

July Agenda Regular Meeting of Trustees

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District #35 has been scheduled for Monday, July 10, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Gallatin Gateway School Classroom 106.

(All policies mentioned in the agenda can be found at www.gallatingatewayschool.com.)

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Guests:

MBI Award & Conference Attendees- Carrie Fisher, Paul Griffin, Joanne Heusel, Gary Jones, & Tom Vanderbeck

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

Minutes

May 8, 2006 (regular meeting) (GGS Policy #1420 & #1401)

May 23, 2006 (special committee meeting) (GGS Policy #1420 & #1401)

May 24, 2006 (special committee meeting) (GGS Policy #1420 & #1401)

June 28, 2006 (special committee meeting) (GGS Policy #1420 & #1401)

Finance

Warrants (GGS Policy # 7310 & #7326)

Finance Correction- Coon (GGS Policy #7000 & #7310)

April & May/June Food Service Report (GGS Policy #8230)

Kitchen Inventory (GGS Policy #8200)

Kitchen & Bus Stipends (GGS Policy #5120)

School Property Insurance (GGS Policy #8320)

Snacks (GGS Policy #8200)

Grants (GGS Policy #7210)

Facility Maintenance (GGS Policy #9300)

Personnel

2006-2007 Nursing Contract (GGS Policy # 3410, #4520, & #5120)

2006-2007 City-County Health Department Nursing Contract (GGS Policy #3410, #4520 & #5120)

Negotiations Report (GGS Policy #1130)

Recognition of Superintendent's Contract (GGS Policy #6110)

2006-2007 Classified Contracts/Salaries (GGS Policy #5120 & #5140)

Resignation- Certified (GGS Policy #5120)

Hire- Certified Teaching Staff (GGS Policy #5120)

Hire-Classified Summer Help (GGS Policy #5120)

Hire- Volleyball Coach (GGS Policy #5120)

Hire- Adult Education Coordinator (GGS Policy #5120)

Superintendent's Report

New Business

***Academics**

Request for Kindergarten Enrollment (GGS Policy #3110)

***Community & Public Relations**

School Board Meeting Procedure- GGS Policy #1420- revision

District-Wide Asbestos Program (GGS Policy 9350)

2005-2006 Primary Care Clinic Year-End Report (GGS Policy #3410)

Discretionary Nonresident Student Attendance Agreements (GGS Policy #3141)
August 2006 Board Meeting- move to August 7, 2006 (GGS Policy #1400)

Adjournment

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

Open Session

DATE: July 10, 2006

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Gallatin Gateway School Classroom 106

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Erik Yager, Chair
Jess Holloway, Vice Chair
Alec Nisbet
Nikki Robbins
Cheryl Thiem

MEMBERS

ABSENT: None

STAFF

PRESENT: Kim DeBruycker, Superintendent; Carrie Fisher, Clerk, Mike Coon, Teacher; and Tom Vanderbeck, Teacher.

OTHERS

PRESENT: Barbara Prescott, Amberly Harrell, and Chad Newstrom.

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.

GUESTS

Mr. Tom Vanderbeck and Mrs. Carrie Fisher presented the Board with the "MBI Exemplar School Award" that Gallatin Gateway School received at the MBI Conference June 12-16, 2006 at MSU-Bozeman.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

PERSONNEL

Board Chair Erik Yager moved the agenda item "2006-2007 Nursing Contract" to the beginning of the agenda. Barbara Prescott provided the Board with information about her nursing credentials and experience.

A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Thiem to hire Barbara Prescott as the school nurse every Friday for the entire school year for a wage of \$22/hour as provided for by a donation from the First Presbyterian Church. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jess Holloway. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

ACADEMICS

Board Chair Erik Yager moved the agenda item "Request for Kindergarten Enrollment" to the beginning of the agenda. Ms. DeBruycker provided the Board with test results and a letter from Amberly Harrell petitioning the Board for the enrollment of her daughter Pheonix Canby to the 2006-2007 kindergarten class with a birthdate of September 12, 2001, which is two days after the cut-off date for enrollment into kindergarten.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Jess Holloway to allow Pheonix Canby to enroll in kindergarten for the 2006-2007 school year with a birthdate of September 12, 2001. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nikki Robbins. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Amberlly Harrell stated that there isn't a HeadStart or preschool program available in Gallatin Gateway and that her daughter is ready to start school and willing to learn. She expressed her concern regarding holding her back from school one more year. Chad Newstrom urged the Board not to hold Pheonix back from learning because she was born two days late. He also stated after the Board's enrollment acceptance, "Thank you. You made that little girl's day."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Thiem to approve the minutes from May 8, 2006 (regular meeting), May 23, 2006 (special committee meeting), May 24, 2006 (special committee meeting), and June 28, 2006 special committee meeting). Vice Chair Jess Holloway seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE

A motion was made by Trustee Alec Nisbet to approve warrants (#25970-26163 and void #25793). The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jess Holloway. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board recognized a finance correction for Mike Coon's 2005-2006 contracted salary. Board Chair Erik Yager thanked Ken Mosby, Business Manager and Mike Coon, Teacher for correcting the error.

The Board reviewed the April, May and June Food Service Reports provided by Ms. DeBruycker.

Ms. DeBruycker provided the Board with the 2005-2006 Year End Kitchen Inventory which had a value of \$546.18 for food items (Dry, Freezer and Spices) and \$123.96 in non-food items; totaling \$670.14 in total inventory.

Trustee Nikki Robbins made a motion to award Kristi Goessman, Kitchen Manager, a \$500 stipend for maintaining an acceptable level of inventory for the 2005-2006 school year. Trustee Cheryl Thiem seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Alec Nisbet made a motion to award Gary Jones, Bus Driver, a \$680 stipend for completing a full-year of service beginning October 10, 2005. Trustee Nikki Robbins seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Alec Nisbet made a motion to continue insurance coverage with Western State's Insurance Agency for the amount of \$11,790.00. Trustee Cheryl Thiem seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. DeBruycker presented the Board with a recommendation from the Wellness Committee to provide grades K-3 with fresh snacks from the Gallatin Gateway School full-service Kitchen each day for the 2006-2007 school year. She explained that she has received a \$750 grant to assist in support of the snack program if needed and that the committee was proposing a \$10 fee per semester for each student which would total \$20 per student each year.

Trustee Nikki Robbins made a motion to approve a \$20/year snack fee for each student in grades K-3 for the 2006-2007 school year. Trustee Jess Holloway seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. DeBruycker provided the Board with information regarding grants that have been secured for the 2006-2007 school year which includes:

Grant	Awarded Amount	Designated Use
EIC	\$1000	Technology, Library and 5 th Grade
Fish, Wildlife and Parks	\$2400	PE Grades 4-8 Archery
Dept. of Environmental Quality	\$1152	Technology and 5 th Grade
Gateway Youth Group	\$768	Technology and 5 th Grade
Art	\$4000	K-8 Art
Big Sky Institute	\$1000	4 th Grade Science
Exxon Mobile	\$500	Reading- textbooks
Tolerance Grant	\$1500	Training Counselor/Principal
Wellness Grant	\$750	K-8 Nutrition
Total:	\$13,070	

Ms. DeBruycker informed the Board about facility maintenance occurring during the summer months.

PERSONNEL

Trustee Alec Nisbet made a motion to approve the 2006-2007 Gallatin City-County Health Department School Nursing Agreement for a total amount of \$684.45 for services and \$84.55 for mileage. Vice Chair Jess Holloway seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Chair Erik Yager provided the Board and community with a contract negotiation report. Mr. Yager explained that the committee has “made quite a bit of progress regarding contract language and that Insurance, Evaluations and Salary was still under negotiations.” He stated “bigger issues are still ahead of us and meetings are open to the public-- our next one is on Wednesday.”

Trustee Cheryl Thiem made a motion to recognize the previously approved (March 6, 2006) Superintendent’s contract effective July 1, 2006 for the 2006-2008 years. Board Chair Erik Yager seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Jess Holloway made a motion to offer Kristi Goessman, Kitchen Manager, a contract for the 2006-2007 school year for \$11.30 an hour with a \$500 stipend for a full year of service and a total inventory of \$500 or less. Trustee Nikki Robbins seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Cheryl Thiem made a motion offer Carrie Fisher, District Clerk, a year round contract for \$13.50 an hour, 40 hours each week and up to 20 hours of overtime a month as needed. Trustee Nikki Robbins seconded motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Tom Vanderbeck asked if there has been any historical data regarding overtime put in by District Clerk. Mike Coon stated that the school is lucky with past overtime put in by the Clerk and that the Board should consider that she is training someone new in the office for the 2006-2007 year which takes more time. He also stated that if the District Clerk did not work later than 4:30pm it would have an affect on extra curricular activities and noted that she often stays with the kids after activities and school. Tom Vanderbeck asked if the District Clerk could track her hours and the Board could revisit the issue later if an adjustment to approved overtime needed to be adjusted.

A motion was made by Trustee Nikki Robbins to offer Ken Mosby, Business Manager, a year round contract for \$15.45/hour with a maximum of 24 hours week. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nikki Robbins. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Alec Nisbet to offer Dawn King, Classroom Aide, at contract for the 2006-2007 school year with a maximum of 40 hours a week at \$10.50/hour for 180 days. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jess Holloway. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Jess Holloway to offer Gary Jones, Custodian, a year round contract for \$10.00/hour with a maximum of 10 hours week. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cheryl Thiem. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Jess Holloway to offer Matt Nortum, Network Administrator, a year round contract for \$11.85/hour with a maximum of 20 hours week. The motion was seconded by Trustee Alec Nisbet. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Thiem to offer Gary Jones, Bus Driver, contract the 2006-2007 school year for \$10.75/hour with a maximum of 4 hours day and an \$800 year-end stipend for a full-year of service. The motion was seconded by Trustee Alec Nisbet. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Jess Holloway to accept the resignation of Nicole Naiman and release her from obligations of her contract for 2006-2007. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nikki Robbins. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Alec Nisbet to approve the hire Kelly Kroll for 1.0 FTE for the 2006-2007 school year. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nikki Robbins. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Tom Vanderbeck said that Kelly Kroll has subbed at Gallatin Gateway School a lot. Mike Coon stated that she is a "great sub."

A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Thiem to hire Nicole Anderson, Kali Witte, Rebecca Prescott, Liz Prescott and Melanie Terry for \$7.00 an hour for the summer to inventory and barcode textbooks, calculators and novels and provide a \$100 gift certificate to Tom Vanderbeck for supervising the project. The motion was seconded by Trustee Alec Nisbet. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Hiring of the 2006-2007 Volleyball Coach will be tabled until August meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Thiem to hire Mike Coon, Adult Education Coordinator, for a \$2550 stipend for the 2006-2007 school year. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nikki Robbins. For: Robbins and Thiem, and. Opposed: Holloway, Nisbet, and Yager. Motion fails 2-3.

A motion was made by Trustee Alec Nisbet to hire Mike Coon, Adult Education Coordinator, for a \$2750 stipend for the 2006-2007 school year with the flexibility to re-examine after the Board reviews the year-end report for Adult Education. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jess Holloway. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Kim DeBruycker discussed the following information with the Board: 1) Thank You from Ann Prescott; 2) Advertisement for Enrollment; 3) Swimming Lessons- Thank you sent to Lain Kay; 4) Community Letters from Students; 5) Summary of Summer Work; and 6) Enrollment numbers- Discussion with Board regarding the enrollment numbers as of July 7th in the school and specifically in grades 2nd/3rd – Board discussion and consensus recommended combining grades 2nd and 3rd for the 2006-2007. The Board encouraged Principal DeBruycker to track enrollment through July before making a final decision, but strongly recommended a multiage classroom due the success of the multiage classroom last year.

COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Thiem to adopt revisions to GGS Policy #1420- School Board Meeting Procedure. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jess Holloway. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board recognized the 3-year AHERA Asbestos Re-inspection and Management Plan as presented by Ms. DeBruycker.

The Board reviewed the Primary Care Clinic Year-End Summary of visits which totaled 166 during the 2005-2006 school year.

Superintendent DeBruycker recommended the acceptance of the following eight out-of-district attendance agreements for the 2006-2007 academic year:

Grade	Home School District	Tuition Amount	Attendance Status
3	Bozeman	\$ 150.00	Current
5	Bozeman	\$ 0	Current
8	Bozeman	\$ 0	Current
5	Bozeman	\$ 150.00	New
2	Bozeman	\$ 150.00	Current
K	Bozeman	\$ 0	New
K	Bozeman	\$ 150.00	New
5	Bozeman	\$ 150.00	New

Vice Chair Jess Holloway made a motion to accept the out-of-district attendance agreements for eight students from the Bozeman School District. Trustee Alec Nisbet seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board agreed to hold their August 2006 meeting on Monday, August 7, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Erik Yager, Board Chair

Carrie Fisher, District Clerk