

GARRISON ISD BOARD MINUTES
Thursday, April 16, 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 7:02 p.m. A quorum was present and due notice had been mailed and published. Bart Reneau, Kerry Beard, Tommy Dees, Billy Cooper, Russell O’Dell and Mike Hammer were present; Randy Crawford was not in attendance. Also attending the meeting were: Carol Stanaland, Lisa McKnight, Allan Metcalf, Darren Webb, and members of the community.

2. Invocation –

Billy Cooper led in prayer.

3. Comments from the Public –

The audience was informed of the Open Meeting Policy and then audience members who had signed up for Open Forum were given the opportunity to speak.

Hannah Wright and Alex Williams, both High School students, spoke in open forum in support of Coach Penni Farrell.

Bart Reneau, representing himself and not Board President. He read a letter that he had prepared entitled “Getting back to what is important”. This letter summarized his past 3 years as a board member at GISD.

4. Student Recognition

High School Principal, Darren Webb, introduced 3 groups of students and sponsors that were deserving of public recognition.

Cliffton Walker, band director, introduced David Burkhalter, Shelby Stanaland, and Taylor Williamson. These students were recently awarded the distinction of being a member of the All State Band.

Leslie Nichols, FCA Sponsor, introduced members that were present that had recently taken a trip to a Baptist Children’s Home in Round Rock, Texas. The FCA meets every Wednesday during lunch and is always led by students. Three members spoke on behalf of the organization.

Aaron Nichols thanked the Administration for allowing them to go on this trip and it was a great feeling to be able to help out other kids.

Hunter Haney reported that he was proud to live in a Christian oriented region of Texas. He was honored to be a part of a group that reached out to others.

Micah Hammer reported that she went into this thinking they were going to give the kids in the Baptist Home a blessing and in fact it was the kids from GISD who received a blessing!

Gina Bradshaw, UIL Sponsor, reported having 45 students at the District UIL meet. Of those 45 kids, 12 qualified to continue on to the Regional competition to be held at Tyler Junior College next Saturday. Mrs. Bradshaw introduced students who were in attendance to the Board and also shared a list of their accomplishments

5. Receive and Approve Minutes of March 23, 2009

Kerry Beard made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 23, 2009 meeting.
Tommy Dees made a second to the motion.
The vote was unanimous.

6. Bills and Accounts for March 2009 -

The bills and accounts for March 2009 were reviewed.

7. Principal Reports –

Ms. McKnight reported an elementary school enrollment of 324 with an ADA of 96.2%. She also provided a list of dates for upcoming field trips, TAKS schedules, Field Day, and the Elementary Academic Meet.

Mr. Metcalf, middle school principal, had an enrollment of 146 with an ADA of 96.6%. Mr. Metcalf reported on his campuses upcoming events as well as TAKS testing's and also the 8th grade boys and girls teams both won district!

Mr. Darren Webb, high school principal, reported that high school had an enrollment of 209 with an ADA of 96.5%. Mr. Webb also provided the board with a handout that listed all the students who participated in the recent UIL meet as well as the FFA's participation in the Nacogdoches County Steer Show. He also reported that Jordan Adkison had won first place in the district golf tournament and will advance to regionals. Zach Watson will also advance to regionals.

Total enrollment for the District was 679.

8. Budget Report -

Mr. Kelley presented the monthly budget report to the board for their review.

9. Delinquent Tax Quarterly Report

Carol Stanaland explained the quarterly delinquent tax report.

10. Approval of Depository Contract for 2009-2011 Biennium

Bancorp South is the district's depository institution. State law requires school districts to select a depository bank every two years. However, it also allows a district, with board approval, to extend a depository contract for two additional two-year terms.

Mike Hammer made a motion to extend the GISD depository contract with Bancorp South for an additional two years.

Russell O'Dell made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

11. Discussion and/or Approval of Summer Maintenance

Mr. Kelley provided the Board with a list of projects that needed to be considered for repairs over the summer. This list included: replacing the floors in the Annex, painting the interior of the Annex, replacing light fixtures in the Annex, replacing metal doors in the Annex as well as the Middle School gym, recoating and striping the parking lots, resurfacing the track, repairing the entrance flooring in the cafeteria, and painting the bathrooms in the Middle School and 4th and 5th grade wings.

Tommy Dees made the motion to allow Mr. Kelley to solicit proposals for the listed projects and bring these proposals back to the board for discussion at their next meeting.

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

12. Campus Facilities

Board member, Randy Crawford, had requested a discussion of campus facilities. Due to Mr. Crawford's absence, Bart Reneau, Board President, moved item #12 to be discussed before Agenda item #20.

13. Donations to Garrison ISD

Kerry Beard made a motion to accept the donations as presented.
Mike Hammer made a second to the motion.
The vote was unanimous.

14. GISD Administrative Salary Schedule

Per the Board's request, Mr. Kelley and Mrs. Stanaland discussed the GISD Administrative salary schedule and presented the Board with a proposed schedule. Mr. Kelley felt that this schedule would give the Administration leeway by presenting steps with a beginning and ending figure. Each step is a 2.5% increase. Mrs. Stanaland explained the TASB survey results that were used to figure the steps.

After further discussion Russell O'Dell made the motion to table the GISD Administrative Salary Schedule until the next meeting allowing the board to study the proposed schedule.

Billy Cooper made a second to the motion.
The vote was unanimous.

15. Nacogdoches County Schools Coop Salary Schedule

As fiscal manager of the Nacogdoches County Schools Cooperative, Mr. Kelley presented the NCSC's professional, para-professional, and stipend schedules to the Board. The Nacogdoches County Schools Cooperative Board had previously approved the schedule.

Kerry Beard made a motion to accept the Nacogdoches County Schools Cooperative Schedules as presented.

Mike Hammer made a second to the motion.
The vote was unanimous.

16. Nacogdoches County Schools Coop Professional Employee Contract Renewal

The 2009-2010 Nacogdoches County Schools Cooperative professional employee contracts were presented to the GISD Board for approval.

Billy Cooper made a motion to approve the Nacogdoches County Schools Cooperative professional contracts as presented.

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

17. State Procurement Card for Nacogdoches County Cooperative

Mr. Kelley and Mrs. Stanaland informed the Board as to the need of a State Procurement Card for the Nacogdoches County Schools Coop. The NCSC has been using a Valero Gas card and a Capital One card for meals, motels, and gas. In an effort to improve internal control and spending, Mr. Kelley and Mrs. Stanaland felt it would be in the best interest of all to secure procurement cards for the Coop.

Tommy Dees made the motion to approve a state procurement card for the Nacogdoches County Schools Cooperative.

Billy Cooper made a second to the motion.
The vote was unanimous.

18. Catastrophic Leave Policy

It was the recommendation of the administration that the catastrophic leave policy be increased from 30 days to 50 days and to adjust the daily rate to that of board approved substitute teacher pay. The board felt that 50 days was a very generous offer.

Russell O'Dell made a motion to increase catastrophic leave to 50 days and to adjust the daily rate to board approved substitute teacher pay.

Mike Hammer made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

19. Budget Amendment

Mr. Kelley/Mrs. Stanaland explained the budget amendment. The amendment was for an Automated External Defibrillator grant that GISD had previously received.

Mike Hammer made a motion to approve the budget amendment as presented.

Tommy Dees made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

12. Campus Facilities

Randy Crawford was still not in attendance for his purposed discussion of campus facilities.

Russell O'Dell made the motion to table Agenda item #12 to next month's meeting where Mr. Crawford could present his own opinions.

Billy Cooper made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

The board president adjourned the board meeting into closed session at 8:44 P.M. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Acts 551.074 and 551.072. The board returned to open session 10:06 P.M.

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

Kerry Beard made the motion to hire Darren Webb as superintendent of schools for the Garrison Independent School District effective January 1, 2010

Mike Hammer made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

21. Adjourn –

The board president adjourned the meeting at 10:08 P.M.

Bart Reneau, President

Tommy Dees, Secretary