

# **March Agenda**

## **Regular Meeting of Trustees**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District #35 has been scheduled for **Monday, March 6, 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**

February 13, 2006- regular meeting (GGS Policy #1420 & #1401)

### **Finance**

Warrants (GGS Policy #7310 & #7326)

Purchasing- GGS Policy #7320- revision

### **\*Personnel**

Hire-Custodial Help-(GGS Policy #5314)

Superintendent Contract (GGS Policy #5314)

Resignation- Chrissy Donaldson- Classroom Aide (GGS Policy #5314)

Hire- Classroom Aide (GGS Policy #5314)

### **Superintendent's Report**

### **Old Business**

Credit Card Policy and Procedures (GGS Policy #7326)

### **New Business**

#### **\*Public Relations**

May 2006 Election Resolution (GGS Policy #1111)

Set Community Budget Meetings (GGS Policy #7110)

Set Special Meeting Date to Certify Ballot (MCA 13-12-201, 20-20-401 & 15-10-425)

#### **\*Academics**

### **Adjournment**

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

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

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Open Session

**DATE:** March 6, 2006

**TIME:** 7:00 PM

**PLACE:** Gallatin Gateway School Multipurpose Room

### **MEMBERS**

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

### **MEMBERS**

**ABSENT:** Jess Holloway

### **STAFF**

**PRESENT:** Kim DeBruycker, Superintendent; Carrie Fisher, Clerk; Ken Mosby, Business Manager; and Scott Vollmer, Teacher

### **OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Deb Gee, Lain Kay, Diann Calvin, Shawna Brenner, Liz Prescott, Ann Prescott, Dustin Gee, Steve Fisher, Nikki Robbins, Dani Gee, Kyra Fisher, and Devyn Brenner

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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**

Lain Kay expressed concern about not receiving any information regarding the May 2005 election and stated that if the Board wants levies to pass they have to inform the public about what they are voting about prior to the election. She urged the Board to send information to the public for the May 2006 election in the mail to ensure all voters are informed.

### **GUESTS**

Members of the Student Council informed the Board regarding their achievements thus far for 2005-2006 and their future plans for the remainder of the year.

Achievements included: 1) Canned food drive which raised over 1700 pounds of food for the Gallatin Valley Food Bank; 2) Christmas tree in school lobby with decorations made by students; 3) Student Council members delivered cookies to elderly community members; 4) School Spirit week; 5) Guest, County Commissioner John Vincent, spoke at a Student Council meeting; 6) All school fun night collecting items for the Gallatin Valley Human Society.

Future plans include: 1) Gator Tator Feed- April 7, 2006; 2) Community Car Wash and to donate funds to charity; and 3) Student Council members may attend a County Commission Meeting.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Thiem to approve the minutes for February 13, 2006. Trustee Alec Nisbet seconded the motion. For: Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

## **FINANCE**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Helen Zinner to approve warrants (#25662-#25752- Void-none). The motion was seconded by Trustee Cheryl Thiem. For: Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Alec Nisbet to approve revisions to GGS Policy #7320-Purchasing. For: Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

## **PERSONNEL**

A motion was made by Trustee Alec Nisbet to hire Gary Jones as Custodial Help for \$10/hour and a maximum of five hours a week for the remainder of the year. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cheryl Thiem. For: Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A recommendation for Superintendent DeBruycker's rehire was presented to the Board by Alec Nisbet.

A motion was made by Trustee Alec Nisbet to rehire Superintendent DeBruycker, based on a highly positive evaluation, with the following contract revisions:

- a) Rescind all past contracts
- b) Issue a three-year contract (2006, 2007, 2008) with all current benefits
- c) Salary of \$71,000

Trustee Cheryl Thiem seconded the motion. For: Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passes unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Thiem to accept the resignation of Christine Donaldson, Classroom Aide, effective March 3, 2006. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Helen Zinner. For: Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Thiem to hire Joane Housel as a Classroom Aide for \$10/hour and a maximum of 40 hours/week contingent on the completion of a satisfactory reference/background check. Vice Chair Helen Zinner seconded the motion. For: Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passes unanimously.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Ms. Kim DeBruycker discussed the following information with the Board: 1) CRT Testing; 2) ITBS Testing; 3) Attendance Rate; 4) Wrestling Season; 5) Spelling Bee; 6) Vocabulary Contest; 7) 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip- Gallatin Gateway Post Office; 8) Donation of Snacks for Testing- Darigold; 9) 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Play and Silent Auction; and 10) 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spaghetti Dinner.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Trustee Alec Nisbet approve the Gallatin Gateway School District Purchasing Card Policy and Procedure Manual with the addition of the word "Employee" in the last paragraph on page five to read "... Gallatin Gateway School District Employee..." and a requirement for the credit card statement to be in the regular monthly board packet. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cheryl Thiem. For: Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

*Public Comment:* Shawna Brenner clarified the purpose of the card, uses of the card, as well as, who would be using the card for purchases.

## NEW BUSINESS

### COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Trustee Cheryl Thiem made a motion to approve the Trustee Resolution Calling for an Election (attached). Vice Chair Helen Zinner seconded the motion. For: Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passes unanimously.

Ken, Mosby, Business Manager, provided preliminary budget data to the Board for the 2007 school year. The Board scheduled community budget meetings for the following dates and times with mentioned purposes:

**Monday, March 27, 2006- 7pm** to receive community input and discuss the needs for the 2006-2007 school year.

**Thursday, March 30, 2006- 7pm** to discuss the costs associated with the needs identified at the March 27, 2006 meeting and prioritize.

**Monday, April 3, 2006- 7pm** to determine the exact amount of a general fund mill levy, if any, to ask voters to approve on the May 2, 2006 election ballot. Individuals will be able to use the technology lab during this meeting to review the tax impact of the proposed levy amount on their personal taxes.

All Gallatin Gateway School District residents will be sent a postcard invitation in the mail during the week of March 20, 2006 with the community budget meeting dates listed.

*Public Comment:* Lain Kay stated that without a newsletter being printed and mailed, it is difficult to inform voters about the budget meetings and the election.

The Board will certify the ballot for the May 2, 2006 election at the April 3, 2006 meeting. This meeting will serve as the Boards' regular meeting for the month of April.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Erik Yager, Board Chairman

Carrie Fisher, District Clerk