

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

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 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, Harvey, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright. Mr. Simms arrived at 7:03 pm. Also in attendance were Superintendent Mrs. Sue Avery and Principal Mr. Brian Davis. Mr. Harvey attended via cell phone call-in and all other members were present “in person.”

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sports Boosters = Several members of the GSW HS Athletic / Sports Boosters were present to discuss Senior banners. They discussed revising their By-laws this Spring and will submit them to the board for approval. They plan to continue purchasing Senior Banners for students, one-per-sport, as a gift from Sports Boosters. The banners will be displayed inside the school in the hallway for volleyball, basketball, band, flags and Spiritline. Baseball and softball banners will be displayed on the dugouts or fence area. Trap shooting and fishing banners will be displayed on the GSW tennis courts.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Ms. Wright motioned and seconded by Mr. Simms to approve the meeting minutes for the month of *February & March*: (February 21, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes & Closed Session minutes, March 11, 2024 Building & Grounds Committee Meeting minutes and March 11, 2024 Special Meeting minutes), bills for the month of *March* and payroll for the month of *February* and Financial Reports for the month of *February*.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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

- National Honor Society Induction Ceremony was held on March 6th with 13 new inductees. This was Mrs. Terese Kukman’s last ceremony as NHS Sponsor.
- GSW Math Team – Regional Champs – will be going to State on April 6th.
- JJC Math Competition was held March 8th – GSW Math Team won 1st place. This is the 1st time ever that our GSW Math Team has won!
- Addi Fair – All State for Girls Basketball
- IDTA 2024 Rising Star Awards – Tess Brooks and Tessa Rankovich for GSW Spiritline Team.
- RVC Leadership Conference – March 15 at Kankakee Community College – GSW took 6 students to this event: Freshmen – Olivia Siano and Holden Grimes, Sophomores – Nina Siano and Aiden Himes and Juniors – Tyler Wilkey and Jarrek Hirsch. Our students got to interact with other RVC school students.
- RVC Scholar Athletes – GSW has selected Addi Fair and Cale Halpin as representatives for this year’s Senior Class.

- Hand Book Committee – this year we held 2 committee meetings to review our current book. Any changes / revisions will be brought to the board members to approve next year’s Hand Book.
- Sports / Athletic Hand Book – we are putting together a committee to create a GSW Athletic Hand Book. Currently, we do not have an overall school one, our coaches all have their own separate rules and regulations. We would like to work with our coaches to create one hand book for all sports.
- ISA – Illinois Science Assessment – we are testing all of our Juniors March 19, 20 and 21.
- Principal RVC Meeting – Mr. Davis will attend on March 21, 2024
- Spring Break – Monday, March 25 thru Monday, April 1 – we are off the Monday after Easter
- School Resumes on Tuesday, April 2
- April 5 – Signing Day – Eva Henderson will be signing with University of Louisiana Monroe and will be on their water ski team.
- April 6 – Math Team goes to State
- April 10 – SAT - Juniors will be taking the SAT and Seniors will not be in attendance. This is also an early out at 1:00 PM for students.
- April 11 – PSAT – Fresh & Soph will be taking the PSAT
- April 12 – Erin’s Law Presentation for our Juniors & Seniors

Director’s Report: None.

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

- Boiler at Gardner Grade School – Wally is going to take a look at their old boiler to see if he can salvage any parts for GSW.
- Building and Grounds Committee – met on Monday, March 11 – we will discuss items under BOE reports.

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

- Seal coating on black top this summer – we have received 2 quotes ranging from \$13,000 to \$16,000. It has been 2-years since we got our new parking lot, so it is time to re-seal. We will review the two quotes and complete the project this summer.
- Working Cash Bonds – Mrs. Avery has met with a new company and they plan to come to one of our upcoming board meetings to talk to board members and present information on our bonds.
- Trap Shooting Team – Dwight Supt. Josh DeLong informed GSW that he has students interested at the high school level in being on our Trap Team. We have drawn up an Intergovernmental Agreement between Dwight HS and GSW HS so that Dwight students can join our team pending Board approval from both boards this month. We are happy to take on more students.
- Transportation – Illinois Central School Bus Company – We have asked for a 3-year extension vs. the 2-year that they offered. The 1st year increase is significant. We plan to meet and discuss the 3-year extension. GSW will meet with BES, GGS and IL Central again.
- Job Postings – We have posted several jobs both internally and externally for the 2024-25 school year:
 - PE/Health/Drivers Education
 - Science
 - National Honor Society sponsor
 - Youth Philanthropy sponsor

- Accountant Update – Our district bookkeeper and accountant have been collaborating on software issues.
- New Guidance Counselor

BOE Members Reports:

Building and Grounds Committee = Met on Monday, March 11th to discuss summer work and upcoming projects:

- Painting three rooms this summer.
- New flooring will be installed in two classrooms this summer.
- Deep Cleaning of the building.
- Locks – changing all necessary locks on doors.
- Health-Life Safety Report – GSW received an A-rating after the walk through. No citations. They did give us a check list of items to be addressed. Our maintenance department will begin addressing listed items.
- Work Shop / work area – Wally will be cleaning out this area and the shed / garage.
- Gym Floor – We will be refinishing the gym floor this summer, it is usually done every other year.
- Gym walls – we will be touching up the paint in the gym this summer
- Future Plans and Ideas for GSW:
 - Weight Room – we are looking into adding a brand-new weight room at the back of our building, off of our gym. The idea would be to use it for PE classes, coaches could use it with their athletes and it would be open to the community. Mrs. Avery plans to use working cash bond money/funds available to the school to help pay for the anticipated project.
 - H-VAC – heating and cooling system for the gym. We could install this at the same time we are adding on the new weight room.
 - Parking lot – we have a section of our new parking lot that is holding water by the tennis courts area and needs to be drained. We are looking at a few different options to fix the issue.
 - Back Gym Doors – Doors need to be replaced.
 - Tennis Courts – we have had previous discussions about turning these into Pickle Ball Courts. There is still interest in moving forward with this project.
 - Wally Debelak – Head of Maintenance – has put together an additional need to replace lockers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the President, Mrs. Katy Wepprecht, Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Ms. Wright to go into closed session at 7:57 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, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

REGULAR SESSION: Ms. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to return to regular session at 9:45 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVE THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FOR TEACHER DUAL CREDIT COURSES: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the Tuition Reimbursement for Teacher Dual Credit Courses for English Language Arts Teacher – Mrs. Patricia Boaz.
AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.
MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVE THE 2024 GSW GRADUATION FOR MAY 19 AT 12 PM INSIDE THE GSW GYM: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mr. Simms to approve the 2024 GSW Graduation for May 19 at 12 pm inside the GSW gym.
AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.
MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVE THE 2024 BES GRADUATION FOR MAY 16 AT 6 PM INSIDE THE GSW GYM: Ms. Wright motioned and seconded by Mr. Simms to approve the 2024 BES Graduation for May 16 at 6 pm inside the GSW gym.
AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.
MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVE THE 2024 SWGS GRADUATION FOR MAY 17 AT 6 PM INSIDE THE GSW GYM: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mr. Simms to approve the 2024 SWGS Graduation for May 17 at 6 pm inside the GSW gym.
AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.
MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0

APPROVE THE GARDNER-SOUTH WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL AND DWIGHT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL TRAP TEAM COOPERATIVE: Mr. Simms motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the Gardner-South Wilmington High School and Dwight Township High School Trap Team Cooperative – 2-year intergovernmental agreement.
AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.
MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVE THE HIRE OF THE TEMPORARY SUMMER BUILDING CREW LEADER: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Ms. Wright to approve the hire of the temporary summer building crew leader, Mr. Adam Leigh.
AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.
MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVE THE HIRE OF ONE HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER WORKER: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the hire of one high school summer worker – will post a job position to hire.
AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.
MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE PRINCIPAL CONTRACT: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the Amendment to the Principal Contract for the 24-2025 and 25-2026 school years.
AYES: Ashley, Harvey, Simms, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright.
MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

AFFIRM THE HIRING OF A GUIDANCE COUNSELOR: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Ms. Wright to affirm the hiring of a Guidance Counselor, Christine Ruddy.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 6-0.

OTHER(s):

Board member, Kori Speed, would like to have any new teacher / staff member come to the first board meeting of the school year to meet all the board members.

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mr. Simms to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 PM.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0.

PRESIDENT, KATY WEPPRECHT

SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON