

## **Board of Education Highlights: 10/20/20 Meeting**

The following are highlights of discussions and actions from the Oct. 20, 2020 Board of Education meeting. For the full minutes and audio recordings from the meeting, please refer to “Agendas and Minutes” under the “Board of Education” section.

- Board of Education President Bill Holub shared remarks about the district’s reopening plan that addressed health and safety protocols and caution about returning to full in-school instruction.
- The Board of Education and Administration honored Garden City High School students who have been recognized as Adelphi Prize for Leadership winners and National Merit Semifinalists. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kusum Sinha also acknowledged All-State musicians, an All-National musician and National Merit Commended Students.
- In honor of School Board Recognition Week, Dr. Sinha shared a video that featured students’ words of thanks to the Board of Education.
- The Board accepted a grant from the PTA.
- The district’s external auditors, Nawrocki Smith, LLP, presented an overview of their report, which was approved by the Board and will be made available on the district’s website. They noted that the district conducted a timely and efficient disclosing of its books and records and commended the cooperation of the business department. Clean or unmodified opinions are cited throughout the report, meaning that the auditors find the information to be stable.
- A panel of medical professionals from the community that participate on the district’s Reopening Task Force shared their observations and perspectives related to COVID-19. They expressed that their medical standpoint is to continue with district plan. The Senior Class President expressed students’ desire to return to full week in-person instruction.
- Dr. Sinha presented an update on the reopening of schools and shared that other districts in Garden City’s quadrant with the exception of one are abiding by the same criteria. She noted that the district is looking into more Writing Center and Testing Center availability at the High School.