

February Agenda

Regular Meeting of Trustees

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District #35 has been scheduled for **Monday, February 13, 2006 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)

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

Guests

Student Council and Advisor Mrs. Liz McGoff

Minutes

January 9, 2006- regular meeting (GGS Policy #1420 & #1401)

January 30, 2006-special meeting (GGS Policy #1420 & #1401)

Finance

Warrants (GGS Policy #7310 & #7326)

January Food Service Report (GGS Policy #8200)

AHERA Re-Inspection & Amended Management Plan (\$1200) (GGS Policy #9350)

Spring Enrollment Summary- ANB (GGS Policy # 3121 & #3121P)

***Personnel**

Hire-Substitutes-(GGS Policy #5314)

Hire-Wrestling Coach (GGS Policy #1513, #5140 & 5120)

Hire Track and Field Coach (GGS Policy #1513, #5140 & 5120)

2006-2007 Substitute Wages-for Certified/Classified (GGS Policy #5314)

Job Share – one month request (GGS Policy #1513, #5140 & 5120)

Superintendent's Report

Presentation – 2005-2006 Survey Results (GGS Policy #4000 & #4100)

Old Business

New Business

***Public Relations**

Discretionary Nonresident Student Tuition Rate (2006-2007) (GGS Policy #3141)

March School Board Meeting – set date

***Academics**

Gifted and Talented Education Plan (GGS Policy #2166)

Attendance & Enrollment Policy- GGS Policy #3122- revision

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

Open Session

DATE: February 13, 2006

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Gallatin Gateway School Multipurpose Room

MEMBERS

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

MEMBERS

ABSENT: None

STAFF

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

OTHERS

PRESENT: County Commissioner John Vincent, Shawna Brenner and Diane Calvin

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Board Chair Erik Yager.

Board Chair 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. 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 person's right to privacy.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

County Commissioner John Vincent stated that he was glad about the school hosting a community methamphetamine workshop on February 16, 2006. He noted that this workshop would be the first of its kind in this area and encouraged the Board and community members present to attend the all day workshop on Thursday, February 23, 2006 at the Bozeman Comfort Inn. Mr. Vincent encouraged the Board to support the implementation of the lessons created by OPI for students at Gallatin Gateway School, as they are age appropriate lessons. Mr. Vincent informed the Board that he was working with the Student Council Advisor Liz McGoff to speak to the Student Council about the decision making process of an elected group of individuals. Mr. Vincent concluded his comment to the Board by informing them about the possible subdivision plans near the Exxon Market.

GUESTS

Kasey Thiem of the Student Council told the Board that the Student Council was discussing a community car wash and a community Potato feed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Thiem to approve the minutes for January 9, 2006 with noted changes. Trustee Alec Nisbet seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Jess Holloway to approve the minutes for January 30, 2006. Trustee Helen Zinner seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE

A motion was made by Trustee Alec Nisbet to approve warrants (#25557-#25661- Void-none). The motion was seconded by Trustee Jess Holloway. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. DeBruycker reviewed the January 2006 food service reports with the Board and read a paper that a fourth grade student wrote about the Gallatin Gateway School lunch program.

Public Comment: Mike Coon stated that he eats school lunch everyday- "It's really good!" John Vincent stated that there has been a bill introduced to end free and reduced lunch benefits for students statewide. He noted that there are currently 1655 students in the Gallatin Valley that participate in the free and reduced lunch program.

The Board reviewed a proposal from Terracon regarding AHERA Re-Inspection and Management Plan for asbestos.

Ms. DeBruycker reviewed the 2006 ANB Spring Enrollment summary with the Board.

PERSONNEL

Trustee Alec Nisbet made a motion to hire the following individuals as substitutes for the designated positions:

Classified and Certified Staff Substitutes: Amber Duffin, Collette Duley, Sephani Gandulla and Nicole Singer.

Vice Chair Helen Zinner seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passes unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Jess Holloway to hire Mike Coon as the Wrestling Coach for the 2006 season for a stipend of \$1200. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Helen Zinner. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Jess Holloway to hire Mike Coon as the Wrestling Coach for the 2006 season for a stipend of \$1200. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cheryl Thiem. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Mike Coon stated that it would be very nice to have an outdoor track.

The Board reviewed the current teaching substitute and office substitute wages and did not make any changes for 2006-2007. Wages will remain at \$65 for a full day. Substitutes will receive a minimum of half-day call out pay, which is \$32.50 for four hours or less and \$65.00 for more than four hours. Other substitutes will receive the following compensation:

Office Admin	\$80/day (\$40/half-day)
Kitchen	\$7.50/hour
Bus	\$9.00/hour
Custodian	\$9.00/hour

A motion was made by Trustee Alec Nisbet to hire Raymond Schoor as an aide for \$10 and hour to job share with a current Aide. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cheryl Thiem. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Scott Vollmer stated "He's a great teacher."

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Kim DeBruycker discussed the following information with the Board: 1) School Brochure; 2) Internet Use; 3) Community Letter; 4) 6th Grade Field Trip; 5) Open House; 6) Wellness Training; 7) Autism and Aspergers Conference; 8) Gym Open House & Ribbon Cutting; 9) February 1st- Ski Day 10) Reads Well Conference- Feb. 3rd & 4th; 11) MathCounts Competition; 12) Kitchen Inspection; 13) Intervention Day- Feb. 9th; 14) Human Resource Conference; 15) 4th Grade Symphony; 16) 8th Grade Sweathart Spaghetti Dinner- Feb. 11th; 17) title I Conference- Billings; 18) Meth Conference and Community Workshop; 19) No School- Feb. 20th; 20) 6th Grade Play and Silent Auction- Feb. 24th; 21) 8th Grade Shadow Day; 22) Facility Rentals; 23) BOOSTERS- 1st Tournament; 24) PIE Update- Fundraisers; 25) Adult Education; 26) Pre-School story-time; 27) Kindergarten Roundup- April 21st; 28) School Audit- April 24-27th; 29) Visual Phonics and Emergent Literacy Workshop; 30) CRT & ITBS Testing; 31) Spring Break; 32) Professional Development Summary; 33) Grades 1-3 Basketball-half-time show and 34) 2006 Survey Results Presentation

Public Comment: John Vincent commented that he felt the survey results were unfairly biased and were too negative towards the principal. He stated that most people do not know what the principal/superintendent is supposed to do or actually does in a day and felt that there should be more answers stating "Don't Know." Mr. Vincent also recommended that the Board shorten the surveys in an effort to increase the number of responses. Diann Calvin stated that the parent survey was hard to complete with multiple children with different teachers. Scott Vollmer stated that people are always going to be polarized in their responses no matter what the teachers, Board or principal changes at the school.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

A motion to set the 2006-2007 out-of-district tuition at the estimated state rates of \$443.15 for kindergarten, \$886.30 for grades 1-6 and \$1,135.40 for grades 7-8, waiving all but \$150.00 per family per year or have the district of residence pay the full amount per student was made by Trustee Alec Nisbet and seconded by Trustee Cheryl Thiem. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thompson, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Scott Vollmer noted that Monforton School has a brochure out that states that their school does not charge students out-of-district tuition and commented that he wasn't sure if that would make a difference in their enrollment or not.

Vice Chair Helen Zinner made a motion to hold the regular March 2006 meeting one week early- March 6, 2006 at 7:00 pm. Trustee Alec Nisbet seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passes unanimously.

ACADEMICS

Trustee Alec Nisbet made a motion to approve the Gifted and Talented Plan. Vice Chair Helen Thiem seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passes unanimously.

Trustee Jess Holloway made a motion to adopt revisions to GGS Policy #3122- Attendance & Enrollment Policy. Trustee Jess Holloway seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passes unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Erik Yager, Board Chairman

Carrie Fisher, District Clerk