

GARRISON ISD BOARD MINUTES
Thursday, January 21, 2016
Board Meeting Immediately following Appreciation Dinner - 6:00 p.m.
High School Building – Multi-Purpose Room

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum –

President Billy Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:29P.M. A quorum was present and due notice had been mailed and published. Attending the meeting were board members, Jerry Shaw, Michael Hammer, Lane Barton, and Olan Woodard, Jr. Wes Chandler and Bart Reneau were absent.

2. Invocation –

Michael Hammer led in prayer.

A meal was provided for the board members in recognition of Board Appreciation Week. During the meal the High School presented a program that included a list of accomplishments of the GISD students. The middle school campus provided the board members a “Superhero” calendar as well as a chocolate bar. The elementary campus provided each board member with a “Superhero” caricature of themselves.

3. Comments from the Public –

There were no comments from the public.

4. Receive and Approve Minutes of December 17, 2015

The minutes of the December 17, 2015 meeting were received.

Olan Woodard, Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes.

Bart Reneau made a second to the motion.

Lane Barton abstained due to absence; the vote was 4-0 to approve the minutes.

9. Audit Review

President Billy Cooper moved agenda item #9 to accommodate the representative from Axley & Rode, LLP.

Justin Matthews, partner with Axley & Rode, LLP presented a review of the recent audit and informed the board that GISD was found to be in sound financial shape and there were no deficiencies or weaknesses found.

5. Bills and Accounts for December 2015–

The bills and accounts for December 2015 were reviewed.

6. Budget Report –

Mr. Hill supplied the board with a monthly budget report for their review.

7. Principal Reports –

Mr. Crawford reported and enrollment of 323 with an ADA of 96.5%.

Mr. Crawford supplied the board with a handout showing the current and upcoming events on the elementary campus.

Mr. Weeks reported an enrollment of 161 with an ADA of 94.24%. Mr. Weeks also provided the board with a handout detailing the middle school's current and upcoming activities.

Mr. Spivey reported an enrollment of 222 with an ADA of 97.3%. Mr. Spivey provided the board with a handout listing the accomplishments and upcoming activities for the high school campus.

8. Quarterly Delinquent Tax Report

Mr. Hill gave the delinquent tax report.

10. Approval of Merchandise Licensing Agreement

Mr. Cooper explained the licensing agreement that would allow LRG the non-exclusive right to use the Garrison ISD trademark G and Bulldog on merchandise to be sold in area stores.

Michael Hammer made a motion to approve the merchandise licensing agreement as presented.

Olan Woodard, Jr. made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

11. Call for General School Board Election, May 7, 2016

Billy Cooper then called for the General School Board Election to be held on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at which time the positions of Michael Hammer and Jerry Shaw will be up for election.

Lane Barton made a motion to hold a general school board election on May 7, 2016.

Olan Woodard, Jr. made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

12. Superintendent Report

Mr. Cooper reported the Rusk County election results and the information were provided to the member in their packets.

Mr. Cooper then informed the board that he was awaiting the final wording on the firearms signs that will be posted at the entrances to the school and on the backs of the dugouts at the baseball park.

Mr. Cooper let the board know that he had met with all the administrators and was working on meeting the entire faculty. He is doing this in phases according to the teacher's conference periods. Mr. Cooper told the board that he felt this was a good way to get to know the faculty and what works for them and also what areas the teachers feel need work.

13. School Calendar

Mr. Cooper provided the board with a copy of the school calendar as well as amended calendars (Exhibit A). Mr. Cooper recommended that the board approve Exhibit A that would allow a student and faculty holiday on March 25th and then create a teacher comp day on May 28th.

Jerry Shaw made a motion to approve Exhibit A as presented.

Lane Barton made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

14. Donations

There were no donations to approve.

15. Budget Amendments –

There were no budget amendments for the month of January 2016.

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

The board president adjourned the board meeting into closed session at 7:45 p.m. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Acts 551.074. The board returned to open session at 8:28 p.m.

Jerry Shaw made a motion to accept the resignation of Technology Director, Tony Jacobs upon the completion of his contract ending July 31, 2016
Olan Woodard, Jr. made a second to the motion.
The vote was unanimous.

16. Adjourn –

The board president adjourned the meeting 8:29 p.m.

Billy Cooper, President

Wes Chandler, Secretary