

GARRISON ISD BOARD MINUTES
Thursday, January 16, 2014
Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
High School Building – Multi-Purpose Room

Board Member Appreciation Dinner – 6:00 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

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. Attending the meeting were board members, Bart Reneau, Jerry Shaw, Billy Cooper, Wes Chandler, Michael Hammer, Russell O’Dell, and Olan Woodard, Jr.

2. Invocation –

Jerry Shaw led in prayer.

3. Comments from the Public –

Ronnie Hancock addressed the board by introducing himself and his wife Robin. Robin Hancock then addressed the board concerning improvements that she felt were needed. She provided the board with a handout detailing some of her concerns. This handout also included concerns of other parents.

4. Recognition of Board Members -

Mr. Webb recognized our Board Members and commended them for their service and presented certificates of recognition to each member. Prior to the regular meeting, the Board members and their families were treated to a dinner catered by Cotton Patch and served by Mrs. Anzaldua and several of the GISD students. The dining area was decorated with this year’s theme, “Hearts and Hands for Kids.” The Elementary grades made hand arrangements for the centerpieces on each dinner table. Mr. Metcalf’s campus presented a “G” coffee mug to each board member. Mr. Webb has ordered monogrammed shirts for the board members and will make sure they receive them at next month’s meeting..

5. Receive and Approve Minutes of December 19, 2013

The minutes of the December 19, 2013 meeting were received.
Olan Woodard, Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes.
Jerry Shaw made a second to the motion.
Wes Chandler and Michael Hammer abstained due to absence, the vote was 4-0 to approve the minutes.

6. Bills and Accounts for December 2013–

The bills and accounts for December 2013 were reviewed.

7. District Financial Audit

The Texas Education Code mandates an annual audit of the district's finances. An audit was conducted by Axley & Rode, LLP. Mr. Webb introduced Gary Ford and Justin Matthews from Axley & Rode, LLP.

Mr. Ford stated that he had nothing but good news to report, he stressed that Garrison ISD was in good financial shape.

Justin Matthews then went over the report with the board and also stated that Garrison ISD was in good financial shape. They both commended Business Manager, Carol Stanaland for doing a good job with the schools finances.

Wes Chandler made a motion to accept the audit as presented by Axley & Rode, LLP.

Billy Cooper made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

8. Budget Report –

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

9. Principal Reports –

Mrs. McKnight reported an enrollment of 346 with an ADA of 95.24% for the Elementary. Mrs. McKnight provided the board with a handout listing all the upcoming activities and workshops. Mrs. McKnight concluded by thanking the board members for their support during her 10 years as elementary principal.

Mr. Metcalf reported an enrollment of 186 in the Middle School with an ADA of 96.4. Mr. Metcalf also noted upcoming events on the MS campus.

Mr. Lance Bernard, high school principal, reported that high school had an enrollment of 219 with an ADA of 96.36. Mr. Bernard provided a list of upcoming events for the board. Total enrollment for the District was 751.

10. Quarterly Delinquent Tax Report

Carol Stanaland gave the delinquent tax report.

11. Update 98

Mr. Webb recommended that the board approve Update 98 as presented.

Billy Cooper made a motion to accept Update 98 as presented.

Jerry Shaw made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

12. Call School Board Election

Bart Reneau then called for the School Board Election to be held on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at which time the positions of Billy Cooper, Russell O'Dell and Olan Woodard, Jr. will be up for election.

Jerry Shaw made a motion to hold a school board election on May 10, 2014 and to appoint Betty Pledger as Early Voting and Election Judge and Melinda Bell as the Deputy Clerk and Assisting Judge.

Michael Hammer made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

13. Superintendent Report

Mr. Webb informed the board that over spring break the entrance to the HS flooring will be replaced, the lights on the baseball/softball fields need to be replaced and he and the campus principals will be working with Mr. Comer compiling a summer maintenance list.

Mr. Webb then reported that he and all the other area superintendents attended a NEDCO meeting that are interested in working with developing businesses throughout the Nacogdoches County who are looking for prospective employees. The high school is looking at the possibility of adding a college/career prep class. This will assist students in building resumes, help with interview skills and allow them to work on college applications as well.

Also on January 23, 2014 all county schools will be meeting in Chireno to work on the framework concerning HB5

Mr. Webb then provided the board with some options concerning board training. The board asked that Mr. Webb contact Russell Marshall to provide at least 3 hours of board training.

14. Donations

There were no donations to be approved.

15. Budget Amendments –

There were no budget amendments for the month of January 2014.

16. Superintendent Recommendations Regarding Professional Personnel (Gov't Code § 551.074 & 551.076) –

The board president adjourned the board meeting into closed session at 8:09 p.m. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Acts 551.074. The board returned to open 11.50 p.m.

Wes Chandler made a motion to hire Nancy Metteauer as High School BCIS teacher.

Michael Hammer made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

Billy Cooper made the motion to extend Mr. Webb's contract for 1 year under the current terms in the existing contract.

Jerry Shaw made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

18. Adjourn –

The board president adjourned the meeting 11:53 p.m.

Bart Reneau, President

Michael Hammer, Secretary