

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

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2023
REGULAR MEETING
(Seating of New Members)**

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 7:03 p.m. by President Pro Tempore, Katy Wepprecht.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Ashley, Harvey, Schultz, Speed, Wepprecht and Wright . Also in attendance were Superintendent Mrs. Sue Avery and Principal Mr. John Engelman. All members were present “in person.”

PUBLIC COMMENT: Audience: Jerry & Ryan Olsen, Bob & Laura Carpenter, Krystal Wilkey & Jayden Buchanan, Laura McGurk and Terri Balcom. GSW students and parents were present tonight to discuss the “senior prank”, senior picnic, student discipline, grades, teachers, etc. with the board. They were brought into Closed Session to discuss into further detail.

ACTION: BOARD REORGANIZATION:

SWEARING IN AND SEATING OF NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS: Kori Speed (reclaimed her seat), Katy Wepprecht (reclaimed her seat), and David Simms, Jr. (newly elected member). Board member, Allison Wright, swore in new members. Newly elected members read/recited the Official Oath.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT: Kori Speed motioned and seconded by Kristen Ashley to nominate Katy Wepprecht as Board President.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT: Tim Harvey motioned and seconded by Terry Schultz to nominate Kori Speed as Vice-President.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD SECRETARY: Tim Harvey motioned and seconded by Kristen Ashley to appoint Mrs. Carla Huston as Board Secretary.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:

- GAVC: Kori Speed
- GCSEC (SPECIAL EDUCATION CO-OPERATIVE): Allison Wright
- IASB GOVERNING BOARD / IASB CONVENTION DELEGATE: Katy Wepprecht
- BOARD POLICY: Kristen Ashley & Kori Speed
- BUILDING AND GROUNDS: David Simms & Tim Harvey
- BRACEVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IGA: Allison Wright
- COMMUNITY / SAFETY COUNCIL: Terry Schultz & Kori Speed
- DTHS IGA: David Simms & Kristen Ashley

CLOSED SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the President, Mrs. Katy Wepprecht, Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to go into executive session at 7:23 p.m. for the purpose of considering information regarding employment contracts or any matter permissible under the open meetings act.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

ADJOURN CLOSED AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Ms. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to return to regular session at 9:45 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Ms. Wright to approve the meeting minutes for the month of *April*: (April 19, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes and 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: Principal, Mr. John Engelman, reported on the following:

- Attendance for April was 93.7%
- Discipline for April had 3 detentions
- Friday – May 5th Spanish / Art Event: Mother's Day Program was held 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM in the GSW HS gymnasium. Presentation by the Spanish Classes and some decorations from the Art Department. We had 36 moms attend – mothers of students participating in the program. Students spoke in Spanish, did skits, reading, singing and dancing and some activities. Spanish food was catered for all guests.
- National Honor Society welcomed 5 NEW Inductees into membership on March 8, 2023. They are: Cree Croy, Chloe Sutton, Cole Hampson, Maya Cacello and Jarrek Hirsch. The NHS group recently participated in two highway clean-ups. Students picked up garbage along Route 53 and Route 129 and collected several bags of garbage.
- Mr. Engelman thanked the Board of Education for employing him the last 12-years. He stated that the GSW community is a great place to raise a family. The kids here have been awesome. The superintendent is fabulous, so you are in good hands with Mrs. Sue Avery.

Director's Report: Athletic Director, Mr. John Engelman, discussed the following:

- Rolla, MO Summer Volleyball Camp Trip – Varsity Volleyball players only – June 22 – 24. Cost would be \$109 per player. Cost includes: All-inclusive camp, rooms, food, extra-activities.

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

- Summer Worker – hiring a student for part-time summer work. We will have 2 student workers this summer, along with our regular custodial staff.
- New Doors – our new exterior doors have been installed and look great. This was a safety issue / concern for several years. Doors by the gym area (under the V), front stairways, and back kitchen area have all been installed.
- The famous "V" is half-lit. One side is burned out. We need to look into getting new bulbs.

- Glass blocks by gym area – need to look into removing or fixing up the look of those areas on the building.

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

- The GSW Youth Philanthropy organization awarded five organizations money that they feel make a difference in their community. Grundy County Sheriff's Dept., the GSW student assistance fund, Beans and Bites, Catholic Charities, and CASA. A ceremony was held on Thursday, May 11th. GSW has 18 members this year. Mrs. Sue Avery, Mrs. Terese Kukman, and students – Colby Grieff, Taeryn Lardi, Eva Henderson, Mady Olsen, Addi Fair and Avery Williams were present to represent GSW High School.
- PROM recap – GSW Prom was held on Friday, April 28th at a beautiful venue this year, The Odyssey in Tinley Park. The Prom Lock-in was also a lot of fun. It was held at The Enchanted Castle immediately after Prom. Both events were well organized and well planned. Overall it was a great night, and the kids really enjoyed themselves.
- Graduation will be held Sunday, May 21 at 12 noon inside the GSW HS gymnasium. The ceremony will be live streamed on the Panthers You Tube.
- ESSER Funds – We are using up the last of our money from these funds. Summer school is planned for students that need credit recovery. We will have about 8 students participating this summer. It will be held for 8-days.
- Amending the Budget – Mrs. Avery will be amending the budget, so a Budget Hearing will need to be held. Information was sent to the Morris Daily Herald, as it needs to be in a printed paper 30-days before the meeting is held.
- Lift Update – The Fire Marshalls from Chicago paid a visit to GSW HS and informed us that we can’t use our current life due to a ceiling variance. We will have (1) wheelchair student next year that needs to use this lift. We do not have the funds to install an elevator in the building. Mrs. Avery will be attending a board meeting to discuss options for GSW.
- April 26 – was Administrative Assistant Day – celebrated with donuts for faculty & staff.
- May 8 – 12 was Teacher Appreciation Week – A Friends Theme was incorporated all week, with help from several parents.
- Sub Pay – we are discussing raising the sub pay from \$90 to \$105. We will match what Gardner Grade School is paying their subs.

ACTION ITEMS:

IHSA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2023-2024 WITH A MEMBERSHIP FEE: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the IHSA Membership Renewal for 2023-2024 with a membership fee, \$875.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 7-0.

SUMMER SECRETARY: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mr. Simms to hire part-time summer secretary, Terri Balcom.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 7-0.

CHANGE PURCHASE ORDER CARDS: Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to change purchase order cards (credit cards) from BEMO to Old National Bank.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 7-0.

UPDATE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH DTHS: Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Ms. Wright to update Intergovernmental Agreement with Dwight Township High School (sports co-op).

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 7-0.

UPDATE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH REED CUSTER SOCCER: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Ms. Wright to update Intergovernmental Agreement with Reed Custer Soccer. (Both boys' and girls' soccer)

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 7-0.

MACK & ASSOCIATES AGREEMENT TO DO AUDIT SCOPE & OBJECTIVES: Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to approve Mack & Associates Agreement to do Audit Scope & Objectives – to start audit in August.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 7-0.

JUNIOR VARSITY SUPPLEMENTAL BASKETBALL COACH: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Ms. Wright to approve the Junior Varsity Supplemental Basketball Coach, Mr. Dan Vashinko.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 7-0.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 7-0.

RAISE SUB PAY RATE: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mr. Simms to raise the sub pay rate, from \$90 to \$105.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 7-0.

NON-CERTIFIED PAY RAISES: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mr. Harvey to approve the Non-Certified Pay Raises, as presented last month.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 7-0.

PART-TIME SUMMER CUSTODIAL WORKER: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to hire part-time summer custodial worker, Sam Tramutolo.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 7-0.

JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL COACH: Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to hire Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach, Mr. Dan Vashinko.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 7-0.

OTHER(s): Board members discussed what faculty / staff is retiring this school year and next year.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Harvey motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 PM.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0.

PRESIDENT, KATY WEPPRECHT

SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON