

GARRISON ISD BOARD MINUTES
Thursday, November 20, 2008
Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
High School Building – Multi-Purpose Room

Regular Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum –

President Bart Reneau called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. A quorum was present and due notice had been mailed and published. Members present were: Bart Reneau, Kerry Beard, Tommy Dees, Billy Cooper, Mike Hammer, and Randy Crawford, Russell O'Dell was absent.

2. Invocation –

Billy Cooper led in prayer.

3. Comments from the Public –

Sonya Horton had signed up for Public Forum but as she was on the agenda, she said she would speak at that time.

4. Receive and Approve Minutes of October 14, 2008

The minutes of the October 14, 2008 were received. Kerry Beard made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Hammer made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

5. Bills and Accounts for October 2008 –

The bills and accounts for October 2008 were reviewed by the Board.

6. Budget Report –

Carol Stanaland supplied the board with a monthly budget report for their review.

7. Consideration of Level 3 Parent Complaint (Tex. Gov't Code §551.082; 551.0821; 551.074)

The board adjourned into closed session at 7:15 for the Level 3 complaint by Ms. Sonya Horton against School Resource Office Nikki Smith; High School Principal, Darren Webb; and Superintendent, Arnie Kelley. The board convened back into open session at 7:56.

Randy Crawford made a motion to table the item until the December board meeting where President, Bart Reneau, will have a written statement prepared for Mrs. Horton. Billy Cooper made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

8. Principal Reports –

Mrs. McKnight reported an elementary school enrollment of 326 with an ADA of 96.2%. Mrs. McKnight noted that her enrollment was up 13 students from last month's meeting. Activities for the elementary this month include, field trip to Moore Farms, Thanksgiving Play on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m., and trips to Palestine for a ride on the Polar Express.

Mr. Metcalf reported a middle school enrollment of 148, with an ADA of 97.2%. The middle school has just completed another round of benchmarking and will begin tutorials after the

Thanksgiving holidays. Basketball is underway and on December 18th the middle school students who have exhibited good behavior will be rewarded with a skating party in Carthage.

Mr. Webb reported a high school enrollment of 213 with an ADA of 97.9%. The FFA senior chapter conducting team will advance to state. They will be competing on December 5th and 6th in Huntsville. Basketball has also started for the high school squads. The blood drive was successful in collecting over 40 units of blood. The student council penny drive collected \$851.00 for the Cancer Society. The band will perform their Christmas concert on December 11th at 6:30.

Total enrollment for the district was 687.

9. Investment Report

Carol Stanaland reviewed the Investment Report with the Board.

10. Superintendent's Report –

Facility Study committee/Campus Improvement Projects:

Mr. Kelley reported that the Facility Study Committee had met Monday, November 17th. Larry Lassiter, with Goodwin Lassiter, was present and presented some different options as far as additions to GISD campuses. The facility study committee listed the top 3 priorities in no particular order as: girls facility, band hall, and classrooms. The next facility study committee meeting will be held on December 1, 2008.

Baseball/Softball Complex:

Mr. Kelley has asked Kingham Construction to get some figures for a new softball park. He will continue to explore other options and report back to the board.

Mr. Kelley also ask the board to give him some feedback on as to whether or not they, as a board, would be interested in using laptops to receive their board packet information on. Laptops would also be an attempt to go paperless and would be helpful in communicating through e-mails with board members.

11. Donations to Garrison ISD

A book had been donated to the GISD Library in memory of Billy Linthicum by Howard Powers. Mike Hammer made a motion to approve the donation as presented. Randy Crawford made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

12. District Safety/Security Measures

School Resource Officer Nikki Smith reported to the board concerning District Safety/Security Measures. She provided a 5 year plan to the board as well as a Safety and Security Update. Randy Crawford said he would like to have an annual update on these issues. Officer Smith gave credit to Mr. Kelley and Carol Stanaland for allowing all these updates on safety to be possible. Randy Crawford questioned the rash of thefts in the girls dressing rooms. Both Officer Smith and high school principal, Darren Webb, said most of the problem was the girls not using the locks that are provided by the school on their lockers. Most of the stolen items had been recovered but not all.

13. Multi-Regional Cooperative Agreement

Carol Stanaland explained to the board that the Multi-Regional Cooperative Agreement deals with Child nutrition and they can arrange to process food commodities into more desirable entries for the kids. The cost is \$250.00 plus a small processing fee for a years participation in their program. Mike Hammer made a motion to approve the Multi-Regional Cooperative Agreement. Kerry Beard made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

14. Update 84

Mr. Kelley will ask for Board approval on Update 84 in its entirety at the December board meeting. Members were asked to look over the vantage points included in their board packets in order to approve them at the next meeting.

15. Budget Amendment

There was no budget amendment to be considered.

16. Superintendent Recommendations Regarding Professional Personnel and Land Acquisition (Gov't Code §551.074 and §551.072)

The board president adjourned the board meeting into closed session at 9:21 p.m. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Acts 551.074. The board returned to open session 10:08 p.m.

There was no action taken in closed session.

17. Adjourn –

The board president adjourned the meeting at 10:08 p.m.

Bart Reneau, President

Tommy Dees, Secretary