

GARRISON ISD BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, October 14, 2008
Regular Board Meeting - 6:00 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 6:01 P.M. A quorum was present and due notice had been mailed and published. Bart Reneau, Tommy Dees, Kerry Beard, Randy Crawford, Russell O'Dell, Billy Cooper, and Mike Hammer were present.

2. Invocation –

Kerry Beard led in prayer.

3. Comments from the Public –

Four persons signed up to speak in open forum.

Rodney Robison addressed the board concerning his thoughts on the safety of the 7th & 8th grade football practices. He would like to see all coaches involved with Jr. High athletics on the practice field with all players at all practices.

Chris Clark also addressed the board concerning safety. His concern was that there were not enough coaches traveling with the 7th & 8th grade football players to and from out of town games. He felt this was a major safety issue and thought it was unacceptable for one man to travel on a bus with 50 kids.

Timmy Harris addressed the board by handing out a letter concerning inappropriate safety procedures. This letter was given to board members only and they were asked to read it rather than having him read it to them.

Jay Tullos, Douglass Superintendent, spoke on behalf of the Nacogdoches County School Cooperative Board. Mr. Tullos began by introducing the other District Superintendents that were in attendance. He wanted the GISD Board of Trustees to know that any recommendation that was sent to them through NCSC was sent as a board, not as an individual. All decisions concerning the NCSC were reached through working together as a team and then presented to the GISD as a recommendation from the Cooperative Board. Mr. Tullos expressed his appreciation for GISD to take on the responsibility as the fiscal agent for the Cooperative.

4. Consider Superintendent Recommendation regarding employment and contract status of Nacogdoches County School's Coop Business Manager (Tex. Gov't Code 551.074, 551.071)

The board president adjourned the board meeting into closed session at 6:14 P.M. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Acts 551.074 and 551.071. The board returned to open session 7:26 P.M.

Open session began with Mr. Kelley letting the Coop management board know that their attendance and support was appreciated.

Tommy Dees made the motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and to propose termination of Gerri Thompson's term contract and further move that the Superintendent prepare for the Board President's signature a Notice of Proposed Termination of Employment letter containing the reasons for the proposed action as discussed in closed meeting, as well as the

procedural protections afforded to the Employee by the Texas Education Code, and ensure that the Notice is delivered to the Employee.

Mike Hammer made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

5. Receive and Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings

Randy Crawford made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2008 regular meeting minutes. Russell O'Dell made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous. Kerry Beard and Mike Hammer abstained due to absence.

Randy Crawford made a motion to approve the minutes of the Called Meeting on October 6, 2008. Tommy Dees made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous. Kerry Beard and Mike Hammer abstained due to absence.

6. Bills and Accounts for September 2008 –

The bills and accounts for September 2008 were reviewed. It was noted that the final payment on the field house had been made.

7. Budget Report

Mr. Kelley explained to the board the monthly budget report.

8. Principal Reports –

Ms. McKnight reported an elementary school enrollment of 313 and 97% attendance. She also reported that the TAKS party was very successful and all involved had a great time. October 31st the Elementary PK-3 will be dressing up for Halloween and November 7th will be the end of the 2nd 6 weeks and there will be early dismissal. Mrs. McKnight then presented the Elementary Campus Performance Objectives to the board. These objectives included maintaining a recognized campus rating, increasing attendance, reducing discipline referrals, increasing parental contact, retaining a highly qualified staff and maintaining a safe and orderly school environment.

Mr. Metcalf, middle school principal, had an enrollment of 149 and 97.7% attendance. He also reported that over 70 middle school students made either all A's or had an A average for the first six weeks of school. The middle school cheerleaders placed 3rd during the Piney Woods Fair competition and both 7th & 8th grade football teams are doing well. Mr. Metcalf then presented the Middle School Performance Objectives to the board. The middle school objectives included improving TAKS scores for all students, increasing attendance, reducing discipline referrals, increasing student retention and performance, increasing parental contact, and increasing the technology knowledge level of students, teachers, and administrators.

Mr. Darren Webb, high school principal, reported that high school had an enrollment of 207 and 96.9% attendance. Mr. Webb also reported that the high school cheerleaders placed 4th in the Piney Woods Fair competition and the FFA had a lot of success at the fair. The Varsity football team is currently 3-3 and the J.V. team is 4-1 so far this season. Mr. Webb then gave the high school performance objectives to the board. These objectives included improving student performance in all grades, maintaining daily attendance, reducing discipline referrals, increase ACT scores and the number of students taking the plan test, having a completion rate of 100%, increase parental contact, and achieve a recognized performance rating.

Total enrollment for the District was 669.

9. Superintendent's Report –

Mr. Kelley updated the board on the ballpark. He provided a plan from Goodwin Lassiter from a few years ago. At this time they are studying options and Kingham has been contacted to come look at the fields in order to erect 25' fences and possibly dugouts.

10. Preliminary Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Results

Terri Hooper, Director of Instruction, presented the AYP results to the board. Mrs. Hooper informed the board that all 3 campuses met Preliminary Adequate Yearly Progress .

11. Quarterly Delinquent Tax Report

Carol Stanaland explained the quarterly delinquent tax report.

12. Facility Study Committee Report

Mr. Kelley provided information to the board concerning the Facility Study Committee Report. He also provided a list of all committee members who committed to serving on this committee. Mr. Kelley reported that the 1st meeting was well attended. A history of the facility was presented to the members and they also toured the existing facilities. Mr. Kelley also expressed appreciation to Bart Reneau and Russell O'Dell for their presentations to the committee during that first meeting. All in all, Mr. Kelley felt the meeting was very positive. The 2nd meeting the building principals, athletic and band directors were present. Each one presented needs they felt were areas that they needed addressed. The next meeting will be November 3rd and the plan is to come to a consensus as a group and prioritize campus needs. At this time board president, Bart Reneau, ask Willie Paul Jopling, member of the committee, if he thought the committee was a waste of time. Mr. Jopling responded by saying he thought the meetings were going well and the meetings were not considered a waste of time and they will get some things accomplished as a group and it seems as if everyone is working together to come up with a plan.

13. Proposals for District Vehicle

Mr. Kelley provided the bids to the board concerning the purchase of a new district vehicle. Randy Crawford made a motion to accept the bid from Fairway Ford of Henderson in the amount of \$24,797.00 for a 2009 Expedition EL. Russell O'Dell made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

14. Alert Now Communication System

Mr. Kelley explained the Alert Now Communication System to the board. The Alert System is an effort to improve communication with parents as it has the ability to contact every parent concerning any type of school related matter within a matter of less than 2 minutes. The cost for this was reported as \$3.00 per student for a one year term. It was Mr. Kelley's recommendation that GISD try the Alert Now Communication System for one year.

Kerry Beard made the motion to accept a one year agreement at \$3.00 per student with the Alert Now Communication System. Russell O'Dell made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

15. Application for Missed Instructional Days

Mr. Kelley explained the need for Board approval to file for a waiver with TEA in order to waive the 4 instructional days missed during Hurricane Ike. It was noted that the dates sent in the Board Packet need to be corrected to read 9-12-08, 9-15-08, 9-16-08, and 9-17-08. These corrections have been noted in the District Board Book.

Russell O'Dell made a motion to apply with TEA for a waiver allowing the District not to have to make up school days 9-12-08, 9-15-08, 9-16-08, and 9-17-08 due to Hurricane Ike and the loss of electricity throughout the school district. Billy Cooper made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

16. Budget Amendment –

There was no budget amendment.

17. Adjourn –

The board president adjourned the meeting 8:41 P.M.

Bart Reneau, President

Tommy Dees, Secretary