

# August Agenda Special Meeting of Trustees

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District #35 has been scheduled for **Thursday, August 25, 2005 at 6:00 pm** at the Gallatin Gateway School Multipurpose room.

## **Call to Order**

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

Presiding Trustee's explanation of procedures to be followed for addressing the Board – (GGS Policy #1441)

**Public Comment- Non Agenda Items-** Public Comment- Sign in sheet- (GGS Policy #1441)

## **Finance**

Warrants

## **Superintendent's Report**

## **New Business**

### **\*Public Relations**

Discretionary Nonresident Student Attendance Agreements (GGS Policy #3141)

Goal Setting--Monday, September 12, 2005

Emergency Calling Tree—GGS Policy #6121 P1-revision

Daily Operations—GGS Policy #6121 P2- revision

2005-2006 Crisis Manual

Discussion of Athletic Participation Requirements

2005-2006 Athletic Handbook

### **\*Academics**

2005-2006 Parent-Student Handbook

2005-2006 Bus Rider Manual

### **\*Personnel**

Bus Driver Wages

Hire Bus Driver

Bus Driver Substitutes- Charlie Nyman & Nora Martin

Classified 2005-2006 Contracts

- Kelly Cashell (GGS Job Description Clas-003 & Clas-006)
- Darci Giffin (GGS Job Description Clas-003 & Clas-006)
- Chon NeVille (GGS Job Description Clas-003 & Clas-006)

Appointments: Title X- Homeless Liaison-Liz McGoff      Title IX- Equal Opportunity- Tom Vanderbeck

Title VI -Tom Vanderbeck

504 Coordinator- Kim DeBruycker

Gallatin-Madison Cooperative Representative- Kim DeBruycker

ADA- Title II- Liz McGoff

2005-2006 Employee Reference & Forms Manual

## **Adjournment**

**Special Meeting, Board of Trustees, Gallatin Gateway School District #35**

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Open Session

**DATE:** August 25, 2005

**TIME:** 6:00 PM

**PLACE:** Gallatin Gateway School Title I Room

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Erik Yager ,Chair  
Helen Zinner, Vice Chair  
Jess Holloway  
Alec Nisbet

**MEMBERS**

**ABSENT:** Cheryl Thiem

**STAFF**

**PRESENT:** Kim DeBruycker, Superintendent, Carrie Fisher, Clerk; and Scott Vollmer, Teacher

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Heidi Hart and Bob Naert

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chair Erik Yager.

Trustee Erik Yager explained the public comment process to be followed for addressing the Board in accordance with Gallatin Gateway School Policy #1441. He stated that prior to a vote the public may comment on agenda items. At the end of the meeting there will be time for public comment on non-agenda items. Public comment periods are not intended to be a question and answer session and may not include discussions of performance, evaluations or anything that may infringe on any persons right to privacy.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**FINANCE**

A motion was made by Trustee Alec Nisbet to approve warrants (#25029-25059-- Void #25041). The motion was seconded by Trustee Jess Holloway. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Kim DeBruycker did not have information to report to the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Superintendent DeBruycker recommended the acceptance of the following out-of-district attendance agreement for the 2005-2006 academic year:

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Home School District</b>	<b>Tuition Amount</b>	<b>Attendance Status</b>
K	Monforton	\$ 150.00	New

Trustee Alec Nisbet made a motion to accept the out-of-district attendance agreement for one student from Monforton District. Trustee Jess Holloway seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board recognized the special meeting on Monday, September 12, 2005 at 6:00 pm for goal setting and the regular meeting will follow at 7:00 pm.

Trustee Alec Nisbet made a motion to adopt revisions to GGS Policy #6121 P1- Emergency Calling Tree. Vice Chair Helen Zinner seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Jess Holloway made a motion to adopt revisions to GGS Policy #6121 P2- Daily Operations. Trustee Alec Nisbet seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Helen Zinner made a motion to adopt the 2005-2006 Crisis Manual. Trustee Jess Holloway seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the requirements for athletic participation at Gallatin Gateway School. The discussion involved the participation of home school students in all athletic programs at Gallatin Gateway School.

*Public Comment:* Scott Vollmer stated as the boys' and girls' basketball coach he is conflicted on the issue because he would like as many kids to participate as possible. However, he realizes that for many parents who have students enrolled at Gallatin Gateway School, playing time becomes an issue when he plays home school students more than others. He explained that he would discuss his coaching strategies with any concerned parents and he believes in his coaching decisions and will stand behind them. He continued by stating that the Board must consider the opportunity to have students that are entirely home schooled participate in sports and continue for them to have a relationship with the school versus not having any relationship with the school if they are not allowed to participate. He suggested that the Board continue to allow home school students to participate if the number of athletic participants through enrolled students remains low because there is currently space on the Gallatin Gateway School teams for home school students. Bob Naert stated that likes to see his home school kids play sports at Gallatin Gateway School and he explained that he pays as in much taxes as families that have students enrolled and his family helps pay their way with volunteerism within the athletic program. Scott Vollmer noted that parents that have home school students participating do tend to help out more than many parents of Gallatin Gateway School students. Trustee Alec Nisbet stated that he has concerns bringing home school students into the school for sports versus academics. Scott Vollmer stated that there is more of a need for home school student participation in the upper grades versus the lower grades. He also noted that if Gallatin Gateway School wants to be competitive they need the home school participation to increase numbers versus just fielding a team with the minimum number of players. Trustee Alec Nisbet stated that he was not sure if the school would discourage home school families if the Board required part-time enrollment to participate in athletic programs. Vice Chair Helen Zinner stated that she would like to see at least quarter-time enrollment for participation in athletics. Trustee Jess Holloway explained that he is torn on the issue because he would like to see as many kids in the school as possible, but he feels the priority needs to be academics. Scott Vollmer stated that he was not sure if requiring part-time attendance would discourage students or bring them into the mix for a couple of periods a day. Bob Naert stated that home school students attending part-time end up coming to school for almost half of the day. Scott Vollmer suggested the Board review each home school request prior to each season and make a determination when there is more information about participation numbers for each sport.

Trustee Alec Nisbet made a motion to adopt the 2005-2006 Athletic Handbook adding the words "The player and parents must appear at the Board meeting prior to the beginning of each sport" on page three of the

handbook under “Athletes living in the Gallatin Gateway School District #35 not enrolled in Gallatin Gateway School”. Trustee Jess Holloway seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, and Yager and. Opposed: Zinner. Motion passed 3-1.

## ACADEMICS

Trustee Jess Holloway made a motion to adopt the 2005-2006 Parent-Student Handbook. Vice Chair Helen Zinner seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Chair Erik Yager recessed the meeting at 6:45 pm. The meeting reconvened at 6:51 pm.

The adoption of the 2005-2006 Bus Rider’s Manual will be added to the agenda for the September 12, 2005 Board meeting.

*Public Comment:* Heidi Hart stated that she would like to see a procedure in the manual for students who are being hurt on the bus. She stated that students need to know what course of action to take on the bus if they are being hurt by another student. Scott Vollmer explained that Gallatin Gateway School has an MBI lesson that are taught in every classroom about how to report Peer Behavior to adults in charge. Heidi Hart noted that she would like the procedure included in the manual for parents to review with their children. Vice Chair Erik Yager stated that he would like the language in the manual before it is handed out to students.

## PERSONNEL

Trustee Jess Holloway made a motion to set the wages for the bus driver position at \$10/hour with an \$800 year end stipend if the individual continues employment until June 7, 2005. Trustee Alec Nisbet seconded the motion For: Holloway, Nisbet, and Yager. Opposed: Zinner. Motion passed 3-1.

Vice Chair Helen Zinner made a motion to hire Gary Jones as the Bus Driver for \$10/hour with an \$800 year end prorated bonus from the start of employment; contingent upon the completion of certification/licensing requirements, pre-employment drug test and background/fingerprinting check. Trustee Jess Holloway seconded the motion For: Holloway, Nisbet, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Alec Nisbet made a motion to offer classified contracts to Darci Giffin, Kelly Cashell, and Chon NeVille for the Aide/Secretary position for \$10/hour; not more than 40 hours/week. Trustee Jess Holloway seconded the motion For: Holloway, Nisbet, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Jess Holloway made a motion for the following appointments:

Title X- Homeless Liaison- Liz McGoff

Title IX- Equal Opportunity- Tom Vanderbeck

Title VI- Tom Vanderbeck

504 Coordinator- Kim DeBruycker

Gallatin Madison Cooperative Representative- Kim DeBruycker

ADA- Title II- Liz McGoff

Trustee Alec Nisbet seconded the motion For: Holloway, Nisbet, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously

Vice Chair Helen Zinner made a motion to adopt the 2005-2006 Employee Reference & Forms Manual. Trustee Jess Holloway seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Trustee Alec to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Jess Holloway seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Erik Yager, Board Chairman

Carrie Fisher, District Clerk