

GARRISON ISD BOARD MINUTES
Thursday, December 17, 2009
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 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present and due notice had been mailed and published. Kerry Beard, Mike Hammer, Lane Barton, Billy Cooper, Glenn Ramsey, and Russell O'Dell were present.

2. Invocation –

Kerry Beard led in prayer.

3. Comments from the Public –

No one signed in for open forum.

4. Student Recognition

High school principal, Lance Bernard recognized the All-District Football players for the 2009 year. Mr. Bernard also commended Coach Phillips and his staff for a great year. Coach Phillips then presented those present with certificates and told the board that he was proud to be part of this group and the future looks good as well for the Bulldogs.

5. Receive and Approve Minutes of November 19, 2009 & Called Meeting on 10-3-2009

The minutes of the November 19, 2009 and the Called Meeting on October 3, 2009 were received.

Glenn Ramsey made a motion to approve the November 19, 2009 regular meeting minutes.

Russell O'Dell made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous with Billy Cooper abstaining due to absence.

Michael Hammer made a motion to approve the called meeting minutes on October 3, 2009.

Kerry Beard made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous with Billy Cooper and Glenn Ramsey abstaining due to absence.

6. Bills and Accounts for November 2009 -

The bills and accounts for November 2009 were reviewed.

7. Budget Report -

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

8. Principal Reports –

Mrs. McKnight gave the elementary report. She reported an elementary school enrollment of 331 and an ADA of 96.2%. Mrs. McKnight also reported there would be early release Friday at 12:45 for the holidays. She also reminded board members about the Christmas musical tomorrow morning at 9:00 presented by the Pre-K through 3rd grades.

Mr. Metcalf, middle school principal, had an enrollment of 154, with an ADA of 95.9%. Mr. Metcalf reported that the Middle School just finished their 3rd round of benchmark testing. Basketball teams are in full swing and improving with every game. He then wished the board a Merry Christmas and thanked them for the new computer lab. Board member Kerry Beard commended Mrs. Kimbrough for inviting the members to attend the Cratchitt luncheon and all who attended reported a good time as well as a good meal.

Mr. Lance Bernard, high school principal, reported that high school had an enrollment of 195 and an ADA of 97%. Mr. Bernard then reported that the Band concert had been a great success and he is really impressed with the band. He then reported that the High School was finishing up on exams and everyone was looking forward to the Christmas break.

Total enrollment for the District was 680

9. State Funding Report –

Mr. Webb gave the State Funding Report to the Board.

10. Donations to GISD

There were no donations reported during the month of December.

11. Consideration of Agreement of Withdrawal/Woden ISD and Nacogdoches County Schools Co-op (Tex. Gov't Code 551.071)

Mr. Webb reported to the board that on November 20, 2009, Superintendent of Woden ISD, Brent Hawkins, sent a letter to Co-op director, Tina Bobbitt, notifying them of their desire to withdraw from the Co-op. A district leaving the Co-op has to give a 30 day notice as of December 1, 2009. It is Mr. Hawkins belief that by withdrawing from the Co-op he will be saving his school district money. The seven schools that are members of the Co-op have met and are in the negotiating stages of the separation agreement. At this time there is no settlement to approve. Once they meet again, they should have the details of the separation agreement worked out.

12. Adoption of Educational Building Program

Mr. Webb explained the need to adopt the Educational Building Program.

Michael Hammer made a motion to accept the Educational Building Program as presented.

Billy Cooper made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

13. Approval of Construction Prevailing Wage Rate Survey

Mr. Webb explained the need to approve the Construction Prevailing Wage Rate Survey.

Kerry Beard made a motion to approve the Construction Prevailing Wage Rate Survey as presented.

Michael Hammer made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

14. Approval of 2006 International Building Code and the 2003 International Energy Code

Mr. Webb explained the need to approve the 2006 International Building Code and the 2003 International Energy Code.

Glenn Ramsey made a motion to approve the 2006 International Building Code and the 2003 International Energy Code.

Russell O'Dell made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

15. Approval of Educational Building Specifications

Mr. Webb explained the need to approve the Educational Building Specifications.

Billy Cooper made a motion to approve the Educational Building Specifications as presented.

Glenn Ramsey made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

16. Facility Design and Review

Mr. Webb presented the changes that had been made to the facilities from the last meeting from Goodwin-Lasiter. Robert Hileman, with Kingham Construction, was present to present numbers for the proposed projects. President, Bart Reneau, stated that he would like to see a base bid on the girl's facility and a band hall and mezzanine, with alternates on the Primary Education Building with canopies and alternate on the high school renovations.

The board agreed to proceed with having Goodwin-Lasiter to finish the drawings for the proposed projects where they can be sent to Kingham Construction for costs.

The Board took a short break at 8:02.

Reconvened at 8:06

17. Completion of Ballot for the Nacogdoches County Appraisal District Board of Directors

Mr. Webb reviewed the official ballot for board of Directors for the Nacogdoches Appraisal District. Mr. Webb recommended splitting the votes equally between the 5 candidates running for the 5 positions as follows:

Lane Barton made a motion to cast the votes as recommended by Mr. Webb.

Russell O'Dell made a second to the motion.

41 votes cast for Robert Akins

41 votes cast for Phil Mahar

40 votes cast for Lynn Moore

40 votes cast for Susan Rushing

40 votes cast for Roger VanHorn

The vote was unanimous.

18. Adoption of GISD 403 (B) Plan

Carol Stanaland explained to the board that the state now mandates that there be Board approval on the GISD 403(B) plan. It benefits our employees at no cost to the district. If not adopted, we would face penalties and as long as we stay in compliance we would not be penalized.

Michael Hammer made a motion to adopt the GISD 403(B) Plan as presented.

Glenn Ramsey made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

19. TASB Policy Update 86

Mr. Webb had provided the Vantage Points for Update 86 and asked that Board Members be ready to approve the update at this month’s meeting. Mr. Webb also explained that on the local policy concerning the Superintendent’s purchasing authority, he would like to keep it at 25,000.00 rather than increase it to 50,000.00 as is offered with Update 86.

Russell O’Dell made a motion to approve Update 86 as presented.

Michael Hammer made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

20. Approval of the Transportation Report

Mr. Webb presented the transportation report.

Kerry Beard made a motion to approve the Transportation Report as presented by Mr. Webb.

Glenn Ramsey made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

21. Approval to Solicit Proposals for a new school bus

Mr. Webb reported to the board that due to some miscommunication between him and Mr. Hickman, we had received 3 different bus proposals. The three proposals are all from the Region VII vendor list, therefore making it possible to purchase the bus as soon as we are ready. The three proposals were as follows: Rush Bus Sales with a price of \$79,320.00; Blue Bird Bus in the amount of \$75,051.00 (this bus has an ’09 engine) and a Thomas Bus for \$79,099.00.

Glenn Ramsey made a motion to purchase the Blue Bird bus in the amount of \$75,051.00.

Russell O’Dell made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

22. Budget Amendment

There were no budget amendments for approval.

23. Superintendent Recommendations Regarding Professional Personnel (Gov’t Code §551.074)

The board president adjourned the board meeting into closed session at 8:27 P.M. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Acts 551.074. The board returned to open session 9:42 P.M.

After returning from closed session, Board President, Bart Reneau reported that the timeline of the Superintendent evaluation instrument was discussed.

24. Adjourn –

The board president adjourned the meeting at 9:43 p.m.

Bart Reneau, President

Michael Hammer, Secretary