

GARRISON ISD BOARD MINUTES
Thursday, August 7, 2008
Called Board Meeting – 12:00 P.M.
High School Building – Multi-Purpose Room

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum –

President Bart Reneau called the meeting to order at 12:20 P.M. A quorum was present and due notice had been mailed and published. Bart Reneau, Tommy Dees, Kerry Beard, Billy Cooper, Mike Hammer, Russell O'Dell and Carol Stanaland were present. Randy Crawford was absent.

2. Invocation –

Russell O'Dell led in prayer.

3. Set Proposed Tax Rate for 2008-2009

After discussion ranging from a budget surplus in years past to the need to purchase a new bus and suburban, Russell O'Dell thought it would be symbolic to the tax payers to leave the tax rate at the current rate and hope the Legislature improves school funding in the upcoming session.

Kerry Beard reminded the board that in prior board meetings the need to increase the tax rate had been discussed in order to fund the salary increases and teacher/extra-curricular stipends. Mr. Kelley informed the board that he felt that there was very little surplus in the budget other than those increases noted. He also felt that school finance was not a top priority in the upcoming session and to wait on the Legislature to increase school funding would be futile.

Kerry Beard then made a motion to set the 08-09 proposed tax rate at 1.022 M & O and .04796 I & S for a total of 1.06996. This is a proposed increase of .01426 in the 08-09 budget.

Mike Hammer made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

4. Discussion with Kingham Construction regarding CM at Risk

Board President, Bart Reneau informed the board that Kingham Construction had chosen not to attend this meeting as they had met Monday night with a group of tax payers. Mike Hammer, Randy Crawford and Bart Reneau were present at the public meeting and Bart Reneau reported that he thought it went well. Russell O'Dell commented that since GISD did not have a building project planned, he felt there was no need to have a construction manager.

Russell O'Dell then made a motion to remove Kingham Construction as CM at Risk for GISD. The motion died for lack of a second.

Bart Reneau then informed the board that there would be discussion of building projects during the August 21, 2008 regular board meeting. He assured everyone that the Board, as well as Mr. Kelley, would welcome all ideas concerning this issue.

The board president adjourned the board meeting into closed session at 12:52 P.M. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Acts 551.074. The board returned to open session 1:22 P.M.

There being no action needed from closed session, the meeting was adjourned.

5. Adjourn –

The board president adjourned the meeting at 1:23 P.M.

Bart Reneau, President

Tommy Dees, Secretary