

GARRISON ISD BOARD MINUTES
Thursday, December 16, 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 –

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. Paul Jopling, Mike Hammer, Lane Barton, Billy Cooper, Glenn Ramsey, and Russell O'Dell were present.

2. Invocation –

Lane Barton led in prayer.

3. Comments from the Public –

No one signed in for open forum.

4. Announce Continuing Education Hours (19 TAC §61.1)

Mr. Webb explained the new ruling that now calls for the continuing education hours of current board members to be announced during the last regular board meeting in the calendar year, which for most boards is the December meeting.

Mr. Webb will be looking at holding some board training during the month of February or March of next year.

5. Receive and Approve Minutes of November 18, 2010

The minutes of the November 18, 2010 were received.

Lane Barton made a motion to approve the November 18, 2010 regular meeting minutes.

Russell O'Dell made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

6. Bills and Accounts for November 2010 -

The bills and accounts for November 2010 were reviewed.

7. Budget Report -

Carol Stanaland supplied the board with a monthly budget report for their review.

8. Principal Reports –

Mrs. McKnight gave the elementary report. She reported an elementary school enrollment of 333 and an ADA of 95.1%. Mrs. McKnight also reported there would be early release Friday at 12:45 for the holidays. Mrs. McKnight reported that there had been an Escape program and it was well attended by the Elementary students and Luke Patterson had won the bicycle. It was reported that there will be a Safety Program on January 14, 2011.

Mrs. McKnight wished the board a Merry Christmas and a good holiday break.

Mr. Metcalf, middle school principal, had an enrollment of 172, with an ADA of 95.3%. Mr. Metcalf reported the middle school had lots of kids out this week sick. The middle school has completed their 3rd round of benchmarking. The teachers will use these results and adjust instruction as needed to prepare students for success on the state assessments test that will begin in March. Middle school basketball is underway and teams are improving each week. The students enjoyed a field trip to Carthage where they skated, ate pizza, and played indoor games. This trip is a discipline reward that GMS has been doing each semester and discipline referrals are down about 50% since they field trip incentive was started. The MS will attend an assembly on January 14, 2011 on Bullying Prevention. Mr. Metcalf also wished the board a Merry Christmas and thanked them for their support.

Mr. Lance Bernard, high school principal, reported that high school had an enrollment of 207 and an ADA of 97.39%. Mr. Bernard then reported that there will be early release on Friday the 17th for the holidays. He also recognized that the football team went 13-1 and the Regional trophy was on display at the meeting and the players were commended for a great season. Mr. Bernard also recognized the Farm Radio Team as State Qualifiers.

Total enrollment for the District was 712.

9. Superintendent Report

- Facilities

Robert Hileman, with Kingham Construction, was present to report on the building projects as well as the findings on the high school gym. The Elementary 4th grade building was reported as well on schedule, the band hall/girls facility is still on schedule for sometime in March and the repairs to the high school gym will begin over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Hileman passed out phases of repairs that need to be done to the high school gym in order for it to be useable.

Mr. Webb informed the board that the furniture for the new classrooms has been ordered and should arrive around the 1st of February.

A new washer was bought for the fieldhouse as we have spent around \$1000.00 on repairs. Also, Pro-Tech has been out to the track and looked at the faded paint. They have agreed to repaint the lines at no charge. The playground will be delivered Friday and installed over the Christmas break.

Russell O'Dell made the motion to accept the change orders as presented in order to make the necessary repairs to the high school gym.

Paul Jopling made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

- Early Release for College Courses

Mr. Webb informed the board that we had kids who wanted to take classes that we don't offer and as of now they are being used as office aides or have early release. Some of these students want to enroll in college courses such as petroleum or cosmetology and would like to be able to attend these classes in the afternoon. Mr. Webb asked the board to consider allowing these students early release in order to take advantage of the college classes as long as certain guidelines applied.

10. State Funding Report

Mr. Webb gave the State Funding Report to the Board.

Both Mr. Webb and Mrs. Stanaland assured the board that the budget looks really good.

11. Donations to GISD

The Bulldog Booster Club made a donation in the amount of \$550.00.

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

Mike Hammer made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

12. Fiscal Agent Change for the Nacogdoches County Schools Co-op

Mr. Webb informed the board that GISD had been discussing letting the fiscal agent of the Co-op go. At last week's meeting, Mr. Webb discussed this possibility with the area superintendent's and no one was willing to step in as the fiscal agent. The idea was presented that if GISD would be willing to keep working as the fiscal agent for approximately 1 or 1 ½ more years, at that time someone may be interested in the job. Mrs. Stanaland has agreed to remain acting as the fiscal agent until someone can be trained and feels ready to take over.

13. Sound System for the Stadium

Mr. Webb reported that the sound system at the stadium has some issues that need to be addressed in order to hear graduation speakers as well as football games. We received 2 proposals on a new sound system, 1 from Encore Music in Nacogdoches in the amount of \$14,370.00, and the other from Sound Tech out of Lufkin in the amount of \$9,982.00. Mr. Webb recommended using Sound Tech as their proposal included a wireless mic as well as a new press box with an on/off switch, antennas and a sound mixer. They would also provide a headset that could be used by officials during a game for an extra \$824.00.

Glenn Ramsey made a motion to accept the proposal from Sound Tech in the amount of \$10,806.00 that would include the head set along with the new sound system.

Russell O'Dell made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

14. Transportation

Mr. Webb reported that the TDC will refurbish the bus for \$4,000.00; this includes repairs and painting, and new tires. The motor is still in good shape only minus horsepower. We plan on using this bus as a back up bus on the routes when needed. It is our intention not to buy a new bus as previously requested and use the money in helping with the gym expense and maybe look at buying a new bus next year.

15. Budget Amendment

Lane Barton made a motion to accept the budget amendment in the amount of \$110,806.00 to purchase the new sound system and make repairs on the high school gym.

Paul Jopling made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

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

There was no need for closed session.

17. Adjourn –

The board president adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Bart Reneau, President

Michael Hammer, Secretary