

GARRISON ISD BOARD MINUTES
Thursday, December 18, 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 7:04 p.m. A quorum was present and due notice had been mailed and published. Kerry Beard, Mike Hammer, Tommy Dees, Billy Cooper, and Randy Crawford, and Russell O'Dell were present.

2. Invocation –

Russell O'Dell led in prayer.

3. Comments from the Public –

No one signed in for open forum.

4. Student Recognition

High school principal, Darren Webb recognized the FFA Chapter Conducting team.

The team consists of: Lauren Kirk, Evan Delafield, Colt Gresham, C.J. Beard, Presley Cook, Russell Carrell, and Jennifer Walker. The Chapter Conducting Team demonstrated board meeting procedures used during their competitions and also presented the Board and GISD Administrators with Christmas gifts. Mr. Whitworth also commended the team for their leadership abilities and his appreciation for all the hard work they have shown this year.

5. Receive and Approve Minutes of November 20, 2008 –

The minutes of the November 20, 2008 meeting were received. Randy Crawford made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Hammer made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous. Russell O'Dell abstained due to his absence during the November Board meeting.

6. Bills and Accounts for November 2008 -

The bills and accounts for November 2008 were reviewed.

7. Principal Reports –

Mrs. McKnight gave the elementary report. She reported an elementary school enrollment of 331 with an ADA of 96.5%. Mrs. McKnight also reported there would be early release Friday at 12:45 for the holidays. The Elementary will also have a Christmas program Friday morning at 9:00. Mrs. McKnight also expressed to the Board her wish for them to have a Merry Christmas and as always she appreciates their support.

Mr. Metcalf, middle school principal, had an enrollment of 147, with an ADA of 97.1%. Mr. Metcalf reported a really good 1st semester and all his staff and students worked really well with each other. He feels that his campus is in a good position to make a positive run at the TAKS test when they return from the holidays. Mr. Metcalf reported that Bethany Richardson, a middle

school student, had placed top chair in the symphonic band! He also reported that the Jr. High coaches were doing an outstanding job and felt the kids in the athletic program were responding well to their coaching. He also wished the board a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Darren Webb, high school principal, reported that high school had an enrollment of 211 and an ADA of 96.3%. Mr. Webb reported that attendance was down due to sickness and that he had a teacher out with pneumonia. Hopefully after the holidays everyone will improve and attendance will be back up with the new year. Mr. Webb was very proud of the FFA Chapter Conducting Team and felt that they were leaders on the high school campus. The All District football honors were also announced.

Total enrollment for the District was 689.

8.Budget Report -

Carol Stanaland supplied the board with a monthly budget report for their review. Mr. Kelley informed the board that the audit will be presented at the next board meeting

9.State Funding Report -

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

10.Superintendent's Evaluation Instrument –

Mr. Kelley provided the board with an updated version of the evaluation instrument that is to be used for his appraisal in January. He encouraged the board members to look over it and review it. He encouraged the board to call if they had questions concerning the form. Board President, Bart Reneau, reported that the board will basically have to come to a consensus of each domain rather than a numerical average.

11.Level III Parent Complaint Response

Board President, Bart Reneau responded to the Level III complaint that was presented during the November board meeting by Ms. Sonya Horton. Since the complaint was tabled during the November board meeting, President, Bart Reneau, read the complaint and then responded with a statement from the board stating: We the Board of Trustees at Garrison ISD, find that the administration involved in the complaint, along with Resource Office Nikki Smith, were justified in their handling of the situation with Ms. Sonya Horton. We also feel that, in any case, open discussion between two parties is the best way to solve an issue. We would also like to thank Ms. Horton for her patience and for her cooperation during the complaint process. Mike Hammer made a motion to accept the afore read statement as their response to the complaint. Tommy Dees made a second to the motion. The vote was 6 – 0 with Russell O'Dell abstaining due to his absence during November board meeting.

12.Salary Schedule for Maintenance Director

Mr. Kelley explained the need for an updated salary schedule for a maintenance director. Mr. Kelley informed the board that Mr. Pitts, the current maintenance director, is scheduled to retire in December. He recommended increasing the starting salary by \$5000.00 and the top end by \$10,000.

Tommy Dees made a motion to update the Maintenance Director's Salary Schedule as presented by Mr. Kelley. Mike Hammer made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

13. High School Gym Roof Repair

A-Lert Roofing Systems had installed the gym roof and facial panels several years ago. The panels began to peel and fade over time. Since 2003 Mr. Kelley has been working with A-Lert to get the roof and facial panels replaced. A-Lert did replace the facial panels but have yet to provide the warranty work on the roof. After many calls, faxes, and attempts to resolve the issue with A-Lert Roofing, Mr. Kelley notified Feldman and Rogers of the situation. Feldman and Rogers informed A-Lert Roofing of their responsibility regarding the replacement of the roof panels, A-Lert has responded and indicated that the roof panels will be replaced in late January of 2009.

14. Approval of the Transportation Report

Mr. Kelley provided the board with the yearly transportation report.
Russell O'Dell made a motion to approve the Transportation Report as presented.
Billy Cooper made a second to the motion.
The vote was unanimous.

15. Memorandum of Understanding with Angelina College

Mr. Kelley explained the need for a Memorandum of Understanding with Angelina College regarding services to GISD. Mr. Kelley reported that GISD is in Angelina's service district but felt Panola was servicing our high school campus better. Panola had to receive permission from Angelina College to teach dual/concurrent classes at GHS. The administration was attempting to file an ordinance with the Texas Legislature for GISD to be removed from AC's service district and be placed in Panola's district. However, Dr. Larry Phillips, Angelina College President had requested the administration to consider remaining in AC's service district but agreeing to the MOU in which GISD could be served by both AC and Panola.

Randy Crawford made a motion to approve the memorandum of Understanding with Angelina College as presented.

Kerry Beard made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

16. Facility Study Committee Update

Mr. Kelley updated the board on the Facility Study Committee meetings. Mr. Kelley explained the different building schemes that were included in the board packets. Goodwin Lassiter will be present at the January 12, 2009 Facility Study Committee meeting with blueprints of the proposed facilities. Mr. Kelley explained that the committee had decided that a girl's facility, band hall, and classrooms along with new administration offices were the top priorities. The blueprints and proposed cost were very preliminary and that the committee should have some type of recommendation in February.

17. TASB Localized Policy Update 84

Billy Cooper made a motion to accept TASB Localized Policy Update 84.

Russell O'Dell made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

18. Budget Amendments

There were no budget amendments presented.

19. Superintendent Recommendations Regarding Professional Personnel (Gov't Code §551.074) and Land Acquisition (Gov't Code §551.072) -

The board president adjourned the board meeting into closed session at 9:10 P.M. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Acts 551.074 and 551.072. The board returned to open session 9:24 P.M.

20. Adjourn –

The board president adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Bart Reneau, President

Tommy Dees, Secretary