

December Agenda Regular Meeting of Trustees

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District #35 has been scheduled for **Monday, December 12, 2005 at 7:00 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 & 1420F)

Public Comment- Non Agenda Items- Public Comment- Sign in sheet- (GGS Policy #1441 & #1420F)

Guests

Mrs. Naiman & 6th Grade Students—Yellowstone Trip (GGS Policy #2320)

Minutes

November 14, 2005- regular meeting (GGS Policy #1420 & #1401)

Finance

Warrants (GGS Policy # 7310 & #7326)

Nov. Food Service Report (GGS Policy #8200)

Budget Report FY05-06 (MCA 20-9-213)

Trustees' Financial Summary FY04-05 (MCA 20-9-213)

Superintendent's Report

Old Business

2005-2006 Bus Route (GGS Policy #8100)

New Business

***Public Relations**

School Board Trainings

Report from Boardmanship/School Law Workshop—Vice Chair Zinner, Trustee Nisbet & Trustee Thiem (Dec. 6, 2005) (GGS Policy #1621)

OPI Methamphetamine Workshop- Helena-- Vice Chair Zinner (Dec. 7, 2005) (GGS Policy #1621)

Board Meetings- GGS Policy #1400- revision

Board Teamwork Self-Assessment (GGS Policy #1620P)

Board Thank You's (GGS Policy #4120)

***Academics**

Primary Care Clinic- Schedule (GGS Policy # 5140)

***Personnel**

Resignation—Assistant Cook (GGS Policy #1513)

Hire- Assistant Cook (GGS Policy #1513, #5140 & #5120)

Substitutes- GGS Policy #5314- revision

Adjournment

For more information on agenda items, contact Superintendent Kim DeBruycker, 763-4415 ext. 13 or debruycker@gallatingatewayschool.com. (All policies mentioned in the agenda can be found at www.gallatingatewayschool.com.)

Regular Meeting, Board of Trustees, Gallatin Gateway School District #35

Open Session

DATE: December 12, 2005

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Gallatin Gateway School Multipurpose Room

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Helen Zinner, Vice Chair
Jess Holloway
Alec Nisbet
Cheryl Thiem (arrived at 7:14 pm)

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Erik Yager, Chair

STAFF

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

OTHERS

PRESENT: Ann Prescott and County Commissioner John Vincent

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Vice Chair Helen Zinner.

Vice Chair Helen Zinner explained the public comment process to be followed for addressing the Board in accordance with Gallatin Gateway School Policy #1441. She stated that prior to a vote the public may comment on agenda items. At the beginning of the meeting there is a 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 person's right to privacy.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

County Commissioner John Vincent informed the Board that there is a possibility that speed bumps could be installed in front of the school to ensure traffic moves slowly in the school zone. Mr. Vincent recommended that the Board offer a community meeting regarding the legislative updates. Mr. Vincent stated that he would attend the next Board meeting to update them on the development between the Gateway Exxon Market and the Buffalo Station.

GUESTS

Mrs. Naiman and the sixth grade class were unable to present at this meeting, but will present information to the Board regarding a proposed Yellowstone Park Trip at the January 9, 2006 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Alec Nisbet to approve the minutes for October 10, 2005. Trustee Jess Holloway seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE

A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Thiem to approve warrants (#25372-#25643- Voids- none). The motion was seconded by Trustee Alec Nisbet. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. DeBruycker reviewed the November food service reports with the Board.

The Board recognized the signatures of County Superintendent Mary Ellen Fitzgerald, and County Commissioner William Murdock on the Budget Report for fiscal year 2005-2006.

The Board recognized the signature of County Superintendent Mary Ellen Fitzgerald on the Trustees' Financial Summary for fiscal year 2004-2005.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Kim DeBruycker discussed the following information with the Board: 1) Winter Program- December 21, 2006; 2) Newspapers In Education for 2nd – 5th graders; 3) Board Trainings; 4) 4th Grade Simple Machine Science Fair; 5) 8th Grader bagging Groceries at Town and Country; 6) 4th Recorder Concert; 7) Last Boys' Home Game; 8) Student Council Food Drive; 9) Classroom Holiday Parties; 10) Student Council Cookie Drive for Senior Citizens; 11) Start of Girls' Basketball Season; and 12) Regional Leadership Meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Trustee Jess Holloway to maintain current bus route approved at the October 10, 2005 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cheryl Thiem. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Ms. DeBruycker provided the Board with information discussed at School Law and Boardmanship workshop on December 6, 2005 in Bozeman. Also in attendance were Vice Chair Helen Zinner, Trustee Cheryl Thiem, and Trustee Alec Nisbet.

Vice Chair Helen Zinner provided the Board with information from her attendance at the OPI Methamphetamine workshop in Helena on December 7, 2005. Also in attendance at the workshop were Mr. Tom Vanderbeck, 7th/8th grade teacher and Ms. Kim DeBruycker, Superintendent.

The Board discussed revising GGS Policy #1400- Board Meetings by changing the meeting day each month. The Board made no changes to the policy, but requested that Board packets be made available to Board members on Thursday preceding the meeting rather than Friday to allow them more time to review the materials.

The Board reviewed the results of the Board Teamwork Self-Assessment.

A motion was made by Trustee Jess Holloway to discontinue the practice of sending thank you cards to all community members that provide public comment at Board meetings. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cheryl Thiem. For: Holloway, Thiem, and Zinner. Opposed: Nisbet. Motion passed 3-1.

Public Comment: Ann Prescott agreed that the thank you cards were not an effective means of thanking community members for their comments at meetings. She stated that people, including her, were grateful for the first one, but after receiving several the significance lessened. She noted that the Board should continue to brainstorm ideas for making the public aware that public comments are being heard by the Board and their input is appreciated.

ACADEMICS

Superintendent Kim DeBruycker made a recommendation to the Board to change the operational day of the Primary Care Clinic to Wednesdays for the remainder of the year, rather than Thursday's, due to a scheduling conflict for the Christine Hodgson, Nurse Practitioner.

Trustee Alec Nisbet made a motion to amend the contract of Christine Hodgson, Nurse Practitioner, to reflect the following change: Gallatin Gateway School Primary Care Clinic will operate on Wednesdays for the remainder of the year, beginning January 4, 2006,. Trustee Jess Holloway seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passes unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Trustee Jess Holloway made a motion to approve the resignation of Wendy Hotzel, Assistant Cook. Vice Chair Helen Zinner seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passes unanimously.

Trustee Alec Nisbet made a motion to hire Tev Sanders, Assistant Cook, \$8.00/hour and 15 hours/week, temporarily beginning January 4, 2006, pending final contract approval by the Board at the January 9, 2005 meeting to ensure reference, background and fingerprinting checks are completed adequately. Trustee Cheryl Thiem seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passes unanimously.

Trustee Alec Nisbet made a motion to adopt revisions to GGS Policy #5314- Substitutes. Trustee Jess Holloway seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passes unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Helen Zinner, Board Vice Chair

Carrie Fisher, District Clerk