

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

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2023
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, Schultz, Simms, 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.

FY 23 AUDIT REPORT FROM MACK & ASSOCIATES:

Laurie Pope from Mack & Associates was present to review the FY 23 Audit with board members. The auditor discussed the opinion of the audit. The audit was uploaded to the IL State Board. Mrs. Avery will file the AFR/ASA with the ROE and both Grundy and Kankakee County.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Amber Eisha, Athletic Director, was present at tonight's meeting to discuss:

- Fixed basketball hoops in the gym. They are now on an electronic system using a key to move them up and down.
- Huddle – price went up to \$8,000 this year and will be going up again for next school year. We are looking at different options. We plan to switch over to NFHS next year. The public would pay a monthly fee to view on-line games.
- Volleyball Regionals – GSW hosted in October and made approximately \$1,400 in admissions.
- Girls Basketball – GSW will host Sectionals this year.
- Athletic Trainer – We are currently using Dwight's Athletic Trainer when she is available. We have her scheduled for a few games. She is from Morris Hospital. There are no other trainers available in this area, as none of the hospitals have trainers to offer. Amber is going to reach out to the Gardner Fire Department to see if they can help out and send a paramedic to our home games in case of head injuries.
- Coaches Training – the Athletic Trainer has offered to do a 30-minute session for our GSW HS coaches to learn how to wrap fingers, hands, ankles, etc. with sports injuries.
- Ice Machine – We are looking at buying an industrial ice machine to keep in the squad room. We will make ice bags for sports injuries.
- Officials – discussed officials pay.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Ms. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wepprecht to approve the meeting minutes for the month of *October*: (October 18, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes), bills for the month of *November* and payroll for the month of *October* and Financial Reports for the month of *October*.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

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

- Discipline Summary – Lots of tardies, (2) threats, disrespect to teachers, dress code issues and (1) student with knife and vape in bag. This year teachers are entering discipline into our Teacher Ease system electronically so all issues are documented.
- Problem Solving Team – Currently we are monitoring 12 students. Mrs. Ridgway is running the HOPS program and helping 4 students.
- November 9th – our 2nd Fire Drill was completed, along with the Gardner Fire Department
- November 2nd – Truancy Officer visited GSW. She reviewed the attendance process and procedures. We are going to start sending out letters to students who are at a certain number of absences.
- Guidance Committee – we have formed a committee consisting of several teachers and Guidance Counselor Secretary, Holly Stellano. There are duties that have been split up amongst the committee members. The team is going to step it up, solve issues and work through them.
- Curriculum Committee – Looking at the master schedule for next school year. We are also looking at adding new AP classes so our students can take dual-credit classes and receive college credit thru Joliet Junior College.
- November 8th – SIP Day – 11:30 AM early dismissal for students and in the afternoon, Mr. Davis met with the teachers for a brief meeting to discuss:
 - Study Guides
 - Evaluations
 - Café Supervision
 - Hallway Supervision
 - Cellphone use
 - Hand bags, book bags, purses
 - Discipline

After the meeting, the teachers went bowling to Victory Lanes in Dwight for team-building and care-based leadership.

- November 3rd – Day of the Dead – Mrs. Ortega (Spanish teacher) and Ms. Dallio (Art teacher) hosted a Day of the Dead for Spanish classes / Art classes and guests.
- November 4th – Autumn Ball Dance at GSW High School
- November 11th – Orange & Black Night at GSW High School – Winter Sports preview
- November 16th – RVC Principal's Meeting
- November 22-23-24 – Thanksgiving Break
- Care-Based Leadership – Administration started last school year. Once a year – on a half-day – the teachers will be treated to a team building / bonding activity. We want to create a We Care environment.

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

- Boiler – pipes have a few leaks. Those are being repaired.
- 1st floor faculty restroom had a leak – has been repaired
- Lift – was having some issues – company came out on Tues, Nov. 14 and fixed issue. Repaired cables inside of the control panel / box. Then, today we were experiencing some hesitation issues. So, the company will be back tomorrow to look at the lift again.

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

- Triple I Conference Update – Administration and board members will be attending the Annual Board Convention in Chicago this weekend. Conference tickets, badges and itinerary were handed out.
- This month is Board Appreciation Month – Mrs. Avery distributed Thank You cards and gift cards to each board member.
- Thanksgiving Break – November 22-23-24
- Winter Break – December 25 thru January 8. Jan. 8th is a Teacher Institute Day.
- Emergency Days – if we have an emergency day / snow day – it will be a Remote Learning Day and students will do on-line work from home. Teachers will be available during the school day hours to help students if needed.
- Tax Levy – Mrs. Avery reviewed the Tax Levy with board members.
- GAVC Directors Awards – Emma Simms won the award for the month of October for Health Occupations II. Emma is a senior at GSW and this is her 2nd year in GAVC.
- GAVC Financing Report – GAVC is looking at adding on to the existing GAVC building – extension / renovation plan. They are waiting to see what Minooka and Morris are planning to do, before moving forward with plans.

BOE Members Reports:

None at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Upon the recommendation of the President, Mrs. Katy Wepprecht, Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Ms. Wright to go into closed session at 9:12 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, Schultz, Simms, Wepprecht and Wright.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

REGULAR SESSION: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to return to regular session at 9:57 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS:

APPOINT MRS. AVERY AND MR. DAVIS AS DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE SB7 COMMITTEE. Ms. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to appoint Mrs. Avery and Mr. Davis as District Representatives for the SB7 Committee.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

APPROVE THE ESTIMATE OF AGGREGATE TAX LEVY: Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Mr. Simms to approve the Estimate of Aggregate Tax Levy.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

APPROVE THE TRUTH IN TAXATION RESOLUTION SINCE THE PROPOSED TAX LEVY EXCEEDS 105% OF LAST YEAR'S TAX LEVY EXTENSION: Ms. Wright motioned

and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the Truth in Taxation Resolution since the proposed Tax Levy exceeds 105% of last year's Tax Levy Extension.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF PRESS POLICY 113: Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Mr. Simms to approve the First Reading of Press Policy 113.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

APPROVE THE FY23 TAX AUDIT: Mrs. Wepprecht motioned and seconded by Ms. Wright to approve the FY23 Tax Audit, as presented.

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

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

OTHER(s): None.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Wright motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 PM.

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

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

PRESIDENT, KATY WEPPRECHT

SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON