

GARRISON ISD BOARD MINUTES
Monday, March 23, 2009
Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
High School Building – Multi-Purpose Room

Regular Board Meeting –

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. Bart Reneau, Michael Hammer, Russell O'Dell, Tommy Dees, Kerry Beard, Billy Cooper, and Randy Crawford were present.

2. Invocation –

Tommy Dees led in prayer.

3. Comments from the Public –

Melanie O'Dell had signed up for open form. Mrs. O'Dell provided the Board the lyrics of 2 songs played at the GISD prom that she considered to be out of line. Mrs. O'Dell stated that she had attended the prom and when she heard the songs being played she did request the DJ to turn them off and he did. Mrs. O'Dell requested that these types of songs not be played at the prom.

4. Receive and Approve Minutes of February 19, 2009-

The minutes of the February 19, 2009 meeting were received. Tommy Dees made a motion to approve the February 19, 2009 minutes. Michael Hammer made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

5. Bills and Accounts for February 2009

The bills and accounts for February 2009 were reviewed.

6. Principal Reports –

Mrs. McKnight reported an elementary school enrollment of 326 with an ADA of 95.1%. Mrs. McKnight also provided the board with a list of activities that will be taking place between now and school's end.

Mr. Metcalf, middle school principal, had an enrollment of 150 with an ADA of 96.7%. Mr. Metcalf reported a busy month with cheerleader elections, TAKS testing, open house and track meets. The next TAKS test is math scheduled for Tuesday, April 7th.

Mr. Darren Webb, high school principal, reported that high school had an enrollment of 210 and an ADA of 96.1%. Mr. Webb also reported a busy month. GISD had 15 seniors honored as NOBLE scholars at S.F.A. as well as a former student, Holly Hartt, as the invited speaker for the occasion. The band trip was a success and the students were commended on representing GISD!

Total enrollment for the District was 686.

7. Budget Report –

Mr. Kelley reported on the monthly budget.

8. State Funding Report –

Mr. Kelley reviewed the state funding report.

9. 2009 – 2010 School Calendar

Mr. Kelley provided the board with the 2009-2010 school calendar.

Kerry Beard made a motion to accept the 2009-2010 school calendar as presented.

Russell O'Dell made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous

10. Update on the May 9, 2009 Election

Mr. Kelley gave an update on the May 9, 2009 election. A drawing was held on March 13, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. for ballot positions. The positions are listed as follows:

- (1) Sonya Lynn Horton
- (2) Russell Wright
- (3) Bart Reneau
- (4) Darrell O. Pollard
- (5) Lane Barton

(Paul Jopling withdrew his name as of March 16, 2009 at 1:25 p.m.)

A list of the Election clerks was also provided to the board.

11. Donations-

Billy Cooper made a motion to accept the donations as presented.

Russell O'Dell made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

12. Region VII ESC Board Election

Mr. Kelley provided the Board with a list of candidates for the Region VII ESC Board Election.

Board members cast their ballots and these ballots were mailed to Region VII.

13. Budget Amendment-

Carol Stanaland explained the budget amendments.

Michael Hammer made a motion to accept the budget amendments as presented .

Kerry Beard made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

14. Superintendent Recommendations Regarding Professional Personnel (Tex. Gov't Code §551.074)

The board president adjourned the board meeting into closed session at 7:30 p.m.

pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Acts 551.074 and 551.072.

The board returned to open session 9:56 p.m.

Michael Hammer made a motion to accept Mr. Kelley's and Mrs. McKnight's recommendations regarding the elementary professional personnel as presented. Tommy Dees made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

Kerry Beard made a motion to accept Mr. Kelley's and Mr. Metcalf's recommendations regarding the middle school professional personnel as presented. Russell O'Dell made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Billy Cooper made a motion to accept Mr. Kelley's and Mr. Webb's recommendations regarding the high school professional personnel as presented. Tommy Dees made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Tommy Dees expressed his appreciation to all building principals and teachers for doing a great job during this school year.

Bart Reneau, Board President, informed those present that for the past couple of months the board has been discussing the superintendent search, and the board had reached a decision.

Russell O'Dell, after prayerful consideration and study, made a motion to name Darren Webb as the lone finalist for superintendent of GISD. Tommy Dees made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Bart Reneau expressed his agreement and said this decision had been discussed quite a bit and he felt that Mr. Webb would lead our school well and felt he would have the support of all the staff.

Tommy Dees reported looking forward to having Mr. Webb as superintendent and looks forward to seeing what he can and will do for GISD.

Randy Crawford commented that he had received a few calls from concerned citizens regarding the superintendent search. After sharing these concerns with Mr. Webb, Mr. Crawford was confident that the board was making the right decision in naming Mr. Webb as the lone finalist and he looks forward to working with him.

17. Adjourn –

The board president adjourned the meeting at 10:02 P.M.

Bart Reneau, President

Tommy Dees, Secretary