

GARRISON ISD BOARD MINUTES

Thursday, July 17, 2008

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 7:02 p.m. A quorum was present and due notice had been mailed and published. Kerry Beard, Mike Hammer, Billy Cooper, Mike Bradshaw, Russell O'Dell, Tommy Dees and Bart Reneau were present.

2. Invocation –

President Bart Reneau called on Russell O'Dell to lead in prayer.

3. Comments from the Public –

There were a total of six individuals that signed up for open form. President Bart Reneau read an Open Forum announcement outlining the policy pertaining to open forum. Each individual would be allowed a total of 5 minutes to address the board with their concern.

Mike Bradshaw was the first to speak. He stressed the importance of maintaining a good relationship with the Superintendent. Mr. Bradshaw went on to commend Mr. Kelley for all his accomplishments as an Administrator of GISD.

Paul Jopling spoke to the board on the possibility of a tax increase or a rollback election. Mr. Jopling stated that as concerned citizens, they ask the Board of Trustees to wait and see the outcome of the next legislative session before raising the tax rates or placing a tax rollback election on the ballot.

Judy Stoddard spoke to the board on Mr. Kelley's behalf as seen through her eyes. She has known Mr. Kelley and his family since they moved into the area and had only good things to say about him. She encouraged everyone to be more supportive.

Darrell Pollard then addressed the board with the concern of building plans and/or renovations for GISD. Mr. Pollard stated that there was a real need for the band and girls athletic facilities to be addressed. He ask that the board consider renovating the Multi-Purpose room and make it a band facility. Mr. Pollard stated that the board had addressed the salary needs of the personnel and challenged them to take care of the needs of the students.

Olan Woodard addressed the board concerning the Construction at Risk Manager, J.E. Kingham. Mr. Woodard asked that the Board of Trustees take the appropriate action to remove Kingham as Construction Manager at Risk on record. Mr. Woodard then pointed out that the appointment of Kingham Construction was what has led to so much public mistrust of Mr. Kelley and his ability to manage our school.

Terry Chandler was the last person to address the board. Mr. Chandler expressed to the board that is was time for the Board of Trustees to take a close look at the duties and responsibilities that have been delegated to the Superintendent. Mr. Chandler stated that the community wants the Board to have more of the responsibility of the bid process on goods and services and would like

to see the board reinstate their authority to hire and fire non-contractual employees. Mr. Chandler felt this would reduce the possibility of undo influence by the Superintendent and would be one way to help regain the trust between the community and the leadership of our school.

4. Approval of Minutes from June 19, 2008

Kerry Beard made a motion to approve the June 19, 2008 minutes. Mike Hammer made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

5. Bills and Accounts-

The bills and accounts for June 2008 were reviewed. It was noted that GISD had just now received the billing for the football helmets as well as the band uniforms. Also noted was that the computer server for the whole district had been updated. Mrs. Stanaland also explained some charges from The Daily Sentinel on a teacher ad and custodial ad that the school had placed with their paper.

6. Budget Report-

Carol Stanaland supplied the board with a monthly budget report for their review. Mr. Kelley noted that the Board would need to set up dates for a budget workshop later on in the meeting.

*Board President, Bart Reneau, requested to move item 20 up on the agenda as he felt there were a lot of people present that were interested in that item.

The board president adjourned the board meeting into closed session at 7:34 P.M. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Acts 551.074. The Board returned to Open Session at 9:04 P.M.

20. Russell O'Dell made a motion to accept the resignation of Mark Brown. Kerry Beard made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Russell O'Dell made a motion to accept the resignation of Dempsey Compton. Tommy Dees made a second to the motion. The vote was 5-1. Randy Crawford cast the dissenting vote.

Russell O'Dell made the motion to accept the resignation of Brandi Edwards but noted that if her health allowed she can reapply for her position. Randy Crawford made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Randy Crawford made the motion to hire Holly Secrest as 6th grade ELA and Darell Williams as teacher/coach. Billy Cooper made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

President, Bart Reneau, explained the agenda item concerning the superintendent's employment with the district. He read a written statement where he expressed the desire to work as a team. Tommy Dees, Board Secretary, also made a statement that there was no justification to ask for the resignation of the Superintendent.

Tommy Dees made a motion to show a vote of confidence in Mr. Kelley as Superintendent. Mike Hammer made a second to the motion. The vote was 5-0 with 2 abstaining. Those abstaining were Russell O'Dell and Billy Cooper.

7. Quarterly Delinquent Tax Report-

Mr. Kelley and Mrs. Stanaland updated the board on the quarterly delinquent tax report.

8. Superintendent's Report- Mr. Kelley gave the superintendent's report.

- Summer Maintenance- Mr. Kelley noted that the summer maintenance program was progressing nicely. The floors should be finished this week by D & C out of Carthage, and they look nice. Mr. Pitts has been busy getting all rooms ready for school.

9. Auditor-

Mr. Kelley recommended Halls, Johnson, McLemore, Redfield, and Rodrigues, LLP, to audit the 2007-2008 school year at a cost of \$8,250.00. Russell O'Dell made a motion to use Halls, Johnson, McLemore, Redfield and Rodrigues, LLP as the 07-08 auditors. Billy Cooper made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

10. Acknowledgment and Approval of 08-09 Lunch Policy

Mr. Kelley presented the Board with a .25 price increase across the board for PK-Adult lunch prices for the 08-09 school year. This price increase would result in approximately \$44.25 per parent for each child for the year if the child ate a Type A lunch every day.

Tommy Dees made a motion to increase cafeteria prices by .25 PK-Adult for the 08-09 school year. Mike Hammer made a second to the motion. The vote was 4-2 with Randy Crawford and Russell O'Dell casting the dissenting votes.

11. Fuel and Milk Proposals-

Mr. Kelley reviewed the fuel prices from the Morgan Oil and Denny Oil proposals. It was noted rack price for Morgan Oil was .14 above and Denny Oil's was .10 above. It was Mr. Kelley's recommendation that we accept the Denny Oil proposal at .10 above for the 08-09 school year. Mike Hammer made a motion to accept Denny Oil as the provider of fuel for the 08-09 school year at .10 above. Tommy Dees made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Kelley then reviewed the milk proposals from Borden and Foremost. Foremost was the lowest bidder and it was his recommendation to go with Foremost for the 08-09 school year at the escalator price of .28 for milk products.

Randy Crawford made the motion to accept the Foremost proposal at the escalator price of .28 for the 08-09 school year. Russell O'Dell made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

12. Cleaning Service Proposals

Mr. Kelley informed the board that 2 proposals had been received in regards to the cleaning services of GISD. D & C Cleaning out of Carthage for \$13,583.21 a month and CB Cleaning out of Nacogdoches for \$9,121.65 a month. Mr. Kelley also asked the board to consider leaving Linda Cook and Katherine Gipson on staff during the day as they would handle the Annex, Ag Shop, Bus Barn, and Cafeteria.

It was Mr. Kelley's recommendation to contract the custodial services of CB Cleaning for the 08-09 school year and that at the end of that year their services could be reevaluated.

Bart Reneau made a motion to accept the contract for custodial services with CB Cleaning for the \$9,121.65 a month. Mike Hammer made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

13. Property/Casualty Insurance Coverage-

Mr. Kelley explained the recommended coverage for property and casualty insurance through Texas Association of Public Schools and Workers Comp. Insurance Coverage through TASB. It was Mr. Kelley's recommendation that we continue to provide property/casualty insurance through Texas Association of Public Schools and Worker's comp. through TASB. Kerry Beard made a motion to accept Mr. Kelley's recommendation of Texas Association of Public Schools for property and casualty insurance and TASB for worker's comp. insurance. Rusty Crawford made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

14. Set Date for Budget Workshop

Upon request from Mr. O'Dell, the Board agreed to 4 meetings during the month of August in order to adopt a proposed budget and tax rate for the 08-09 school year. The dates agreed on were as follows:

August 5, 2008 Budget Workshop
August 7, 2008 Called Meeting to set proposed tax rate
August 21, 2008 Regular Meeting
August 28, 2008 Public Hearing and a Called Meeting to adopt the 08-09 Budget and Tax Rate

15. Transportation Report-

Mr. Kelley provided the Board with the Transportation Report. Tommy Dees made a motion to accept the transportation report as presented to the Board by Mr. Kelley. Billy Cooper made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

16. Campus Handbooks and Code of Conduct-

In Mr. Webb's absence, Mr. Metcalf, Middle School Principal, presented both the High School and Middle School changes to their handbook. The changes included lunch drop offs, steroid use, immunizations, bullying, and dating violence, discrimination, harassment, and retaliation and cell phones. Randy Crawford recommended that parent notification on the 3rd offense should be added. Mrs. McKnight also presented her handbook with minimal changes. With that addition being made, Billy Cooper made the motion to accept the 08-09 campus handbook and code of conduct changes as presented. Russell O'Dell made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

17. Transfer Report

Mr. Kelley reported to the Board 08-09 transfer numbers. There were 21 who applied to transfer to the District. Of those 21, 18 were approved and entered into the system. As of now, we are in compliance. We will bring an updated report back to the August meeting as the numbers will change once all other schools enter their transfers for the 08-09 year.

18. TASB Localized Policy Update 83

Vantage Points had been provided to Board Members during last month's meeting. Mr. Kelley recommended that the Board adopt Update 83 and we will notify TASB of the Corporal Punishment will not be administered by GISD unless there is parental permission. Russell O'Dell made a motion to adopt Update 83 with the understanding that TASB will be notified concerning the corporal punishment with parental punishment addition. Randy Crawford made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

19. Budget Amendment

Mr. Kelley and Mrs. Stanaland explained the budget amendment of \$25,000.00 for technology. Kerry Beard made a motion to accept the budget amendment of \$25,000.00 as presented. Tommy Dees made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

22. Adjourn –

The board president adjourned the meeting at 10:51 P.M.

Bart Reneau, Board President

Tommy Dees, Board Secretary