

GARRISON ISD BOARD MINUTES
Monday, September 21, 2009
Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 P.M.
High School Building – Multi-Purpose Room

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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. Bart Reneau, Billy Cooper, Russell O'Dell, Glenn Ramsey, Kerry Beard, Lane Barton, and Mike Hammer were present.

2. Invocation –

Russell O'Dell led in prayer.

3. Comments from the Public –

No one signed up to speak in open forum.

4. Receive and Approve Minutes of August 24, 2009

The minutes of the August 24th were received.

Glenn Ramsey made a motion to accept the minutes of August 24th as presented.

Billy Cooper made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

5. Bills and Accounts for August 2009 –

The bills and accounts for August 2009 were reviewed.

6. Budget Report –

Mr. Kelley supplied the board with a monthly budget report for their review.

7. State Funding Report -

The Board reviewed the State Funding report which is provided quarterly.

8. Principal Reports –

Due to absence, Allan Metcalf gave Ms. McKnight's Elementary report. Elementary reported an enrollment of 330, with an ADA of 97.8%. Elementary enrollment was down 8 since last report. School pictures will be taken on September 29, 2009. October 1st, the Pre-K and Kindergarten will take a field trip to the Pumpkin Patch in Bullard. October 2nd, the Pre-K and Kindergarten will celebrate the end of the 1st six weeks with Pajama Day!

Mr. Metcalf reported the Middle School having an enrollment of 155, with an ADA of 98.1%. Mr. Metcalf also reported that the MS is in the fifth week of the 1st six weeks and everything is going well. The Middle School students are receiving additional help in the new computer lab. They have incorporated an electronic response system into the 7th and 8th grade math classes as well as using Science Starters, a software program, to help improve science scores.

Mr. Bernard, high school assistant principal, reported that high school had an enrollment of 200 and an ADA of 98.2%. Mr. Bernard reminded everyone of Meet the Teacher on September 22nd to begin in the Middle School at 5:00 and the High School at 6:00 and ending at 7:00. Mr. Bernard also commended Colt Gresham as being named outstanding FFA student for Nacogdoches County Farm Bureau and chosen as a delegate for the National FFA Convention in Illinois.

Total enrollment for the District was 685.

9. District and Campus Accountability Ratings –

Terri Hooper, Curriculum Director of Special Programs, presented the District and Campus Accountability Ratings to the board. This is the 1st time Garrison has been recognized as a District! Mrs. Hooper reported she was very pleased with our scores. Several board members asked what academic areas the district was focusing on and one member questioned whether we were “teaching for the test”. Mrs. Hooper assured the board that we are continuing to stabilize the science and math scores. Mrs. Hooper expressed the desire to hold our public hearings in the Middle School gym and would love for all parents to attend in order to appreciate the hard work that goes into meeting the state’s standards each year.

10. Technology Report

Tony Jacobs, Director of Technology, was on hand to update the board on GISD’s technology. Mr. Jacobs reported that we have a good system and network in place and it will be serviceable for the near future. We are prepared for technological advances with our current fiber optic system. The state goal for student/computer ratio is 1-1, GISD’s is currently 2.4 - 4.

11. Sale of Surplus Equipment/Furniture

Mr. Webb explained the need for selling surplus equipment/furniture. The old field house is basically used for a storage building and currently serves as the visitor’s dressing room during athletic events. Mr. Webb would like to be given permission to sell or donate most of the items stored in the old field house to local schools or churches. Mr. Webb reported that the last public sell required a lot of man hours and the school cleared around \$800.00. Items include old elementary desks and overhead projectors. Mr. Webb assured the board that we would certainly keep anything that might be used later on.

Glenn Ramey made the motion to allow Mr. Webb to contact other schools and churches to sell or donate the stored items.

Russell O’Dell made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

12. Facility Plan

Mr. Kelley and Mr. Webb discussed the proposed facility plan with the board. Mr. Kelley reported that he had been in contact with Larry Lassiter and they were still in the process of drawing up plans for Phase 1 and would have something on paper to bring to the board during next month’s meeting. Mr. Webb gave the board an update on the track. He reported that the surface of the track looks really nice. They have completed the high jump pad and the striping will be completed within four days, weather permitting. Mr. Webb reports that the track will be really nice once it is completed.

13. Donations

Kerry Beard made a motion to accept the donations as presented.

Mike Hammer made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

14. Board Training

Mr. Kelley informed the board that he would like to have a 3 hour in house board training in October on Board Governance and Team Building. TASB will present 5 hours of training at SFA on the 11th of November. Mr. Kelley encouraged all board members to register for this training in order to complete their hours for the year. It was stated that a first year board member needs 16 hours in order to be in compliance with TASB. All other members are required to have 8 per year.

15. Chapter 41 Update

Mr. Kelley and Mrs. Stanaland discussed the Chapter 41 Update with the board. TEA notified the district via letter of the Chapter 41 status. However, if WADA increases this year or property values decline, then the district would not meet Chapter 41 requirements. Mrs. Stanaland felt the district would only have to return \$3200 should the Chapter 41 status remain in effect.

16. Completion of Ballot for the Rusk County Appraisal District Board of Directors

As per the Rusk County Appraisal office, the names of the nominees are to be presented to GISD and the District will have voting entitlement to 29 votes. The three nominees at this time are: Mrs. Matt B. Gabriel, Mr. Tommy Goode, and Mr. Tommy Konczak.

Billy Cooper made the motion to nominate the three candidates per the Rusk County Appraisal District letter received by GISD.

Glenn Ramsey made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

17. TASB DEC Local

Mr. Webb discussed the local options regarding DEC Local.

Lane Barton made a motion to a leave the DEC Local as it currently reads.

Russell O’Dell made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

18. Budget Amendments

There were no budget amendments to be considered.

19. Adjourn –

The board president adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Bart Reneau, President

Mike Hammer, Secretary