

GARRISON ISD BOARD MINUTES
AIES Hearing 6:45
Thursday, January 22, 2009
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 7:03 P.M. A quorum was present and due notice had been mailed and published. All member were present as well as members from the community.

2. Invocation –

Tommy Dees led in prayer.

3. Comments from the Public –

No one signed up for Open Forum.

4. Student Recognition –

Middle School Principal, Allan Metcalf, introduced Felecia Lloyd, Elementary/Middle School Counselor who in turn introduced Bethany Richardson, a member of the LOT Crew, Leaders of Tomorrow. Bethany gave a report on her experiences as a member of LOT Crew which included learning all career choices.

5. Recognition of Board Members -

Mr. Kelley recognized our Board Members and commended them for their service and presented certificates of recognition to each member. The Board Members were presented coffee mugs from Officer Nikki Smith. Prior to the regular meeting, the Board members and their families were treated to a dinner served by Mrs. Anzaldua and several of the GISD students. The dining area was decorated with this year's theme, "Celebrating Leadership". The Elementary presented "goody bags" decorated with various items of interest and placemats to the Board Members. Mr. Metcalf presented the board members with Bulldog Backer caps.

6. Receive and Approve Minutes of December 18, 2008 –

The minutes of the December 18, 2008 meeting were received. Kerry Beard made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Hammer made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

7. Bills and Accounts for December 2008 –

The bills and accounts for December 2008 were reviewed.

8. Budget Report –

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

9. Principal Reports –

Ms. McKnight reported an elementary school enrollment of 332 with an ADA of 98.9%. The fourth grade will be taking a field trip to SFA to attend the Science Circus on February 6, 2009. There will be early release on the 12th due to AED training and TAKS administration training. There will also be early release on the 13th as it will be the end of the six weeks. School Holiday on the 16th for President's Day.

Mr. Metcalf, middle school principal, had an enrollment of 149, with an ADA of 97%. Students are still preparing for the state assessment test. The 8th graders were given the opportunity to take an Explore test that is similar to the ACT test required in high school.

Mr. Darren Webb, high school principal, reported that high school had an enrollment of 210 and an ADA of 97.8%. Mr. Webb also reported having 3 high school students make the All-State Band. These 3 students were: David Burkhalter, Taylor Williamson, and Shelby Stanaland. Progress reports will go home January 27, 2009, and there will be an early release day February 12 & 13th. Prom is scheduled for February 14, 2009 and the Academic Awards Banquet has been scheduled for May 19, 2009 in the Grand Ballroom at SFA.

Total enrollment for the District was 691.

10. District Financial Audit

The Texas Education Code mandates an annual audit of the districts finances. An audit was conducted by Halls, Johnson, McLemore, Redfield, and Rodrigues, LLP. Carol Stanaland introduced Gary Johnson from the firm of Halls, Johnson, McLemore, Redfield, and Rodrigues, LLP. Mr. Johnson reported that there were no findings to report to TEA. Mr. Johnson reported that everything is in compliance and looks read good. He reported that Carol Stanaland does an excellent job for GISD. Kerry Beard also commended Carol for doing a good job.

Randy Crawford made a motion to accept the audit as presented by Halls, Johnson, McLemore, Redfield, and Rodrigues, LLP. Russell O'Dell made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

11. Sollicit Proposals for District Vehicles

Mr. Kelley explained the need for approval to solicit proposals for a 71 passenger bus and will bring back a recommendation in February.

12. Approval of AEIS Report –

A motion was made by Tommy Dees to approve the AEIS report for 2007-2008 school year. Billy Cooper made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

13. UIL/TASO Dispute

Mr. Kelley reported on the UIL/TASO dispute to the board. District 19 2-A is seeking a resolution to the dispute.

14. Facility Plan/Campus Improvement –

Mr. Kelley updated the board on the Facility Study Committee. Classrooms, band hall, and the girl's facility have all been scaled down in size in order to bring down some of the proposed costs. Their next meeting will be February 2, 2009 and the committee would like for all board members, as well as Business Manager, Carol Stanaland, to be present to discuss the financial end of the proposed plan.

15. Quarterly Delinquent Tax Report

Carol Stanaland gave the delinquent tax report.

16. Donations –

Kerry Beard made a motion to approve the donations as presented. Russell O'Dell made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous

17. Employee Leave of Absence Policy

After a request by board member Randy Crawford, Mr. Kelley and Carol Stanaland reported on different options for the GISD Employee Leave of Absence Policy. Mrs. Stanaland explained that a pool is not continuous and there would have to be a predetermined number of days. A bank would require becoming a member by donating days and the set up would be perpetual and there would have to be criteria set up to conform to legality issues. It was also discussed to tweak other local policies to be able to help employees, whether it be adding local days or extend our catastrophic leave from 30 days to 60 days or changing the monetary amounts attached to these days.

Mr. Kelley will report back to the board in February on the Employee Leave of Absence Policy.

18. Call School Board Election/Announce Continuing Education Hours (TAC Chapter 61.1(j)).

Board President, Bart Reneau, read the continuing education hours to the Board. Bart Reneau then called for the School Board Election to be held on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at which time the positions Bart Reneau and Tommy Dees will be up for election.

Billy Cooper made a motion to hold a school board election on May 9, 2009. Randy Crawford made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

19. Budget Amendments –

There were no budget amendments for the month of January 2009.

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

The board president adjourned the board meeting into closed session at 8:24 p.m. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Acts 551.074 and 551.072. The board returned to open 12:26 a.m.

Russell O'Dell made a motion to ratify the acceptance of Geri Thompson's resignation. Mike Hammer made a second to that motion. The vote was unanimous.

20. Consideration – Evaluation – Superintendent -

Mike Hammer made the motion to approve the evaluation of the Superintendent as discussed in closed meeting and authorize the Board President to issue the same to Mr. Kelley. Billy Cooper made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Randy Crawford made a motion to approve a 5% salary increase for Mr. Kelley effective January 27, 2009. Russell O'Dell made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Tommy Dees made a motion to accept the resignation of the Superintendent of Schools effective December 31, 2009 and authorize the school district's attorney to finalize the terms of the Voluntary Exit Agreement discussed in closed meeting and for the Board President to execute the same on behalf of the Board. Randy Crawford made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Kerry Beard told the board he regrets it has come to this but felt this was the best for GISD and for the students now and in the future.

Tommy Dees also expressed his regret at the resignation as he felt Mr. Kelley has done a great job and has been a good leader for our school. He regrets that it has come to this and wishes the best for Mr. Kelley.

Mike Hammer also voiced regret that it has come to this.

Bart Reneau told the board that he didn't feel this was in the best interest for the students, maybe for the community, but not for our school.

21. Adjourn –

The board president adjourned the meeting at 12:31 a.m.

Bart Reneau, President

Tommy Dees, Secretary