

GARRISON ISD BOARD MINUTES

**Thursday, August 21, 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 7:00 P.M. A quorum was present and due notice had been mailed and published. Kerry Beard, Mike Hammer, Russell O'Dell, Randy Crawford, Bart Reneau, and Billy Cooper were present. Tommy Dees was absent.

2. Invocation –

Kerry Beard led in prayer.

3. Comments from the Public –

No one signed up for open forum.

4. Approval of Minutes from July 17, 2008 -

Randy Crawford made a motion to approve the July 17, 2008 minutes with the change stating that Randy Crawford was present. Billy Cooper made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mike Hammer made a motion to approve the called meeting minutes of August 5, 2008 minutes. Russell O'Dell made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Billy Cooper made a motion to approve the called meeting minutes of August 7, 2008. Mike Hammer made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous with Randy Crawford abstaining due to absence.

5. Bills and Accounts-

The bills and accounts for July 2008 were reviewed.

6. Budget Report-

Carol Stanaland explained the budget report and noted to the board that this was the last month of the school's fiscal year.

7. Investment Report – Annual & Quarterly

Mr. Kelley and Carol Stanaland provided an update on the investments for GISD.

Mrs. Stanaland called the board's attention to a correction that needed to be made. This concerned the Lone Star Investment and should read 2.42% instead of 2.52% as shown. She will make the correction and it will be noted in the minutes.

8. Investment Policy Review Resolution

Mrs. Stanaland explained that these are standard TASB regulations and our Local Policy is much more conservative than most other schools in our area. Mike Hammer made the motion to accept the Investment Policy Resolutions as presented. Kerry Beard made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

9. Donations to Garrison ISD

Kerry Beard made a motion to accept the donation as presented. Randy Crawford made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

10. Consideration and Approval of the FIRST Rating System-

During the Public Hearing held on August 7, 2008 the board was given the FIRST Rating System information. At this time Randy Crawford requested the information be presented again due to the fact that he was not in attendance. After a brief explanation from Carol Stanaland concerning the FIRST Rating, Russell O’Dell made a motion to accept the FIRST Rating Report as presented to the Board. Billy Cooper made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

11. Principals Report

Elementary Principal, Lisa McKnight, reported a projected enrollment of 318 students to start the new year. The Elementary campus hosted Meet the Teacher from 4:00 to 6:00 before the scheduled board meeting and reported a large turnout.

Middle School Principal, Allan Metcalf, reported a projected enrollment of 148 students for the new year. His numbers were down from last year because the incoming 6th grade class is a small one. He commended Mrs. Terri Hooper for her job in setting up Teacher training during the past week and feels that all teachers have definitely been trained to meet our schools needs.

High School Principal, Darren Webb, reported an enrollment of approximately 206 students to start the new year. Mr. Webb also commended Mrs. Hooper for a job well done. He felt that the in-service training our teachers received was extremely beneficial. During next month’s meeting, Mr. Webb will bring to the board 2 amendments that will need to be added to the handbook which will include a Welding course and Honors English IV.

12. Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Kelley reported to the board the following information:

Update on Summer Maintenance-The buildings are ready and CB Cleaning will be coming in August 22, 2008 to clean both gyms and other areas. They will begin full time on Monday the 25th. Coach Williams and Coach Allen had approached Mr. Kelley about the dressing rooms in the high school gym. They have power washed the walls and requested having the dressing rooms painted. Mr. Kelley took the liberty of calling Slaughter & Sons out of Lufkin to come in and give a price on painting the dressing rooms. A price of \$7,889.00 was quoted to paint the dressing rooms. While here, Mr. Kelley asked Slaughter & Sons to give him a price on painting the high school gym. It was quoted at \$9,266.70 to paint up to the black ceiling. The board authorized Mr. Kelley to contact Slaughter & Sons Painting to schedule painting of the dressing rooms and also the high school gym. Mr. Kelley explained that the roof on the Primary building was leaking and had asked Reneau Roofing to inspect the roof. Reneau Roofing indicated the roof needed repair and would cost approximately \$4,500.00. Mr. Kelley is to get three proposals, contact board members in regards to these proposals, and select a company to fix the Primary roof.

September and October Board Meetings-

The board was in agreement to move the September board meeting to September 22, 2008 and the October board meeting to October 13, 2008. These meetings are traditionally moved to accommodate the football season.

Board Training-

Mr. Kelley would like to host a Board Training on Board Governance and Relations. The board consented to have school attorney Kelly Karczewski come in and conduct this training on September 15, 2008. Other schools will be asked to participate in order to share the cost.

13. Campus Accountability Ratings

Terri Hooper, Director of Instruction, was on hand to review our campus Accountability Ratings. Mrs. Hooper assured the board that our year is off to a great start. All teachers and staff were reported to be starting on a high note! She stated that Garrison is a great place to be. The High School earned an Acceptable Rating, The Middle School and Elementary Campuses earned a Recognized Rating! We are showing growth in all areas and all campuses are shooting for the Exemplary Rating for the upcoming school year.

14. Annual Purchasing Coop Report

Mrs. Stanaland explained that this is a new report we are required to do. She explained how the purchasing coops worked. She assured the board that this purchasing coop is a no lose situation. Mike Hammer made the motion to approve the annual purchasing coop report as presented. Russell O'Dell made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

15. Resolution to Join Purchasing Coops

Randy Crawford made the motion to accept The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS), the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) and the U. S. Communities as part of our purchasing coops. Billy Cooper made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

16. Facility Plan/Campus Improvement

It was Mr. Kelley's recommendation to put together a facility committee, establish rules to abide by and set agendas and timelines for GISD improvements. This committee would evaluate all facilities and look at all needs in all areas. Discussion centered around the purpose of the committee, the format, and the outcome. Mr. Kelley asked the board to consider prior to the September board meeting whether they would like the committee to make a hard recommendation, provide a list of recommendations, or give an overview of a facilities once the task is complete. He also stated that in the September meeting he would like the board to approve the committee members, the purpose, and the format. The board also toured the dressing facilities and high school gym.

17. Fund Balance Designation

Mr. Kelley and Mrs. Stanaland presented the fund balance designation. Randy Crawford made a motion to accept the fund balance designation as presented. Russell O'Dell made a second to the motion. The vote was unanimous.

18. Budget Amendments

There were no budget amendments for this month.

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 Act 551.074 and 551.072.

19. Superintendent Recommendations regarding professional personnel (Tex. Gov't Code §551.074 and §551.072)

The board returned to open session at 9:44 P.M.

There was no further business to be reported

20. Adjourn –

The board president adjourned the meeting at 9:44 P.M.

Bart Reneau, Board President

Tommy Dees, Board Secretary