

GARRISON ISD BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, September 21, 2010
Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 P.M.
High School Building – Multi-Purpose Room

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1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum –

Vice President Lane Barton, in the absence of 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. Billy Cooper, Russell O'Dell, Glenn Ramsey, Paul Jopling, Lane Barton, and Mike Hammer were present. Bart Reneau entered the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

2. Invocation –

Glenn Ramsey led in prayer.

3. Comments from the Public –

No one signed up to speak in open forum.

4. Receive and Approve Minutes of August 26, 2010

The minutes of the August 26th were received.

Glenn Ramsey made a motion to accept the minutes of August 26th as presented.

Paul Jopling made a second to the motion.

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

5. Bills and Accounts for August 2010 –

The bills and accounts for August 2010 were reviewed.

6. Budget Report –

Mr. Webb 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 –

Ms. McKnight reported an enrollment of 346, with an ADA of 96.5%.

The elementary will be presented a Character program on the 23rd of September at 1:30 in the middle school gym. They will also be taking their annual field trip to the Pumpkin Patch on the 30th. October 1st will end the 1st six weeks and their will be early dismissal on that day. There will also be early dismissal on October 15th. The week of October 18th – 22nd will be designated as Red Ribbon Week. October 26th will be elementary picture day.

Mr. Metcalf reported the Middle School having an enrollment of 169, with an ADA of 98.2%. He reported the middle school enrollment was up 14 students from last year at this time! Teachers are preparing for next week and benchmark testing to assess progress on TAKS objectives taught the first 5 weeks of school. Science students are using a computer program called “Gizmo” which allows each student to have a virtual lab on the computer.

The Middle School celebrated receiving an Exemplary rating from the Texas Education Agency. GMS teachers and 171 students traveled to SFA and watched a movie and spent time at Pecan Park eating pizza.

Mr. Bernard reported high school had an enrollment of 207. Mr. Bernard invited all out to “See You At The Pole” on Wednesday morning. He reminded the board that the 1st was the end of the 1st six weeks. October 22nd will be Homecoming against Grapeland, he says that will be a big game and we need to talk it and get people out! He reported the JV was 2-2 and the Varsity is sitting at 4-0. So far it has been a good year.

Total enrollment for the District was 722.

9. District and Campus Accountability Ratings –

Terri Hooper, Curriculum Director of Special Programs, presented the District and Campus Accountability Ratings to the board. Mrs. Hooper reported that she gets to stand up 2 times a year to tell you what a wonderful District we have! She credited the honors to hard work from our teachers and students. Mrs. Hooper reported that she is very proud to be a part of this wonderful district!

Mrs. Hooper then gave the board an update on the Appeal Process and we should have the results from the Commissioner around the 1st part of October. It will not change our numbers but it should reflect a change in our rating.

10. Donations

Russell O’Dell made a motion to accept the donations as presented.

Billy Cooper made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

11. Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Webb encouraged everyone to go out to the construction sight and see what has been done. About 90% of the block work has been completed, the bus canopy is being installed and the sheetrock in the 4th grade wing is almost complete. He also reported that Deep East Texas will be out to move utility poles and Goodwin Lassiter will be out Friday to check on possible termite damage to the high school gym.

Mr. Webb also informed the board that there will be TASB training on November 11th at SFA and encouraged all members to register as they can earn 5 hours of board training credit.

12. Investment Review

Mr. Webb and Mrs. Stanaland discussed the Investment Review with the board. The board was receptive to the plan outlined by Mrs. Stanaland concerning the investments.

13. Bond Refunding

Mr. Webb and Mrs. Stanaland discussed the options of the Bond Refunding program. Mrs. Stanaland explained that this could be a big savings for GISD if we were to buy into it, the bond refunding would be good for the school district. Michael Hammer made the motion to use the bond refunding program as presented. Paul Jopling made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

14. TASB Update 88

Mr. Webb provided Update 88 for the board to review and will ask for approval during the October meeting.

15. Budget Amendments

There were no budget amendments at this time.

The board president adjourned the board meeting into closed session at 8:21 P.M. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Acts 551.074.

The board returned to open session at 8:58 P.M.

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

Bart Reneau made a motion to accept the resignation of Teacher/Coach Darell Williams as of 9-20-10 due to personal family reasons. Paul Jopling made a second to that motion. The vote was unanimous.

17. Adjourn –

The board president adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Bart Reneau, President

Mike Hammer, Secretary