

# May Agenda

## Regular Meeting of Trustees

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District #35 has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 30, 2007 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](http://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:**

County Planning Department and Gateway Planning and Steering Committee

Mr. Joe Mohr- Master's Thesis Presentation

Mr. Vanderbeck and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders- Washington DC Trip

### **Minutes**

April 9, 2007-regular meeting (GGS Policy #1420 & #1401)

May 8, 2007- special meeting (GGS Policy #1420 & #1401)

May 9, 2007- special meeting (GGS Policy #1420 & #1401)

### **Finance**

Warrants and Expenditure vs. Budget Report (GGS Policy # 7310 & #7326)

Cash Reconciliation (GGS Policy #7410)

Extra-Curricular Recap and Reconciliation (GGS Policy #7425)

Food Service Report (GGS Policy #8230)

2007-2008 Meal Costs (GGS Policy #8230)

Building Rural Communities Grant- \$2000

### **Personnel**

Resignation of Classified and Certified Staff

2007-2008 Classified Wages & Contracts (GGS Policy #5140)

-Bus Drivers    -District Clerk    -Kitchen Manager    -Secretary    -Business Manager

Hire- Volleyball Coach

Request for Credit Approval- Salary Step-up- Elizabeth Matthews

### **Superintendent's Report**

### **Old Business**

Appoint Negotiation Team (GGS Policy #1130)

### **New Business**

#### **\*Academics**

Request for Kindergarten Enrollment (GGS Policy #3110)

2006-2007 Accreditation Status (MCA 20-7-102)

#### **\*Community & Public Relations**

Discretionary Nonresident Student Attendance Agreements (GGS Policy #3141)

Food Service Inspection

TREMCO Roofing Bid

Resolution No. 2007-054- Abandon Alleyway

### **Adjournment**

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

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Open Session

**DATE:** May 30, 2007

**TIME:** 7:00 PM

**PLACE:** Gallatin Gateway School Library

### **MEMBERS**

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

### **MEMBERS**

**ABSENT:** None

### **STAFF**

**PRESENT:** Kim DeBruycker, Superintendent; Carrie Fisher, Clerk; Mike Coon, Teacher; Joe Mohr, Teacher; Tom Vanderbeck, Teacher; and Elizabeth Matthews, Teacher

### **OTHERS**

**PRESENT:** Warren Vaughn, County Planning Department; Dick Shockley, Gateway Planning and Steering Committee; Lauri Olsen, Russ Olsen, and Kate Nisbet

### **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**

None.

### **GUESTS**

Warren Vaughn from the County Planning Department and Dick Shockley of the Gateway Planning and Steering Committee provided the Board with information regarding the community planning board and informed the Board that the planning process could be about one year before a growth plan would be developed for the Gallatin Gateway Community. In addition, Mr. Vaughn and Mr. Shockley encouraged the Board to send one or more of its members to the community planning meetings that are held the first and third Wednesday's of the month at the community center. Trustee Nikki Robbins stated that she will be attending the meetings on behalf of the Board and will establish a growth plan committee for the District as well.

Mr. Joe Mohr his Master's Thesis "The Emotive Memory of Music: "Academic" Music Education and Its Effect on Phonological and Phonemic Awareness in Emergent Readers".

Mr. Tom Vanderbeck presented the Board stories, pictures and events from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington, D.C. May 13-17, 2007.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Nikki Robbins to approve the minutes for the April 9, 2007 regular meeting; May 8, 2007- special meeting; and May 9, 2007 special meeting. Trustee Celia O'Connor seconded the motion. For: Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

## FINANCE

A motion was made by Trustee Nikki Robbins to approve warrants (#27123-#27161- Void-none). The motion was seconded by Trustee Cheryl Thiem. For: Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Thiem to approve the expenditure vs. budget reports dated April 9, 2007, May 15, 2007 and May 30, 2007. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nikki Robbins. For: Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Celia O'Connor to approve the transfers of expenditures dated March 29, 2007. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nikki Robbins. For: Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Nikki Robbins to approve the extra-curricular account summary with a balance of \$17,565.88 as of May 30, 2007. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jess Holloway. For: Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

The food service report was tabled for a future meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Nikki Robbins to set the adult meal prices for the 2007-2008 year at \$2.00 for an entrée and milk, \$1.00 for vegetable and milk, \$1.00 for fruit and milk or \$2.50 for a complete adult lunch. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jess Holloway. For: Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board recognized the receipt of a \$2000 grant from the Building Rural Communities grant program to support the Salesville Mercantile which was awarded based on the efforts of Mrs. Kelly Haskins, Ms. Kim DeBruycker and Ms. Heide Arneson from the Junior Achievement program.

## PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Thiem to accept the resignations of Cathy Hoffman 1.0 FTE certified, Dawn King, 1 FTE classified and Diann Calvin, hourly classified for the 2007-2008 year. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nikki Robbins. Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, Thiem. and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. DeBruycker recommended that the Board provide a 4% hourly increase to the classified staff including: bus drivers, district clerk, kitchen manager, secretary and business manager for the 2007-2008 year.

A motion was made by Trustee Celia O'Connor to renew the contracts of the following classified employees for the 2007-2008 and provide them with a 4% an hour wage increase:

Jerry Lee	Bus Driver
Gary Jones	Bus Driver
Carrie Fisher	District Clerk
Joanne Heusel	Secretary
Kristi Goessman	Kitchen Manager
Ken Mosby	Business Manager

The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jess Holloway. For: Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, Thiem. and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Jess Holloway made a motion to hire Elizabeth Matthews as the 2007-2008 volleyball coach for stipend of \$1200. Trustee Cheryl Thiem seconded the motion. For: Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

*Public Comment:* Lauri Olsen stated that her daughter had a great year with Mrs. Matthews and that her family would endorse the hiring of Mrs. Matthews as the 2007-2008 volleyball coach. Mr. Coon commented "I think she's awesome."

Trustee Cheryl Thiem made a motion to approve the salary step-up for Mrs. Elizabeth Matthews for the 2007-2008 school year. Trustee Nikki Robbins seconded the motion. For: Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Ms. Kim DeBruycker discussed the following information with the Board: 1) Gallatin to Glacier Middle Grades Mathematics Project- Mr. Coon and Mrs. Matthews; and 2) Letter from Dick Shockley about traffic concerns.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The Board appointed Board Chair Erik Yager, Trustee Celia O'Connor and Trustee Nikki Robbins to represent the Board when negotiating the collective bargaining agreement for the 2007-2008 year. Ms. DeBruycker will contact Elizabeth Kaleva to arrange a time for training.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ACADEMICS**

A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Thiem to accept the enrollment of Lysie Olsen to the 2007-2008 kindergarten class based on the child development assessment and letters from Cottonwood Kids Preschool and Lauri Olsen. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jess Holloway. For: Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

*Public Comment:* Lauri Olsen asked the Board to allow her daughter Lysie Olsen to enroll in the 2007-2008 kindergarten class even though her birthday wasn't until November. She stated that her daughter is ready to begin school and would hate to see her wait when she is ready to begin. Kate Nisbet stated that Lysie attended her preschool and this is the first time she has ever recommended a child attend school early. Kate also stated that she approached the parents and noted that Lysie's peer group is going to begin kindergarten in the fall. Kate continued by noting that the District would not be adequately serving her by making her wait another year and that Gallatin Gateway School prides itself on providing an education for each individual child not by lumping everyone into one group. Lauri Olsen stated that her family is not advocating because they feel their daughter is a genius or a prodigy they just want her to start when she's ready. Russ Olsen stated that he didn't feel accepting Lysie would set a precedence for the District because each case is presented individually with documentation to determine school readiness. Kate Nisbet also stated that each case is individual and should be judged based on each readiness emotionally, socially, and academically. She also commented that each child is ready when they are ready and there are cases where parents decide to wait a year to enroll in kindergarten rather than enroll a year earlier. Russ Olsen stated that his daughter seems ready and is able to run with the older kids and noted that people choose all of the time to hold children back because they are not ready to begin.

The Board recognized that Gallatin Gateway School was granted accreditation by the Board of Public Education for the 2006-2007 school year.

## **COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS**

A motion was made by Trustee Celia O'Connor to approve the following out-of-district students for the 2007-2008 school year:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Home School District</u>	<u>Tuition Amount</u>	<u>Attendance Status</u>
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2	Belgrade	\$	-	Current
5	Belgrade	\$	150.00	Current
1	Bozeman	\$	-	Current
1	Bozeman	\$	-	Current
3	Bozeman	\$	150.00	Current
4	Bozeman	\$	-	Current
6	Bozeman	\$	150.00	Current
6	Bozeman	\$	150.00	Current
6	Bozeman	\$	150.00	current
6	Bozeman	\$	150.00	Current
6	Cottonwood	\$	915.80	Current
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1	Ophir	\$	150.00	Current
3	Ophir	\$	150.00	Current
2	Bozeman	\$	150.00	Current

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

The Board acknowledged the Food Service Establishment Inspection Report of the Gallatin Gateway School kitchen conducted on April 18, 2007.

Ms. DeBruycker presented the Board with a roofing bid from Tremco for repair and replacement of the school's roofing. In addition, Ms. DeBruycker informed the Board of other maintenance concerns that she recommended they consider when budgeting for the 2007-2008 school year.

The Board acknowledged a letter from the Board of County Commissioners regarding Resolution Number 2007-054 for the abandonment of the entire alley way which was discussed at the Gallatin County Commissioner's meeting on April 18, 2007.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Jess Holloway to adjourn meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nikki Robbins. For: Holloway, 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