

GARRISON ISD BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, October 26, 2010
F.I.R.S.T. Hearing – 6:30 p.m.
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 7:03 P.M. A quorum was present and due notice had been mailed and published. Bart Reneau, Lane Barton, Paul Jopling, Glenn Ramsey, Russell O’Dell, Billy Cooper, and Michael Hammer were present.

2. Invocation –

Michael Hammer led in prayer.

3. Comments from the Public –

No one signed up for Open Forum.

4. Receive and Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings

Billy Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2010 minutes.

Paul Jopling made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

Lane Barton made a motion to approve the called board meeting minutes of October 7, 2010.

Russell O’Dell made a second to the motion.

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

5. Bills and Accounts for September 2010 –

The bills and accounts for September 2010 were reviewed.

6. Budget Report

Mr. Webb and Mrs. Stanaland explained to the board the monthly budget report.

7. Quarterly Delinquent Tax Report

Carol Stanaland explained the quarterly delinquent tax report. Mrs. Stanaland reported that she had ask Clardy Davis & Knowles, LLP, to look more closely to the top 50 delinquent tax payers and possibly send out letters stating that they would be sued for owed taxes. Mrs. Stanaland said that usually just receiving the letter draws people in to pay their delinquent taxes.

8. Principal Reports –

Ms. McKnight reported an elementary school enrollment of 345 and 96.5% attendance.

Mrs. McKnight reported that the PreK-3rd grades would be allowed to dress up on Friday, October 29, 2010 for Halloween. November 5th will be an early release day as well as the end of the 2nd 6 weeks of school. She reported that several field trips have been planned and one that the 4th grade always enjoys is the Scientific Circus & Planetarium Trip to SFA, which will be November 22nd.

Everything was reported to be going smoothly with the changes that have been made in the morning.

Mr. Metcalf, middle school principal, had an enrollment of 171 and 97.5% attendance. GMS students lack one week completing two six weeks of work and extra-curricular activities. Seventh/Eighth grade football is coming to a close with two remaining games. Basketball (girls and boys) starts in 2 weeks. Cheerleaders have participated in three competitions and represented GMS well, taking first place at the Poultry Festival in Center on October 9th. Mr. Walker has 81 middle school students in band and many of those will be marching in UIL competition on Saturday. Also GMS students represented Garrison well with their projects and participation at the County Livestock Show.

Lance Bernard reported high school had an enrollment of 210 and 97.73% attendance. School pictures will be taken October 28th for the middle school and high school. Mr. Bernard noted that the Bulldogs will be playing Shelbyville for the district title this Friday night. He reported that he was very proud of the football team as they are now 8 – 0 in district play. The girls will be in a basketball tournament in Panola this Saturday and they have been working hard. There will be a powder puff football game on October 31st with the proceeds going to project graduation. Mr. Bernard reported that the cross country girls will advance to regionals, as they placed 3rd in the district meet. He also congratulated the twirlers for their performance at a recent contest where 3 of the girls will be advancing to state; Shawnee Bush, Tatum Greer, and Morgan Hutto.

Total enrollment for the District was 726.

9. Facility Report

Mr. Webb updated the Board on the construction projects as well as the high school gym. Jay Barnett, the construction manager, reported to Mr. Webb that the construction was running ahead of schedule. The construction site is really starting to take shape and Mr. Webb encouraged the board to take a look the next time there were on campus.

Mr. Webb handed out drawings of the proposed playground that he felt would fit into the circle along with the swings and still have room for future equipment. He informed the board that they would have to put down a commercial mulch and that the installation of the equipment would be 20% of the cost of the equipment. The installation of the playground equipment was estimated at 200 man hours. The total cost of the playground would be around 34 to 35 thousand dollars.

Mr. Webb then reported on the high school gym. They finally found a company out of Dallas to come in and drill holes in the weakened beam to get a density check that would give us a better idea on how to secure the beam. The support beams are in place and the students have been moved back into the classrooms and the roof has been deemed safe. The insurance company will not be covering the termite damage and that will place the cost with GISD. Mr. Webb reported that all basketball games for this season will be played away.

Mr. Webb reported that this is an problem that we are going to have to deal with until it is fixed. He hates it for the senior basketball players as those are memories you will never have the chance to get back.

Mr. Webb complimented the staff and students for being flexible during this time.

Board member, Lane Barton, suggested that we look into having an annual building inspection to prevent this from happening again. Mrs. Stanaland agreed to check with the insurance company to see if it would be feasible for them to recommend someone professionally to inspect the whole facility.

Mr. Webb the reported that the ISS building is starting to fall on both sides. He stated that it is a portable building and he doesn't recommend spending a lot of money on repairing a portable building. He will be getting a quote on what the cost would be to have both ends lifted.

Mr. Webb is also looking into the possibility of replacing the speakers on the football field for graduation and announcing football games. He informed the board that a new sound system for

the field will cost several thousand dollars. Encore had been asked to come and assess the needs and give us a cost figure.

We are also looking at a new intercom system throughout the whole school which would include the cafeteria and the ag shop.

Mr. Webb talked with Brother John McGuire, of First Baptist Church, to see if the basketball team could practice in their gym, Bro. McGuire said he would talk with the building committee and get back with him. Mr. Webb commended Coach Kundra for doing a good job in getting both boys and girls schedules balanced.

10. Donations to Garrison ISD

Glenn Ramsey made a motion to accept the donations as presented.

Billy Cooper made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

11. Adoption of the FIRST Rating

The FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System) was explained during the public hearing at 6:30 prior to the regular board meeting. It was reported that GISD has received a Superior rating for 8 years in a row. Mr. Webb commended, as did the board, Carol Stanaland for doing an outstanding job.

Russell O'Dell made a motion to accept the FIRST Rating as presented by Mrs. Stanaland during the public hearing.

Glenn Ramsey made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

12. TASB Update 88 –

Michael Hammer made a motion to accept TASB Update 88 as presented.

Paul Jopling made a second to the motion.

The vote was 6 in favor and 1 against. Glenn Ramsey cast the dissenting vote.

13. Budget Amendment –

There were no budget amendments to report.

14. Superintendent Recommendations Regarding Professional Personnel (Gov't Code §551.074)

The board president adjourned the board meeting into closed session at 8:11p.m. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Acts 551.074. The board returned to open session 8:20 p.m.

Russell O'Dell made the motion to hire Sherri Durham, as Director of the Nacogdoches County Cooperative Program, as Tina Bobbitt will be retiring October 29, 2010.

Glenn Ramsey made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

Glenn Ramsey made a motion to hire Teena Perkins, Coop employee on a 10 month 90 day contract.

Paul Jopling made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Webb then noted that the next board meeting will be on Thursday, November 18, 2010.

15. Adjourn –

The board president adjourned the meeting 8:23 P.M.

Bart Reneau, President

Mike Hammer, Secretary