

GARRISON ISD BOARD MINUTES
AIES Hearing 6:45
Thursday, January 19, 2012
Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
High School Building – Multi-Purpose Room

Board Member Appreciation Dinner – 6:00 p.m.
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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. Attending the meeting were board members, Bart Reneau, Paul Jopling, Billy Cooper, Lane Barton, Michael Hammer, Russell O’Dell, and Olan Woodard, Jr.

2. Invocation –

Paul Jopling led in prayer.

3. Comments from the Public –

No one signed up for Open Forum.

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 Jalapeno Tree and served by Mrs. Anzaldua and several of the GISD students. The dining area was decorated with this year’s theme, “Helping Our Kids Shine”. The Elementary grades made placemats for the dinner as well as giving each board member a mug and LED path lights! The Middle School students autographed each board member a flashlight and Mr. Webb presented them with GISD shirts and ask that all member wear them next month for a group photo!

5. Receive and Approve Minutes of December 13, 2011

The minutes of the December 13, 2011 meeting were received.

Billy Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes.

Russell O’Dell made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

6. Bills and Accounts for December 2011–

The bills and accounts for December 2011 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 Mr. Eric Carver from Axley & Rode, LLP. Mr. Carver reported that Garrison ISD had earned the highest level and all was materially correct with the audit. He informed the board that GISD is in very good financial shape and has a

very health fund balance. He also expressed appreciation in working with the district and management team and had no management issues to address.

Mr. Webb also thanked Carol Stanaland for keeping everything in line and doing a great job every year.

Olan Woodard, Jr. made a motion to accept the audit as presented by Axley & Rode, LLP.

Paul Jopling made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

14. Donations

Board President, Bart Reneau, moved Agenda item #14 in order to accommodate a presentation made by County Judge Joe English's department.

Judge English presented GISD with a new radio that has been mandated for emergency responders to use in the event of an emergency. On hand to accept this donation was GISD Officer Nikki Smith.

Paul Jopling made a motion to accept the new radio for Officer Smith's patrol car.

Michael Hammer 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 –

Mr. Metcalf reported an enrollment of 77 in the Middle School with an ADA of 96.1%. Mr. Metcalf also noted that the GMS students are finishing benchmark testing and getting prepared for the STAAR tests upcoming in March and April. This is also the end of the 3 week grading period with progress reports going out next week.

Mrs. McKnight reported an enrollment of 365 with an ADA of 96.5% for the Elementary. Mrs. McKnight also informed the board of the upcoming events pertaining to her elementary classes. She also thanked the school board for the countless time and effort they put into our school to help our kids shine!

Mr. Lance Bernard, high school principal, reported that high school had an enrollment of 208 with an ADA of 96.28%. Mr. Bernard reported that he was extremely proud of the HS basketball teams and Coach Kudrna so far this season.

Total enrollment for the District was 750.

10. Approval of AEIS Report

A motion was made by Lane Barton to approve the AEIS report for 2010-2011 school year as presented by Terri Hooper.

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

The vote was unanimous.

11. Quarterly Delinquent Tax Report

Carol Stanaland gave the delinquent tax report.

12. TASB Update 92

Mr. Webb informed the board that Update 92 had been included in their packets and ask that they review this information and be ready to take action during the February board meeting.

13. Superintendent Report

Mr. Webb had several items that he wanted to inform the board:

1. During spring break we will be painting the Middle School offices, Middle School Hallway (half of the wall), Business Offices and Primary Bathrooms. Also, some tiles will be replaced. Cost will be around \$8000.
2. Larry Lasiter and Ken Jones came out on Tuesday to look at the press box filming porch. Goodwin-Lasiter will study how to improve the support and will give recommendations.
3. The fence at the baseball field is up. Also, we will be cutting a tree down that is hanging over the scoreboard and fence on the softball field.
4. Mr. Webb will bring you a recommendation in February on the marquee (still waiting on insurance)
5. The field house parking lot is in the works.
6. We are looking at purchasing a new pole vault mats. The other one is at least 15 years old and is starting to become unsafe. Mr. Webb informed the cost would be between \$14,000-\$18,000. Next year need to buy high jump mat.
7. I-69 interstate- A meeting was held at the Lions Hall on Saturday to discuss possible route of I-69. Mr. Webb was asked by the city council to give three names to represent the school. Sherry Kimbrough, Billy Cooper and Melton Stripling were the names were given to the council
8. Signature Group- Mr. Webb discussed the need to have an agreement with a restoration company in case a disaster hit the school. Signature Group out of Port Arthur came up to give a presentation to the administration. Mr. Webb explained to the board how the process would work. He informed the board he would allow the lawyer to look at the agreement and if there were no issues he would then sign an agreement with them.
9. Mr. Webb visited with the board about helping the city on the State Championship Sign on both ends of town. It was agreed to pay half of the the total cost. The amount the school would be responsible for is \$350.

15. Call School Board Election

Bart Reneau then called for the School Board Election to be held on Saturday, May 12, 2012 at which time the positions of Bart Reneau and Lane Barton will be up for election.

Russell O'Dell made a motion to hold a school board election on May 12, 2012 and to appoint Marjorie Holt as Early Voting and Election Judge and Melinda Bell as the Deputy Clerk and Assisting Judge.

Billy Cooper made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

16. Budget Amendments –

There were no budget amendments for the month of January 2012.

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

The board president adjourned the board meeting into closed session at 8:33 p.m. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Acts 551.074. The board returned to open 11:05 p.m.

There was only one item to be addressed, that being the Superintendent's Evaluation.

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

Russell O'Dell made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

18. Adjourn –

The board president adjourned the meeting 11:06 p.m.

Bart Reneau, President

Michael Hammer, Secretary