

GARRISON ISD BOARD MINUTES
Monday, September 22, 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. Bart Reneau, Tommy Dees, Billy Cooper, Randy Crawford, and Russell O'Dell were present. Kerry Beard and Mike Hammer were absent.

2. Invocation –

Billy Cooper led in prayer.

3. Comments from the Public –

No one signed in for open forum.

4. Receive and Approve Minutes of August 21, 2008 and August 28, 2008

The minutes of the August 21st and August 28th meetings were received. Randy Crawford made a motion to accept the minutes of August 21st. Russell O'Dell made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous. Tommy Dees abstained due to his absence at the August 21, 2008 meeting.

Billy Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes of the called meeting for August 28th. Tommy Dees made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous. Randy Crawford abstained due to his absence at the Called Meeting of August 28, 2008.

5. Bills and Accounts for August 2008 -

The bills and accounts for August 2008 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. It was also reported that our enrollment has increased and we like to be ahead of the curve and currently we are. We have 23 more students reported than last year.

8. Principal Reports -

Ms. McKnight in Elementary reported an enrollment of 320, with an ADA of 97.9%. Mrs. McKnight also reported the elementary had a total of 21 students absent when school resumed its regular schedule due to the hurricane. October 2nd the Pre-K and Kindergarten classes will be going to Moore Farms to visit the Pumpkin Patch. October 3rd will be an early release day and the Elementary campuses will be celebrating with a TAKS recognition party! October 7th will be the kick off of the School Mall Fund Raiser.

Mr. Webb reported for Mr. Metcalf in his absence, the Middle School having an enrollment of 149, with an ADA of 97.9%. It was also reported that the middle school had a total of 4 absent due to the hurricane. The attendance has been good and everyone came back with a good attitude

and ready to get busy. The middle school is in full swing with football, cross country and will host Meet the Teacher on September 30, 2008 beginning at 6:00 P.M. and ending at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Webb, high school principal, reported that high school had an enrollment of 207 and an ADA of 98.2%. Mr. Webb also reported the high school enjoyed a very smooth start and all students and teachers are on task. The varsity football team is currently 3-1 and the JV is 2-0. The band is also working hard getting ready for marching contest that will take place sometime in October. Homecoming festivities will begin at 6:50 Friday, September 26, 2008 at Bulldog Stadium. The FFA is getting ready for the Piney Woods Fair which will begin October 9, 2008. The High School will also be hosting Meet the Teacher on September 30, 2008 beginning at 6:30 and ending at 7:30.

Total enrollment for the District was 676.

9. Superintendent's Report –

Mr. Kelley reported to the board that Slaughter & Sons had begun painting the high school gym and should be finished this week. He also reported that due to Hurricane Ike we missed 4 days of school and plans are to apply for a waiver from the state to receive our ADA without having to make up these days.

- Board Training – It was noted that the Board Training originally scheduled for Tuesday night September 16th was cancelled due to the hurricane. Mr. Kelley asked that the Board reschedule it. They agreed to October 6, 2008 for the Board Training. Also at that time the Board rescheduled the October 13th Board Meeting for October 14, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Kelley also asked the Board to keep in mind that TASB will be holding a Legal Seminar in Nacogdoches on November 13, 2008 from 9:00 – 3:00 at the Fredonia Hotel; this Seminar would be worth 5 hours of continued credit for those in attendance.
- Ballpark Renovations – After some discussion on the need of more space at our current park, the board requested Mr. Kelley to look into the costs of building a new park with a 275' fence and lights and also to upgrade the existing softball park.

10. Technology Report

Tony Jacobs, Director of Technology, was on hand to update the board on GISD's technology. Mr. Jacobs reported that we currently have 255 computers working and he is currently working on repairing the older computers for the elementary students to have access to. We have increased our bandwidth to accommodate the surveillance system but the need for further expansion will be necessary in the near future as on-line testing is coming and we would like to remain updated with our current system. Grade Quick was explained to the board as well.

11. Approval of Facility Study Committee

Mr. Kelley explained the need for a Facility Study Committee. Mr. Kelley reported to the Board a proposed agenda for the Facility Study Committee and asked for the board to give the committee some directions or goals. Mr. Kelley assured the board that the committee's recommendations would be taken seriously. Mr. Dees stated that finances, present and future enrollment and options to make hard recommendations be the direction the committee should look at taking. It was noted that the committee would be touring the present facilities and gather data as to what direction they would want to go. Mr. O'Dell volunteered to issue the welcome and enforce support for the committee as well as give the school board's perspective during this facility study.

Tommy Dees made a motion to accept the committee as presented. Russell O'Dell made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

12. Solicit Proposals for District Vehicle

Mr. Kelley explained the need to solicit proposals for a new District vehicle. The board approved Mr. Kelley to solicit proposals for a District SUV.

13. Budget Amendment

There were no budget amendments to approve.

The board president adjourned the board meeting into closed session at 8:15 P.M. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Acts 551.074.

14. Superintendent Recommendations Regarding employment and contract status of classroom teachers and other non-administrative professional personnel (Tex. Gov't Code §551.074) and land acquisition (Tex. Gov't Code §551.074)

The board returned to open session at 9:48 P.M.

There was no action taken during closed session.

15. Adjourn –

The board president adjourned the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

Bart Reneau, President

Tommy Dees, Secretary