

GARRISON ISD BOARD MINUTES

Thursday, May 15, 2008

Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

High School Building

Regular Board Meeting - 6:56 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum –

President Kerry Beard called the meeting to order at 6:56 p.m. A quorum was present and due notice had been mailed and published. Those present were: Carol Stanaland, Darren Webb, and Allan Metcalf. Local community members were also present.

2. Invocation –

Bart Reneau had led with prayer during the canvassing of the votes.

3. Comments from the Public –

No one signed up for open forum.

4. Oath of Office for Newly Elected Board Members

Ms. Melinda Bell swore in the newly elected board members: Randy Crawford, Billy Cooper and Russell O'Dell.

5. Reorganization of the Board

Mike Hammer made a motion to nominate Bart Reneau for **President**.

No other nominations were received so the nominations ceased. The vote was unanimous.

Kerry Beard made a motion to nominate Mike Hammer as **Vice President**.

No other nominations were received so the nominations ceased. The vote was unanimous.

Mike Hammer made a motion to nominate Tommy Dees as **Secretary**. No other nominations were received so the nominations ceased. The vote was unanimous.

Officers for the Board of Trustees:

President – Bart Reneau

Vice President – Mike Hammer

Secretary – Tommy Dees

6. Receive and Approve Minutes from April 3, 2008 and April 17, 2008

Kerry Beard made a motion to approve the April 3, 2008 Board Minutes.

Tommy Dees made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous with Randy Crawford, Billy Cooper and Russell O'Dell abstaining as they were not members at the time.

Kerry Beard made a motion to approve the April 17, 2008 Board Minutes. Mike Hammer made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous with Randy Crawford, Billy Cooper and Russell O'Dell abstaining as they were not members at the time.

7. Bills and Accounts for April 2008

The bills and accounts for April 2008 were reviewed.

8. Budget Report

Mr. Kelley explained the monthly budget report to the board for their review.

9. Investment Report

Mr. Kelley and Mrs. Stanaland explained the Investment Report to the board.

10. Donations

There were no donations noted during the month of April.

11. Principals Reports

Mrs. McKnight reported an elementary school enrollment of 308 with an ADA of 95.5%. Mrs. McKnight reported on the many field trips they have taken and the very positive comments concerning our students from the places they have attended. She also outlined the end of year activities which included: Field Day, Elementary Academic Day (5-20-08), G-Awards (5-27-08), the annual Water Balloon Fight (5-28-08) and ending with Kindergarten Graduation on 5-29-08 at 8:30 A.M. in the Middle School Gym.

Mr. Metcalf reported a middle school enrollment of 153 with an ADA of 96.4%. Mr. Metcalf reported taking the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders on an end of TAKS skating trip to Carthage. His Middle Students were also commended for their behavior. The Middle School end of year activities include an Academic Meet, 8th grade trip to Six-Flags, G-Awards, and 8th grade Graduation on May 29, 2008 at 8:00 on the football field, weather permitting. Mr. Metcalf also reported that summer school will begin on June 4, 2008.

Mr. Webb reported a high school enrollment of 208 with an ADA of 98%. Mr. Webb commended the 400 meter sprint relay team for placing first in the State Track Meet. The relay team consisted of Sydni Bradshaw, LaTorshia Ross, Amanda Calhoun and Samone Davis. He also commended the 4th place finish by Sydni Bradshaw in the 100 meter hurdles and the 5th place finish in the High Jump by Freshman, Jennifer Walker. The UIL teams also represented GISD in Austin. The spelling team brought home a 4th place finish and the Accounting Team placed 5th. Mr. Webb gave the Board all the end of year banquet dates and times. He also invited everyone to come view the World War II Museum Mrs. Kimbrough's class will be presenting on Friday, May 23rd at 11:30 in the multi-purpose room of the high school.

Total enrollment for the district was 669.

12. Superintendent's Report –

➤ May Calendar was given to Board Members detailing the end of year's activities.

➤ Summer Floor Contract

Mr. Kelley reported to the Board that as of the meeting date only one proposal had been received. He was given direction by the Board the authority to accept the one proposal if others were not received by the May 16, 2008 deadline. If others are received, Mr. Kelley will update the Board by phone in regards to the new bid.

➤ **Security Cameras**

Mr. Kelley reported that two-thirds of the security cameras are in place and working out well for all campuses. The job will be completely finished before the start of the 2008-2009 school year.

Mr. Kelley also noted that there will be a Board Training Session on June 3, 2008 at 6:00 in the High School for all board members. Joe Smith, a school finance expert, will be on hand to lead the training. This training will result in 3 hours toward Board Members requirements.

13. Non-Exempt Salary Schedule Update

The Federal Wage will increase to \$6.55 an hour in July 2008. Mr. Kelley explained the need to update the salary schedule due to the minimum wage increase. The total projected cost to implement the 2008 proposed salary schedule would be approximately \$12,500. After some discussion Mike Hammer made a motion to increase salaries of all non-exempt employees according to the recommendation presented by the Administration. Randy Crawford made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

14. Discussion of Stipend Schedule

The current Professional Employee Stipend Schedule was adopted in 2004. Mr. Kelley presented the Board a list of stipends used by schools similar in size to GISD. After some discussion the Board requested that the Administration propose a new stipend schedule for consideration next month

15. Budget Amendment

Mr. Kelley and Mrs. Stanaland presented the budget amendments to the board. Kerry Beard made a motion to accept the budget amendments as presented. Russell O'Dell made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The board president adjourned the board meeting into closed session at 8:00 p.m. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Acts 551.074.

The board returned to open session at 8:52 p.m.

16. Superintendent Recommendations Regarding Professional Personnel (Tex. Gov't Code §551.074) –

Tommy Dees made a motion to accept the resignation of Clayton Sanders and Jess Lanier as teacher/coach. Kerry Beard made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Randy Crawford made a motion to hire Heather Corley as 2nd grade teacher, Mary Martha Motley as 5th grade science and Courtney Cowart as High school science teachers. Billy Cooper made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

17. Adjourn –

The board president adjourned the meeting at 8:53 P.M.

Bart Reneau, Board President

Tommy Dees, Board Secretary