

October Agenda Regular Meeting of Trustees

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District #35 has been scheduled for Monday, October 15, 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.)

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 Officer Induction- Mrs. Hicks
Gold Star Award Winner- Mrs. Clark

Minutes

September 11, 2007 (regular meeting) (GGS Policy #1420 & #1401)

Finance

Warrants & Expenditure vs. Budget Report (GGS Policy # 7310 & #7326)
Cash Reconciliation (GGS Policy #7410)
Extra-Curricular Recap and Reconciliation (GGS Policy #7425)
Food Service Report
403(b)

Personnel

Hire- Classified Aide (GGS Policy #5120)
Hire- Substitutes- classified/certified (GGS Policy #5120)
Hire- Boys' Basketball Coach (GGS Policy #5120)
Hire- Cheerleading Coach (GGS Policy #5120)

Superintendent's Report

Old Business

Discretionary Nonresident Student Attendance Policy- GGS Policy #3141- revised

New Business

***Academics**

Distance, Online, and Technology Delivered Learning- GGS Policy #2168- new

***Community & Public Relations**

Homeschool request to participate in boys' basketball
Food Service Inspection Report
Community Goal Setting- November 12th- 7:00-9:00pm
November Regular meeting- November 12th- 5:30pm

Adjournment

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

Open Session

DATE: October 15, 2007

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Gallatin Gateway School Multipurpose Room

MEMBERS

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

MEMBERS

ABSENT: None

STAFF

PRESENT: Kim DeBruycker, Superintendent; Carrie Fisher, Clerk; Ken Mosby, Business Manager; Lori Hicks, Counselor; and Mike Coon, Teacher

OTHERS

PRESENT: Deb Gee, Jill Allen, Alec Nisbet, Emily Olsen, Dani Gee, Hallie Schultz, Kyle Gossett, Bill Gossett, and Ann Prescott

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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

Jill Allen spoke on behalf of WWLA and Gateway Planning Committee stating that she would act as the contact person within the community to enhance communication between all groups. She noted that all groups want to work together and support each other, including the school. Ms. Allen also invited the Board and community members to upcoming events- October 17th Community Planning meeting and November 17th WWLA Play and Auction.

GUESTS

Student Council Advior and School Counselor Lori Hicks introduced the 2007-2008 student council officers: Kyle Gossett, Dani Gee, Hallie Schultz, Emily Olsen and Devyn Brenner.

The Board recognized second grade teacher Deb Clark for receiving the Gold Star Award for the month of October.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Vice Chair Jess Holloway to approve the minutes for September 11, 2007. Trustee Nikki Robbins seconded the motion. For: Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE

A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Thiem to approve warrants (#22497-#27617- Void-none). The motion was seconded by Trustee Celia O'Connor. 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 Report as of October 12, 2007. For: Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Jess Holloway to approve the Cash Reconciliation Report as of August 31, 2007. For: Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Jess Holloway to approve the Extra-Curricular Report as of October 15, 2007 with a balance of \$11,378.19. For: Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. DeBruycker and Mr. Mosby explained that the food service report will be discussed at a future meeting, but they were currently discussing costs with the Kitchen Manager to try and get the report figures closer to actual figures in the food service account.

Mr. Mosby presented the Board with information regarding the new 403(b) mandates from the IRS. Mr. Mosby explained that the Board of Trustees and School Administration are now responsible for the consolidation and control of the comprehensive plan. In addition, he explained that all employees within the district must have the option to participate and must be notified annually. Mr. Mosby noted that the Board may have the plan administered by a third party administrator or administer it themselves. He provided the pros and cons for each choice.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Vice Chair Jess Holloway to hire Laura Arredondo as a Classroom Aide, contract to begin, September 13, 2007, at \$12/hour + \$800/year flexible benefits and a maximum of 40 hours/week contingent on the completion of a satisfactory reference/background check. Trustee Cheryl Thiem seconded the motion. For: Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Celia O'Connor to hire Amber Davis, Gillian Howe, Vicky Jost, Karen Halvorsen, Josie Shern and Nicole Singer as classified/certified substitutes for the 2007-2008 school year contingent on the completion of a satisfactory reference/background check. Vice Chair Jess Holloway seconded the motion. For: Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Thiem to hire Bill Gossett as the 7th/8th grade boys' basketball coach and Scott Vollmer as the 5th/6th grade boys' basketball coach for the 2007-2008 season for \$600/each stipend, contingent on the completion of a satisfactory reference/background check. Vice Chair Jess Holloway seconded the motion. For: Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Ann Prescott commented that she was pleased that both individuals were returning this year to coach boys' basketball.

A motion was made by Trustee Nikki Robbins to hire Joe Mohr as the cheerleading coach for the 2007-2008 season for \$600 stipend. Board Chair Erik Yager seconded the motion. For: Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Ann Prescott stated that she didn't think it was fair that the basketball coaches were receiving the same pay as the cheerleading coach when they have to attend more games and practices.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Kim DeBruycker discussed the following information with the Board: 1) Direct deposit update; 2) District endowment information; 3) Community planning group- school tour; 4) Growth impact on rural schools meeting; 5) Potential budget cuts FY2009; 6) Teacher conferences- MEA-MFT; 7) MCEL; 8) Volleyball season update; 9) PIE- wreath sales; 10) November 2nd- Behaviorist training; 11) Parent-Teacher conferences; 12) ANB; and 13) Enrollment history.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Trustee Celia O'Connor to approve revisions to GGS Policy #3141- Discretionary Nonresident Student Attendance. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nikki Robbins. For: Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

ACADEMICS

A motion was made by Trustee Celia O'Connor to approve GGS Policy #2168- Distance, Online and Technology Delivered Learning. The motion was seconded by Trustee Nikki Robbins. For: Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Thiem to approve one home school student to participate in boys' basketball for the 2007-2008 season. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Jess Holloway. For: Holloway, O'Connor, Robbins, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed and complimented the kitchen staff regarding an September 20, 2007 food establishment inspection report.

The Board reminded the community present that a Community Goal Setting meeting will be held on November 12, 2007 from 7-9pm.

The Board reminded the community present that the November regular meeting will be held at 5:30pm rather than 7pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Erik Yager, Board Chairman

Carrie Fisher, District Clerk