

May Agenda

Regular Meeting of Trustees

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District #35 has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Gallatin Gateway School multipurpose room. (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)

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

Guests:

Mrs. Matthews & 6th Grade- Expedition Yellowstone
Mr. Haxton- 5th Grade Montana History Trip
County Planning Department and Gateway Planning Committee
School Growth Plan-Presenter Nikki Robbins

Recognition of Trustee Thiem & Swear in Trustee- County Superintendent Mary Ellen Fitzgerald
Reorganization of the Board- Clerk Appointment

Minutes

April 1, 2008- special meeting (GGS Policy #1420 & 1401)
April 9, 2008-regular meeting (GGS Policy #1420 & #1401)
April 22, 2008- special meeting (GGS Policy #1420 & #1401)
April 29, 2008- special meeting (GGS Policy #1420 & #1401)

Finance

Warrants (GGS Policy # 7310 & #7326)
Expenditure vs. Budget Report (GGS Policy # 7310 & #7326)
Cash Reconciliation (GGS Policy #7410)
Extra-Curricular Recap and Reconciliation (GGS Policy #7425)
GGS In-Kind Donation- Headstart
GGS In-Kind Donation- GYG
GGS In-Kind Donation- Pony Club
GGS In-Kind Donation- Bozeman Mat Dog Wrestling Club
GGS In-Kind Donation- Tom Cappelletti- 3rd/4th basketball Club

Personnel

2008-2009 Renewal and/or nonrenewal without cause of Certified Staff (GGS Policy #5350, MCA 20-4-205 and 20-4-206)
Hire- Volleyball Coach (08-09)

Superintendent's Report

Old Business

New Business

***Academics**

2008-2009 Kindergarten Calendar (GGS Policy #2100 # 2100P)- new

***Community & Public Relations**

Discretionary Nonresident Student Attendance Agreements (GGS Policy #3141)
GGS Comprehensive Educational Plan 2008-2013
Community Goal Setting- May 19th @ 6:30pm
June 9, 2008- regular meeting & June 30, 2008- special meeting

Adjournment

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

Open Session

DATE: May 7, 2008

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Gallatin Gateway School Multipurpose Room

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Erik Yager, Chair
Jess Holloway, Vice Chair
Cheryl Arnaud
Celia O'Connor
Nikki Robbins

MEMBERS

ABSENT: None

STAFF

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

OTHERS

PRESENT: Anne Millbrooke, Steve Fisher, Kyra Fisher, Dick Shockley, Ann Prescott, Beth Guest, and Jim Robbins

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 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

Anne Millbrook introduced herself to the Board and community members present as a candidate for House District 70. She explained that she is open to feedback from the District and community about what is working, what is not working and any concerns anyone may have.

Ann Prescott encouraged the Board to readdress goal setting after the summer. She stated that she understood the Board tried on two separate occasions to conduct community goal setting, but received little to no attendance at the two meetings. However, she urged the Board to set their own goals because she felt that without goal setting one can not set a course for the school.

GUESTS

Kyra Fisher, fifth grade student, summarized the two day trip taken by the fifth grade class on May 28-29, 2008 to West Yellowstone, Quake Lake and Hebgen Lake. She also included a description of daily learning activities, such as the Quake Lake visitor center, fly-fishing, gold panning, GPS, knife safety, survival skills, river studies, operating a compass, and Grizzly Wolf Discover Center.

Eighth grade homeroom teacher, Mr. Vanderbeck, provided the Board with an update of the 8th grade class trip to Washington, D.C. May 4-8, 2008. Mr. Vanderbeck also shared with the Board a photo album that was given to him by the class that included pictures from the trip and excerpts from student journal entries.

Matt Donnelly from the Sewer District Committee was unable to attend, but Dick Shockley explained the water/sewer concerns of Gallatin Gateway to the Board and noted that the concerns are critical with the mounting growth issues with the dense areas of Gallatin Gateway. Mr. Donnelly is expected to attend the next Board meeting to provide more information on the subject.

Dick Shockley and Christie Francis, both members of the Gallatin Gateway Planning and Steering Committee, thanked the Board and the School Growth Committee for providing them with the school growth plan and information about the school's current condition and how it will be affect by growth within the community. They explained that the community is very concerned about the well being of the school. They presented a letter from the Monforton School Board to its community members addressing the issue of school impact fees. Mr. Shockley and Mrs. Francis explained that there are currently no impact fees for school districts, yet a large amount of growth an have a significant impact on a school district. Therefore, they encouraged the Board to write a letter in agreement with Monforton School District to the County Commissioners. In addition, they encouraged the Board to attend the County Commissioner meeting, most likely in September, where they will address this concern. They explained that the County Commissioners must vote unanimously to approve impact fees for schools, therefore it is important the Board present their concerns and urge them to approve impact fees for school districts. The Board agreed that Board Chair Erik Yager will attend the County Commissioner meeting and represent the Board.

Trustee Nikki Robbins provided the Board with the needs assessment conducted by the School Growth Committee and asked the Board for further direction as to where they would like the committee to focus their efforts. Trustee Robbins presented several options to the Board for school growth such as split the district into two campuses, purchase neighboring land to expand, or abandon current facility and build a new facility on more acreage. The Board stated that they would like the committee to research acquiring more land near current building and expand the current facility. The School Growth Committee will advertise for new members, as the committee is now moving on to phase II and some of the current volunteers would like to be relieved of their duties. An advertisement will be placed in the next school newsletter and Trustee Robbins proposed an August meeting for the committee members of phase II.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Celia O'Connor to approve the minutes for April 1, 2008- special meeting; April 9, 2008- regular meeting; April 22, 2008- special meeting; and April 29, 2008- special meeting. Vice Chair Jess Holloway seconded the motion. For: Arnaud, Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE

A motion was made by Vice Chair Jess Holloway to approve warrants (#28174-#28265). The motion was seconded by Trustee Celia O'Connor. For: Arnaud, Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Jess Holloway to approve the Expenditure vs. Budget Report as of May 4, 2008. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nikki Robbins. For: Arnaud, Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Jess Holloway to approve the Cash Reconciliation Report as of May 5, 2008. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nikki Robbins. For: Arnaud, Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Celia O'Connor to approve the Extra-Curricular Report as of May 5, 2008 with a balance of \$20,465.56. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jess Holloway. For: Arnaud, Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Celia O'Connor to approve the following Gallatin Gateway School In-Kind Donations during the 2007-2008 school year:

Headstart: \$14,069.37

Gateway Youth Group: \$11,972.50

Pony Club: \$300

Bozeman Mat Dog Wrestling Club: \$135

Tom Cappelletti- Gym Use: \$480

Motion was seconded by Trustee Celia O'Connor. For: Arnaud, Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Trustee Nikki Robbins to offer Lorri Brenneman a .75 FTE contract for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jess Holloway. For: Arnaud, Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Nikki Robbins to offer Debra Clark a 1.0 FTE contract for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion was seconded by Trustee Cheryl Arnaud. For: Arnaud, Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Jess Holloway to offer Mike Coon a 1.0 FTE contract for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion was seconded by Trustee Nikki Robbins. For: Arnaud, Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Nikki Robbins to offer Crystal Hansen a 1.0 FTE contract for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion was seconded by Trustee Nikki Robbins. For: Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, and Yager. Opposed: none. Cheryl Arnaud abstained from voting. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Jess Holloway to offer Lauren Harvey a 1.0 FTE contract for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion was seconded by Trustee Cheryl Arnaud. For: Arnaud, Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Jess Holloway to offer Kelly Haskins a 1.0 FTE contract for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion was seconded by Trustee Nikki Robbins. For: Arnaud, Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Celia O'Connor to offer Christopher Haxton a 1.0 FTE contract for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion was seconded by Trustee Nikki Robbins. For: Arnaud, Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Nikki Robbins to offer Joanne Heusel a .689 FTE contract for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jess Holloway. For: Arnaud, Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Celia O'Connor to offer Lori Hicks a .75 FTE contract for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion was seconded by Trustee Nikki Robbins. For: Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, and Yager. Opposed: none. Cheryl Arnaud abstained from voting. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

Deb Clark stated that it would be really nice for the school to have a full-time counselor because there is a lot of need for counseling services by the student body. In addition, Deb Clark noted that it is hard for a part-time employee to make it profitable to drive to work for only a short period of time. Renae Myers noted that extended times would be helpful for the counselor to come into classrooms and provide students with the needed instruction. Board Chair Erik Yager noted that he would like to see the FTE for the counselor increased because parents, families and the school rely on the counselor more and stated that he would like to see the FTE increased to at least .75 FTE. Trustee Nikki Robbins stated that she felt pretty convinced that the District needed to increase the FTE of the counselor, but expressed concern about the costs associated with the increase in FTE.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Jess Holloway to offer Nora Martin a .60 FTE contract for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion was seconded by Trustee Celia O'Connor. For: Arnaud, Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Nikki Robbins to offer Elizabeth Matthews a 1.0 FTE contract for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion was seconded by Trustee Celia O'Connor. For: Arnaud, Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Nikki Robbins to offer Joe Mohr a 1.0 FTE contract for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jess Holloway. For: Arnaud, Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Jess Holloway to offer Renae Myers a 1.0 FTE contract for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion was seconded by Trustee Celia O'Connor. For: Arnaud, Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Jess Holloway to offer Ambure Thorn a 1.0 FTE contract for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion was seconded by Trustee Nikki Robbins. For: Arnaud, Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Jess Holloway to offer Thomas Vanderbeck a 1.0 FTE contract for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion was seconded by Trustee Celia O'Connor. For:

Arnaud, Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Celia O'Connor to Mike Coon as the Volleyball Coach for the 2008-2009 school year for stipend of \$1200. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jess Holloway. For: Arnaud, Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Kim DeBruycker discussed the following information with the Board: 1) Letter to Board- Braden and Hunter Harris; 2) Letter from MSU Para Matt Kellogg; 3) Montana Shakes- May 19th; 4) Base Salary Summary for Area Schools; 5) Talent Show and Art Auction Promotions; 6) Letter from MSU Para Caleb Wofford; 7) Mentor Program; 8) Gallatin County Mill Levy Update; 9) State Election Information; 10) Farm Fair; 11) K-9 Unit Demonstration- Gallatin County Sheriff's Office; 12) 7th Grade Raft Trip- Donation from Geyser Whitewater; 13) Maturation Classes- Grades 5-8; 14) 5th Grade Trip- May 28-29; 15) Kindergarten Graduation- June 3 at 10:30 am; 16) Student Appreciation Day- May 30th; 17) Walk to School- May 30th at 7:30am; 18) 8th Grade Graduation- June 3rd at 6:30pm; 19) Fit Kids Day- May 9th; 20) Last Day of School- June 4th dismissal at 12:15pm; 21) Community Goal Setting- May 19th at 7pm; 22) 8th Grade Washington DC trip- May 4-8; and 23) Maturation Parent Meeting- May 12 at 6pm.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

A motion to approve the 2008-2009 kindergarten calendar with 124 kindergarten days which provides 720 aggregate hours for Gallatin Gateway School to receive full-time funding for the 2008-2209 year and was made by Vice Chair Jess Holloway and seconded by Trustee Celia O'Connor. For: Arnaud, Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Jess Holloway to approve the following out-of-district students for the 2008-2009 school year:

Grade	District	Status	Tuition
6	Belgrade	Current	Waived
3	Belgrade	Current	Waived
3	Belgrade	Current	Waived
4	Belgrade	Current	\$ 150.00
1	Bozeman	New	\$ 150.00
1	Bozeman	Current	\$ 150.00
7	Bozeman	Current	\$ 150.00
2	Bozeman	Current	\$ -
4	Bozeman	Current	\$ 150.00
2	Bozeman	Current	\$ -
1	Bozeman	Current	\$ 150.00
2	Bozeman	Current	\$ 150.00
1	Bozeman	New	\$ 150.00
3	Bozeman	New	\$ -
2	Bozeman	Current	\$ 150.00
7	Cottonwood	Current	\$1,207.40
3	Monforton	Current	\$ 150.00
4	Ophir	Current	\$ 150.00

The motion was seconded by Trustee Celia O'Connor. For: Arnaud, Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Kim DeBruycker reviewed the 2008-2013 Gallatin Gateway School Comprehensive Educational Plan with the Board.

The Board recognized that the Community Goal Setting is scheduled for May 19th at 6:30pm.

The Board recognized that the Board will meet on June 9, 2008 for a regular meeting at 7pm and on June 30, 2008 for a special meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Erik Yager, Board Chairman

Carrie Fisher, District Clerk