

GARRISON ISD BOARD MINUTES
Thursday, April 21, 2011
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 7:05 p.m. A quorum was present and due notice had been mailed and published. Paul Jopling, Billy Cooper, Russell O’Dell, and Mike Hammer were present. Lane Barton entered at 7:15. Glenn Ramsey was absent.

2. Invocation –

Billy Cooper led in prayer.

3. Comments from the Public –

There were no comments from the public.

4. Receive and Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings

Billy Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes of March 24, 2011.

Paul Jopling made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

Paul Jopling made a motion to approve the called meeting minutes of April 5, 2011.

Russell O’Dell made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

5. Review of Bills and Accounts –

The bills and accounts were reviewed.

6. Budget Report –

Mrs. Stanaland presented the monthly budget report to the board for their review. Mr. Webb also provided a handout per the board’s request showing the extracurricular costs per sport per student. Mr. Webb also updated the board on school finance stating that the bill that Ms. Shapirio is backing will have the best effect for GISD.

7. Principal Reports –

Ms. McKnight reported an elementary school enrollment of 356 with an ADA of 96.9%. Mrs. McKnight reported on all the TAKS testing that will be done in the coming weeks as well as end of year field trips and Kindergarten graduation.

Mr. Metcalf, middle school principal, had an enrollment of 166 with an ADA of 97%. Mr. Metcalf reported that there are only 25 days away from wrapping up the 2010-2011 school year. It is TAKS testing season as we have four days testing upcoming, April 26-29. We have received our first scores back with eighth grade math having 88% passing the test while eighth grade reading had 94% passing the test. Middle School Graduation has been moved back to May 27th at 10:30 in the morning due to the bad weather make up day.

Mr. Lance Bernard, high school principal, reported that high school had an enrollment of 201 with an ADA of 96%. Mr. Bernard also reported on TAKS testing in the upcoming weeks for the high school campus. Mr. Bernard provided a list of all the upcoming banquets and honors earned so far this year by the different organizations.

Total enrollment for the District was 723.

8. Delinquent Tax Quarterly Report

Carol Stanaland explained the quarterly delinquent tax report.

9. Discussion and/or Approval of Summer Maintenance

Mr. Webb gave the board a brief overview of some things that will require summer maintenance. He said all the high school door ways, as well as junior high, and the 5th grade wing, will be painted. They are looking to reasphalt under the middle school gym and Officer Smith found a safety grant that will pay for the reasphalting. The cafeteria doors between the middle school and cafeteria will be need to be replaced as they are over 12 years old and hard to open and shut. Mr. Comer would like to clean out the duct work in the high school. The air conditioner in the primary will need to be replaced. The high school bathrooms need new commodes. The primary and annex will need new ballast. The cafeteria air conditioning system may need to be replaced as it is getting harder and harder to keep the cafeteria cool.

10. Campus Facilities

The girl's dressing room is waiting on paint for the floor, they are having a hard time matching samples and we want to get the best quality while getting the best look for the floor. The lockers will be installed once the floors are completed. The old band hall is finished and Mr. Webb commended ERI out of Tyler for doing a great job, he was amazed at how clean the old band hall was left after ERI completed their containment of the asbestos.

11. Approval to Purchase a New School Bus

Mr. Webb provided the board with a handout showing the transportation department's current standings with all the school vehicles. Mr. Hickman, along with Rush Bus Center, found a grant that will help pay for a new school bus. This grant will pay 18% of the new bus cost. With this grant GISD could purchase a new bus for \$66,934. We had budgeted for a new bus and with the grant, our costs would be much lower than we anticipated. Mr. Webb asked for board approval to purchase a Blue Bird 71 passenger bus using the grant.

Michael Hammer made a motion to purchase the Blue Bird 71 passenger bus as requested.

Paul Jopling made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

12. Approval to Solicit Proposals for a New School Vehicle

Mr. Webb informed the board that we had budgeted for a new school vehicle for this year. He said that we were going to be a lot stricter on taking the school vehicle, when available, rather than pay mileage for teachers and staff using their own vehicles. Our current school vehicle has 54,000 miles and we would try to get a decent price on a new vehicle. Mr. Webb reported that the van would go to Mr. Comer in order to keep his tools in, the maintenance truck would be used as the trash truck. Mr. Webb asked the board for permission to solicit proposals for a new vehicle.

13. Region VII ESC Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

Mr. Webb explained that every county has a representative at Region VII. Jay Tullos was our county's representative and he has since taken a job in Canton. In his absence, Mr. Webb recommended Grey Burton for the vacant position.

Lane Barton made a motion to nominate Grey Burton of Martinsville for the RAC position.

Russell O'Dell made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

14. Local Policy Updates

Mr. Webb discussed information about the conversion chart from letter grades to numerical grades. Also, Mr. Webb explained the need to have wording in policy about early graduation for students. The wording of other policies was cleaned up as well.

Michael Hammer made a motion to accept the policy changes as noted by Mr. Webb.

Billy Cooper made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

15. Donations

Paul Jopling made a motion to accept the donation as presented.

Russell O'Dell made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

16. Approval of Depository Contract for 2011-2013 Biennium

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 an additional two year terms.

Russell O'Dell made a motion to extend the depository contract with Bancorp South for another year.

Billy Cooper made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

17. Budget Amendment

There were no budget amendments.

The board president adjourned the board meeting into closed session at 8:00 P.M. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Acts 551.074 and 551.072. The board returned to open session 8:29 P.M.

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

Mr. Webb informed the board that the regular May board meeting will be moved to May 24th, a Tuesday as the Athletic Banquet has been scheduled for the 19th.

19. Adjourn –

The board president adjourned the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

Bart Reneau, President

Michael Hammer, Secretary