

GARRISON ISD BOARD MINUTES

Thursday, May 16, 2013

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. A quorum was present and due notice had been mailed and published. Those present were: Bart Reneau, Michael Hammer, Paul Jopling, Billy Cooper, Russell O’Dell, Olan Woodard, Jr. and Wes Chandler were present.

2. Invocation –

Olan Woodard, Jr. led with prayer.

3. Comments from the Public-

There were no comments from the public. Mr. Bernard congratulated Shelby Gresham on winning the gold medal at the UIL Track Meet held in Austin, May 11, 2013. He also commended her parents for their dedication to helping Shelby attain her goal.

4. Oath of Office for Newly Elected Board Members

Mrs. Melinda Bell, a notary public, swore in the newly elected board member and incumbents: Michael Hammer and Jerry Shaw

5. Reorganization of the Board

Michael Hammer made a motion to leave Bart Reneau as Board President.

Russell O’Dell made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

Michael Hammer made a motion to leave Billy Cooper as Board Vice President.

Russell O’Dell made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

Russell O’Dell made a motion to leave Michael Hammer as Board Secretary.

Wes Chandler made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

Officers for the Board of Trustees:

President - Bart Reneau

Vice President - Billy Cooper

Secretary - Michael Hammer

6. Receive and Approve Minutes from April 18, 2013 and May 6, 2013

Wes Chandler made a motion to accept the minutes of April 18, 2013 as presented.

Billy Cooper made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

Olan Woodard, Jr. made a motion to accept the minutes from the called meeting on May 6, 2013 as presented.

Wes Chandler made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

7. Bills and Accounts for April 2013

The bills and accounts for April 2013 were reviewed.

8. Budget Report

Mrs. Stanaland provided the monthly budget report to the board for their review.

9. Investment Report

Mrs. Stanaland also provided the Investment Report to the board.

10. Principals Reports

The Elementary report was given by Mrs. McKnight. Elementary had an enrollment of 350 students with 96.5% attendance. Mrs. McKnight provided the board a list of events. She also invited all board members to attend and participate in Kindergarten graduation.

Mr. Metcalf then gave the Middle School report. He reported 185 students with 97.6% attendance. Mr. Metcalf reported that summer school and summer trainings are being planned and they are working on staffing and scheduling to better meet the needs of the GMS students for the upcoming year. He also invited all board members to attend and participate in the MS graduation ceremony. Mr. Metcalf gave the board a thank you photo card from Sheron Kimbrough's class for allowing them to attend the Medieval Times presentation with her students.

Mr. Bernard reported that the high school had 206 students with an attendance rate of 96.42%. He also provided a list of upcoming events in HS and invited board members to attend and participate in the graduation ceremonies on June 1, 2013.

Mr. Webb then took this opportunity to introduce the new Curriculum Director, Jennifer Williams.

Mr. Webb asked to move Agenda item #12 up in order to accommodate Liana Kirk and Michelle Sims as they were in attendance to present the technology committee requests.

12. Superintendent Report

At this time Mr. Webb turned the meeting over to Liana Kirk and Michelle Sims. They gave some background on the technology committee and the needs of GISD students. They demonstrated the notebooks that had been introduced to the students and showed a short video of a hands-on classroom participation with the lesson and the notebooks. It is the consensus of the committee that these notebooks would be beneficial in the classroom. They would like to see more notebooks for our students. They also thought Mr. Jacobs could use more help as our district is gaining more computers and he needs help in order to service the districts technology needs. They said teachers need more training.

Mr. Webb reported how technology has doubled over the last several years. The amount of time to correct problems and maintain the computers is becoming more difficult. Mr. Jacobs has a difficult time keeping up with the problems due to the number of computers, servers, projectors we have within the district.

Mr. Webb then discussed extending the existing sidewalk where students are dropped off in the morning in order to expedite kids getting to class. The board asked Mr. Webb to get more proposals and give them a call with the cost before making a decision.

11. Consideration of Security Measures (Including Gun Free School Zone)

Mr. Webb began with recommending that the front of the high school add 2 doors in order to make the high school less accessible to an intruder. After some discussion on the security measures, the board asked that Mr. Webb have the Sheriff's department come out and asses the security situation on our campuses before taking any further action. The board then decided to hold a community meeting in order to get input on the possibility of licensed carriers having guns for security purposes.

13. Cafeteria Prices for the 13-14 School Year:

The Cafeteria is considering raising the prices for the 13-14 school year due to new policies set by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Due to the implementation of the Hungry Free Kid Act by the Federal Government, the prices of cafeteria lunches will have to be \$2.60 by the year 2015. In order to get to that price we need to increase a little along the way. Mr. Webb would like to increase the PK-5th as well as 6-12 meal prices by .10 cents this coming school year making the total for a PK-5 lunch \$2.05 and the 6-12 meal prices \$2.30.

Jerry Shaw made a motion to increase school meals by .10 cents for PK-5 and 6-12th.

Olan Woodard, Jr. made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

14. Donatons

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

Olan Woodard, Jr. made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

15. Budget Amendment

There were not budget amendments to report.

16. Superintendent Recommendations Regarding Professional Personnel (Tex. Gov't Code §551.074 & 551.076)

The board president adjourned the board meeting into closed session at 9:06 P.M. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Acts 551.074.

The board returned to open session at 9:26 P.M.

Wes Chandler made the motion to hire Amy Matter, Jenny Stanaland, and Sydney Harris for the elementary positions on a 1 year probationary contract.

Jerry Shaw made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

Russell O'Dell made a motion to hire Jennifer Weems for the Middle School position on a 1 year probationary contract.

Michael Hammer made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

17. Adjourn

The board president adjourned the meeting at 9:29 P.M.

Bart Reneau, Board President

Michael Hammer, Board Secretary