for the month of *May*.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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

- GSW HS Graduation was held on Sunday, May 19 – students decorated their caps this year and celebrated with approved confetti canons. The ceremony went well and everyone enjoyed it.
- Summer School – Students finished summer school on Monday, June 17.
- Eligibility and sports – Mr. Davis met with Guidance Counselor Chris Ruddy and Athletic Director Amber Eisha to discuss these.
- Mentor Program – GSW will have three new teachers this upcoming school year. A mentor will be assigned to each teacher. Mr. Davis is reviewing the mentoring program.
- Athletic Handbook – Mr. Davis has met with Athletic Director Amber Eisha, the coaches, and board member Mr. David Simms to create one handbook for all sports.
- Teacher Institute Days at the start of the school year – Agenda is being planned for those two days.
- Students First Attendance Day at GSW for the 24-25 school year – Activities are being planned.
- PLC – Vertical Alignment Process – will be on-going for the 24-25 school year.

Director’s Report: None at tonight’s meeting.

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

- HVAC Update = Mrs. Avery met with Ryan Hansen from Chamlin & Associates regarding the overall cost on this project. The cost would be estimated between \$600,000 and \$750,000. The board will consider a combined project that would include the HVAC and athletic room as one big project, which could save on costs. The combined project is

in our future plans to have a new athletic training area for our Athletic Department and other Physical Education fitness programs.

- Summer work update = The cleaning crew has been painting, cleaning and completing projects.
- Marquee = There is a panel out on the west side. According to the sign company, our marquee is outdated and needs to be replaced in a couple of years.
- Lighting project = We can apply for a Com Ed grant to replace all of our florescent lights with new LED lights. The cost of replacing all of the inside lights in our building is estimated at just over \$16,000. We would get a return on our investment in one year on our energy costs.

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

- School Board Conference – November 22-24 – Chicago
- Expected end-of-the-year budget balance – was discussed during the Budget Amendment Hearing, and our funds are sufficient.
- Next year's levy figures – Supt. Avery discussed projected tax levy numbers.
- Insurance Update / Workman's Comp Update = fees / costs are increasing this year.
- Bus Lease Information = We are looking into leasing a new Panther Bus. The offers are for a 1-year, 3-year, or 5-year contract. Our plans are to sell our existing Panther Bus to the public and lease a new one for a 5-year contract. This bus is consistently used for band, sports, student use, etc. We need a reliable, dependable bus. The board asked for multiple quotes.

BOE Members Reports: None at tonight's meeting.

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 7:31 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: Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

ADJOURN CLOSED AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Ms. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to adjourn executive session and return to regular session at 7:55 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVE FY25 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Ms. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the FY25 Budget Amendment.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT TITLE I PLAN FOR 2024-2025: Mr. Simms motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wepprecht to approve the Consolidated District Title I Plan for 2024-2025.
AYES: Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

PROPERTY/CASUALTY INSURANCE RENEWAL FY25: Ms. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the Property/Casualty Insurance Renewal FY25.
AYES: Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE RENEWAL FY25: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mr. Simms to approve the Workman's Compensation Insurance Renewal FY25.
AYES: Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

APPROVE THE BOARD RESOLUTION TO ABATE WORKING CASH TO FUND 20: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the Board Resolution to abate Working Cash to Fund 20.
AYES: Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

APPROVE THE BOARD RESOLUTION TO ABATE WORKING CASH TO FUND 80: Ms. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the Board Resolution to abate Working Cash to Fund 80.
AYES: Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

DESTRUCTION OF CLOSED SESSION AUDIO RECORDINGS 18-MONTHS AND OLDER: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mr. Simms to approve the destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings 18-months and older.
AYES: Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

OPENING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM JANUARY 2024 TO MAY 2024: Ms. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the opening of Board of Education Closed Session Minutes from January 2024 to May 2024.
AYES: Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF JULY 2024 BILLS: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mr. Simms to authorize the payment of July 2024 bills.
AYES: Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF NEW STAFF FOR (2024-2025): Mr. Simms motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to authorize employment of new staff for (2024-2025), if needed.
AYES: Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

APPROVE ADMINISTRATION CONTRACT DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve Administration Contract – Director of Student Services – Mrs. Christine Ruddy.
AYES: Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mr. Simms to approve Superintendent Contract – Mrs. Susan Avery.
AYES: Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

APPROVE THE IGA FOR SHARED SUPERINTENDENT BETWEEN GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL AND BRACEVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Ms. Wright to approve the IGA between Gardner-South Wilmington High School and Braceville Elementary School for a shared Superintendent, Mrs. Susan Avery.
AYES: Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

APPROVE LANGUAGE REVISIONS TO PRINCIPAL CONTRACT: Ms. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the language revisions to Principal Contract as presented, for Mr. Brian Davis.

OTHER(s): Mr. David Simms asked if the standing water in the parking lot has been taken care of yet. Mrs. Avery informed him that the Head of Maintenance was handling the situation to get it drained.

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mr. Simms to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM.
AYES: Schultz, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

PRESIDENT, KATY WEPPRECHT

SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON