

GARRISON ISD BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, September 20, 2011
Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 P.M.
High School Building – Multi-Purpose Room

Public Hearing 6:45

Regular Board Meeting 7:00 P.M.

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. Billy Cooper, Russell O'Dell, Olan Woodard, Jr., Paul Jopling, Lane Barton, and Mike Hammer were present.

2. Invocation –

Billy Cooper led in prayer.

3. Comments from the Public –

No one signed up to speak in open forum.

4. Student Recognition -

President Bart Reneau moved agenda item #4 in order to accommodate the arrival of Ms. Powers as she was in attendance at a FFA leadership event.

5. Receive and Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings –

Minutes from the August 25, 2011 were reviewed by the board.

Lane Barton made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 25, 2011 meeting as presented. Olan Woodard, Jr. made a second to the motion.

The vote was 4-0 with Michael Hammer, Bart Reneau, and Billy Cooper abstaining due to absence.

6. Bills and Accounts for August 2011 –

The bills and accounts for August 2011 were reviewed.

7. Budget Report –

Mr. Webb supplied the board with a monthly budget report for their review.

8. State Funding Report -

The Board reviewed the State Funding report which is provided quarterly.

9. Principal Reports –

Ms. McKnight reported an enrollment of 362, with an ADA of 97%.

The elementary has added a new reading program called “Read Naturally” to their tier 2 reading and they are expecting great results from this new program.

Mrs. McKnight reported that the elementary is working to improve their RTI (Response to Intervention) program. She also reported that Sept. 30th would be the end of the first six weeks and there will be early release on both the 30th and October 14th for fair day.

Mr. Metcalf reported the Middle School having an enrollment of 169, with an ADA of 97.8%. He reported that GMS students are in the fifth week of the first six week grading period. Teachers are finishing up assessment tests and some diagnostic testing in the computer lab. They are analyzing this and other data to get students help in their diagnosed weak areas. Mrs. French, in the high school, is tutoring GMS students in math and reading. MS has also implemented a 48 minute tutorial period for all seventh graders and some eighth grade students.

GMS football is underway and the teams have had one scrimmage and one game so far.

Cheerleaders are practicing hard getting ready for games and two upcoming competitions. Mr.

Metcalf also noted that “Meet You At The Pole” will be at 7:10 a.m. on September 28th out at the football field.

Mr. Bernard reported high school had an enrollment of 201 with an ADA of 98.1%. The students are working hard and doing a good job in the classroom and everyone is extremely proud of the football teams, band, cheerleaders, twirlers, and cross-country teams as they work hard week in and week out. He also noted that school pictures will be taken on September 28th.

Total enrollment for the District was 732.

10. Adoption of FIRST Rating –

The FIRST Financial Rating was presented during the Public Meeting.

Michael Hammer made a motion to approve the FIRST Financial Rating as presented.

Billy Cooper made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

11. Texas District Safety Audit Report -

Mr. Webb provided the board with a copy of the Districts Safety Audit Report.

12. Donations –

Paul Jopling made a motion to accept donations as presented.

Russell O’Dell made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

13. Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Webb reported that the buildings were pretty much completed with just a couple of little things that needed attention before being released. Painting, changing out some hinges, and replacing a light switch were a few things being finished up.

The new custodial team is in place and all have been pleased with their efforts. Mr. Webb reported that we were having to buy some custodial items and would look at the possibility of purchase a dry-vac in the future. He also reported that he has hired an individual to come in and varnish all hallways and foyer for a price of \$600.00.

There is a possibility of having some dirt work done by the new girls facility to prevent the dirt from washing onto the sidewalk. Plans to cut it back to the fence and have it run to the drains have been discussed and a quote for this plus asphalt has been estimated from \$10,000 to \$12,000.

14. Completion of Ballot for the Rusk County Appraisal District Board of Directors –

Russell O’Dell made a motion to nominate the 5 current directors as presented by Rusk County to serve another term.

Paul Jopling made a second to the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

15. Budget Amendments

There were no budget amendments at this time.

16. Superintendent Recommendations Regarding Professional Personnel Tex. Gov't Code §551.074, §551.071, §551.082, and §551.082.1

The board president adjourned the board meeting into closed session at 8:05 P.M. pursuant to the following sections of the Texas Open Meetings Acts §551.074, §551.071, §551.082, and §551.082.1

The board returned to open session at 8:37 P.M.

There were no motions or action needed.

17. Adjourn –

The board president adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Bart Reneau, President

Mike Hammer, Secretary