

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

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF MAY 15, 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, 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.

**APPOINTMENT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:**

- a. GAVC =Kori Speed
- b. GCSEC = Allison Wright
- c. ISAB Governing Board / IASB Convention Delegate = Katy Wepprecht
- d. Board Policy = Kori Speed & Kristen Ashley
- e. Building and Grounds = Tim Harvey & David Simms
- f. Braceville Elementary School IGA = Allison Wright
- g. Community / Safety Council = Terry Schultz
- h. DTHS IGA = David Simms & Kristen Ashley

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Ms. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the meeting minutes for the month of *April*: (April 17, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes & Closed Session minutes), bills for the month of *May* and payroll for the month of *April* and Financial Reports for the month of *April*.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

**INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

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

- Prom was held on Friday, April 19 at the Joliet Train Station and the Prom Lock-in was held right after at Scene 75.
- RVC Scholar-Athlete Luncheon was held at KCC on April 24. GSW candidates were Seniors Cale Halpin and Addison Fair. Addi Fair won for the 2023-24 RVC Scholar-Athlete of the year.
- Spiritline held tryouts and now have 14 team members for the 24-25 school year.
- April 29 – The Vertical Alignment Team met and will meet again on May 16.
- April 29 – The Athletic Handbook meeting was held with Mr. Davis, Amber Eisha (Athletic Director) and David Simms (Board Member). They will meet again on May 20 with all head coaches.
- The first-ever GSW HS Senior Month is the entire month of May. Mr. Davis met with several seniors and put together ideas for theme days for our Senior Class.
- May 6-10 was Teacher Appreciation Week, with a beach theme. Some parents, board members, administrations, and community members helped out with desserts and gifts.

- May 13 – Mr. Davis, Mrs. Avery, Ms. Dallio and Ms. Johnson (the New science teacher) met at Oswego East to see their PLTW (Project Lead The Way) curriculum.
- May 13 & 14 – Senior Final Exams
- Valedictorian Class of 2024 – Addison Fair
- Salutatorian Class of 2024 – Jessica Dominguez
- English Teacher Interviews – One candidate will be recommended to the board of education tonight.
- May 19 – GSW HS Graduation at 12 noon
- May 20 – Athletic Handbook meeting with all head coaches
- May 22 & 23 – Final Exams
- May 23 – Last student attendance day and last teacher attendance day

**Director’s Report:** None.

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

- Parking lot issue – holding water by the tennis courts – we are looking into getting this area fixed. There is standing water, and it needs to be drained. We will need to file a permit.
- Panther Bus – we are starting to have a lot of mechanical / maintenance issues with it. We currently own this vehicle. We want to explore selling it to the public and leasing a new bus or 15-passenger van.
- Chamlin & Associates – Mrs. Avery has been in communication with Ryan Hansen about the gym’s air-conditioning system.

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

- GSW HS Graduation is Sunday, May 19 at 12 noon
- School Board Convention – registration opens in June. The Conference dates are Nov 22-24.
- End of Year Discussions – wrapping up the final weeks of the year. Teachers will be checking out with Mr. Davis and submitting any maintenance or technology requests to be completed over the summer.
- GSW HS Chromebooks = Senior Chromebooks are being collected. All other students (Fresh, Soph, Junior classes) will keep their computers over the summer. They will return with same computers for the 24-25 school year. The Incoming Freshman class will get their new computers on the first day of school.
- Annual Budget – reviewed the budget. It will be Amended at the June meeting.
- Accountant – Meet with Mrs. Avery and Mrs. Ryle to review financials.

**BOE Members Reports:** None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the President, Mrs. Katy Wepprecht, Ms. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to go into closed session at 7:22 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, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

REGULAR SESSION: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mr. Harvey to return to regular session at 8:22 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

ACTION ITEMS:

IHSA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR FY25 WITH A MEMBERSHIP FEE: Ms. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the IHSA Membership Renewal for FY25 with a membership fee.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

SUMMER SECRETARY: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to hire summer secretary, Mrs. Carla Huston.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

FY25 NON-CERTIFIED PAY RAISES: Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the FY25 Non-Certified Pay Raises.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

SECOND READING OF PRESS POLICY 114: Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Ms. Wright to approve the Second Reading of Press Policy 114.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

RESIGNATION OF MICHELLE SCACCIA ENGLISH TEACHER: Mr. Simms motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to accept the Resignation of Michelle Scaccia English Teacher.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

HIRE AN ENGLISH TEACHER TYLER MILLER: Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Ms. Wright to Hire an English Teacher – Tyler Miller.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

HIRE DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES CHRISTINE RUDDY: TABLED for administrative contract revisions.

OTHER(s): None.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 PM.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

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PRESIDENT, KATY WEPPRECHT

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SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON