

GARRISON ISD BOARD MINUTES

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

High School Building

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1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum –

President Bart Reneau called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. A quorum was present and due notice had been mailed and published. Those present were: Carol Stanaland, Darren Webb, Lisa McKnight and Allan Metcalf. Local community members were also present.

2. Invocation –

Kerry Beard led with prayer.

3. Comments from the Public –

Tommy Dees spoke in open forum reflecting on his past six years as a board member.

4. Oath of Office for Newly Elected Board Members

Ms. Melinda Bell swore in the newly elected board members: Bart Reneau and Lane Barton.

Statements of Elected Office were presented.

5. Reorganization of the Board

Kerry Beard made a motion to nominate Bart Reneau for **President**.

Randy Crawford made a second to that motion.

No other nominations were received so the nominations ceased.

The vote was unanimous.

Billy Cooper made a motion to nominate Randy Crawford as Vice President.

Kerry Beard made a motion to nominate Michael Hammer as Vice President.

Russell O'Dell made a motion to cease the nominations for Vice President.

The vote was 4 in favor of Randy Crawford.

Bart Reneau made a motion to nominate Michael Hammer as **Secretary**.

Billy Cooper made a motion to cease nominations.

Russell O'Dell made a second to that motion.

The vote was unanimous

Officers for the Board of Trustees:

President – Bart Reneau

Vice President – Randy Crawford

Secretary – Michael Hammer

6. Receive and Approve Minutes from April 16, 2009

Russell O'Dell made a motion to approve the April 16, 2009 Board Minutes.

Mike Hammer made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous with Lane Barton abstaining as he was not a member at the time and Randy Crawford abstained due to absence.

Randy Crawford also apologized for his absence as he had requested an agenda item for that particular meeting.

7. Bills and Accounts for April 2009

The bills and accounts for April 2009 were reviewed.

8. Budget Report

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

9. Investment Report

Mr. Kelley and Mrs. Stanaland explained the Investment Report to the board.

10. Principals Reports

Mrs. McKnight reported an elementary school enrollment of 323 with an ADA of 95.4%. Mrs. McKnight reported that this is a higher enrollment than last year at this time. There are numerous activities and field trips planned as the year comes to a close. The Elementary Academic Meet will be May 21st, the elementary awards program will be May 28th at 9:00 A.M., Kindergarten Graduation will be May 29th at 8:30 in the Middle School Gym.

Mr. Metcalf reported a middle school enrollment of 146 with an ADA of 96.4%. Mr. Metcalf reported that attendance had been real stable since the last board meeting. Middle School is anxiously awaiting the results of TAKS testing and preparing for summer school, eighth grade trip and graduation and all other end-of-year functions. Mr. Metcalf commended Mr. Walker, the band director, for getting the younger band kids involved in area band contests that will prepare them for the High School Band. The Middle School Academic Meet will be held May 27th, G-Awards will be presented May 28th, and May 29th will be 8th Grade Graduation at 8:00 P.M. in the Middle School Gym.

Mr. Webb reported a high school enrollment of 208 with an ADA of 96.2%. Mr. Webb also gave a report of upcoming events which include the FFA Banquet, Academic Banquet, Athletic Banquet and a Baccalaureate Service. High School Graduation will be May 30th at 8:00 P.M. at Bulldog Stadium. Mr. Webb also praised the High School Band on their recent Sweepstakes honors.

Total enrollment for the district was 677.

11. High School Principal Position Update

Mr. Kelley gave the board an update on the high school principal position. Last month the Board voted to hire Darren Webb as Superintendent of Schools effective January 1, 2010. A statement should have been made in open session after last month's executive session regarding the posting of the position. Darren Webb is running the Principal search, applications were closed as of May 15, 2009 with 33 applicants having applied. A committee of teachers interviewed 9 applicants and will submit three names for Mr. Webb to call back for a 2nd interview.

A committee of Administrators will then interview the 3 candidates and decide which one will best benefit Garrison ISD. They hope to bring a recommendation to the Board the last of May.

12. Non-Exempt Salary Schedule Update

The Federal Wage will increase from \$6.55 to \$7.25 an hour in July 2009. Mr. Kelley explained that this agenda item was for discussion only and action will need to be taken during the June meeting regarding the minimum wage increase. The 3rd and final wage increase will need to be adopted in order to adjust our employees and get them up to the \$7.25 an hour which will result in approximately \$13,000 for all our non-exempt employees.

Mr. Kelley also would like to present an updated salary schedule for the Transportation Manager, Cafeteria Manager, and School Resource Officer as these salaries have not been updated in 3 years.

The custodial contract will expire in August, they have been notified that we will let them know as to whether they will be back next year or not.

13. Campus Facilities

Randy Crawford had requested this agenda item after he had visited with Carol Stanaland. He feels the Facility Study Committee needs to get back together and prioritize the needs of GISD. Board President, Bart Reneau, feels the Board needs to visit with the Facility Study Committee and have everyone on the same page and then proceed.

Lane Barton discussed the needs for additional instructional space for the Elementary school. He felt that teachers and students should not have to meet in mechanical rooms. Mr. Barton also questioned the 8.6 million dollars that had been presented in the budget report, he felt that there would be more monies available to build additional facilities than what the administration indicated.

After further discussion Mr. Kelley informed the board that the facility study committee would meet in June and Board members requested notice so that they may attend.

14. Summer Maintenance Proposals

Mr. Kelley presented the proposals received by GISD.

The 1st proposal was for painting the Annex. Slaughter & Son, from Lufkin, proposed \$12,013.80. Pathway Construction, from Arlington, proposed \$14,293.34. It was Mr. Kelley's recommendation to accept the bid of \$12, 013.80 from Slaughter & Son out of Lufkin.

Randy Crawford made the motion to accept the Administrations recommendation from Slaughter & Son in the amount of \$12,013.80.

Billy Cooper made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

The 2nd proposal was for the replacement of flooring in the Annex. Pathway Construction, out of Arlington, made a proposal of \$24,600.00. East Texas Carpets, of Nacogdoches, made a proposal of \$23,938.00. It was the recommendation of the Administration to allow East Texas Carpets to replace the floors in the Annex.

Kerry Beard made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Administration and allow East Texas Carpets to replace the flooring in the Annex in the amount of \$23, 938.00.

Russell O'Dell made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

The 3rd proposal was for the recoating, resealing, and restriping of the parking lots. Drewery Construction submitted a proposal in the amount of \$54,787.50.

Randy McLain submitted a proposal of \$25, 881.00. It was the recommendation of the Administration to allow Randy McLain to recoat, reseal, and restripe the parking lots.

Lane Barton made a motion to accept the Administrations recommendation of Randy McLain’s proposal in the amount of \$25, 881.00 to recoat, reseal and restripe the parking lots in plan A and plan C.

Mike Hammer made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

The 4th proposal was for the refurbishing of the track. Pro-Tec submitted a proposal in the amount of \$57,680.00 for option 1 and an additional \$19,480.00 for Alternate 1 which includes a polyurethane finish for a minimum proposal of \$77,088.00. This cost could expand upwards to \$160,000.00 should the asphalt foundation need to be replaced.

Fisher Tracs submitted a proposal for \$120,000.00.

After some discussion Mike Hammer made a motion to accept the proposal from Pro-Tech which would include Option 1 and Alternate 1 in the amount of \$77,088.00 with the possibility of expansion up to \$160,000.00.

Russell O’Dell made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

15. MOU Department of State Health and Garrison ISD

Mr. Kelley explained the MOU with the Department of State and Garrison ISD. GISD entered into this agreement with the Health Department when we were asked if GISD would serve as an immunization site. We agreed to use our facilities as an immunization site and the Health Department would take care of all other expenses that might be incurred.

16. TASB Policy Update 85

Mr. Kelley asked that the Board review the Policy Update 85 and be prepared to vote during the June meeting.

The board president adjourned the board meeting into closed session at 9:20 P.M. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Acts 551.074.

The board returned to open session at 10:42 P.M.

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

President Bart Reneau made the statement that some personnel issues were discussed as well as what we could expect from Mr. Webb during the transition period.

18. Adjourn –

The board president adjourned the meeting at 10:42 P.M.

Bart Reneau, Board President

Mike Hammer, Board Secretary