

October Agenda Regular Meeting of Trustees

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District #35 has been scheduled for **Monday, October 10, 2005** 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

Coach Mike Coon and Girls' Volleyball Team
Liz McGoff- School Counselor
Gateway Booster Club
Partners in Education

Minutes

September 12, 2005—special meeting
September 12, 2005—regular meeting

Finance

Warrants
MTSBA- Workman's Comp Coverage
Trustee's Report- FY 05
Budget Report- FY 06

Superintendent's Report

Old Business

Goals-GGS Policy #4100-revision (developed at April 19, 2005, July 12, 2005, July 26, 2005, September 12, 2005 meetings & September 23, 2005- staff meeting)

New Business

***Public Relations**

Home School Student Requests to Participate in Athletic Programs
2005-2006 Bus Route
Individual Transportation Contracts
In-Town Busing- GGS Policy #8101- delete
Bus Routes and Schedules- GGS Policy #8110- revision
Emergency Bus Procedures- GGS Policy #8125P

***Academics**

School Year Calendar and Day- GGS Policy #2100- revision
Special Education- GGS Policy #2161P- revision
Health Enhancement- GGS Policy #2335-revision

Compulsory Attendance- GGS Policy #3120- revision
Enrollment and Attendance Records- GGS Policy #3121- revision
Enrollment and Attendance Records: Average Number Belonging- GGS Policy #3121P- revision
Attendance Policy- GGS Policy #3122- revision
Student Immunization- GGS Policy #3413- revision
Administering Medicines to Students- GGS Policy #3416- revision

***Personnel**

Clerk- GGS Policy #1230- revision
Classified Employment & Assignment- GGS Policy #5140- revision
2004-2005 Substitute Lists—Transportation, Custodial, and Certified & Classified Staff
Professional Development
Hire Aides: Christine Donaldson
Dawn King- Co-op Funded

Adjournment

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

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

Open Session

DATE: October 10, 2005

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Gallatin Gateway School Multipurpose Room

MEMBERS

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

MEMBERS

ABSENT: None

STAFF

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

OTHERS

PRESENT: Diann Calvin, Bob Naert, David Cohenour, Paul Yenny, Anne Yenny, Deborah Gee, Shawna Brenner, Gail Whitmire, Hallie Schultz, Abigail Barmore, Zalie Zitzer, Dani Gee, Melanie Terry, Daniell Lopez, Jodie Smith, Ashley Stock, Emily Hogin, Elissa Vider, Juliann Vider, Kay Francis, and Stacey Whitmire

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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. At the end of the meeting 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

Coach Mike Coon introduced the 2005 Gateway Gator Volleyball team to the Board. The Board and community present watched a short video highlighting the first season of volleyball at Gallatin Gateway School.

School Counselor Liz McGoff introduced herself to the Board and explained her role and duties as the school counselor.

Ms. DeBruycker spoke on behalf of the Gateway Booster Club and explained the chocolate fundraiser and the wristbands that were being sold to raise funds to support the athletic programs at Gallatin Gateway School.

Shawna Brenner, president of Partners in Education (PIE), explained the goals and programs that PIE was working on for the 2005-2006 school year. Mrs. Brenner explained the fundraisers that PIE currently had in place and ones that they hoped to implement during the year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Alec Nisbet to approve the minutes for September 12, 2005 (special meeting), striking Cheryl Thiem under Members Present and placing it under Members Absent. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cheryl Thiem. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Thiem to approve the minutes for September 12, 2005 (regular meeting), striking the words "Arrived at 6:15 pm, next to Trustee Holloway's name. The motion was seconded by Trustee Alec Nisbet. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE

A motion was made by Trustee Alec Nisbet to approve warrants (#25154-#25269- Void #25154-25162). The motion was seconded by Trustee Cheryl Thiem. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Helen Zinner to purchase MTSBA Workman's Compensation Coverage. The motion was seconded by Trustee Jess Holloway. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Alec Nisbet to approve the Trustee's Report for FY 2005. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Helen Zinner. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: David Cohenhour recommended that the Board accept the final audit rather than the Trustee's report for the FY 2005.

A motion was made by Trustee Alec Nisbet to approve the Budget Report for FY 2006. The motion was seconded by Trustee Jess Holloway. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Kim DeBruycker discussed the following information with the Board: 1) Community Letters from Students; 2) Citizenship Day; 3) Constitution Day; 4) American Indian Heritage Day; 5) Walk to School Day; 6) Summer Camps; 7) Midterms; 8) Homework Lab- Magnets; 9) HS Transition Meetings; 10) Spelling Workshop; 11) Community Meetings; 12) Mentor Program; 13) Nursing Program; 14) Vision Screenings; 15) Hearing Screenings; 16) Scoliosis Screenings; 17) Differentiated Instruction Training; 18) Open House; 19) MEA-MFT Conference; 20) Website Updated; 21) Superintendent Internet Service; 22) Adult Ed Courses; 23) Fire Drill- Fire Prevention Week; 24) Bus Safety Week; and 25) Bus Route.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Trustee Jess Holloway to adopt revisions to GGS Policy #4100- Goals. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cheryl Thiem. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Board was presented two letters from Home School students requesting permission to participate in Gallatin Gateway School Boys' Basketball for the 2005-2006 season.

A motion was made by Trustee Jess Holloway to approve the participation of home school students: Quade Yenny and Cole Naert for the 2005-2006 boys' basketball season. The motion was seconded by Trustee Alec Nisbet. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Deb Gee stated that home school students should not be able to play if it impacts the playing time for students currently attending all day, every day.

Mrs. DeBruycker presented the Board the proposed 2005-2006 bus route.

A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Thiem to approve the 2005-2006 bus route as follows:

Total Miles Roundtrip: 54
Total Number of Riders: 68
Number of days to operate: 154
Estimated Rate per Mile: \$1.57
Estimated Route Reimbursement: \$13, 056.12

The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Helen Zinner. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Alec Nisbet to approve individual transportation contracts for the following families: Nielsen, Barmore, Morton, and Calvin. The motion was seconded by Trustee Jess Holloway. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Jess Holloway made a motion to delete GGS Policy #8101-In-Town Busing. Trustee Cheryl Thiem seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passes unanimously.

Trustee Jess Holloway made a motion to adopt revisions to GGS Policy #8110-Bus Routes and Schedules. Trustee Alec Nisbet seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passes unanimously.

The Board discussed GGS Policy #8125P- Emergency Bus Procedures and will reconsider revisions at the November 12, 2005 regular Board meeting.

Public Comment: David Cohenhour recommended that the Board add more specific language to the policy for emergencies and urged them to err on the side of caution. Diann Calvin stated that many times situations of judgment are based on what a reasonably prudent person would do. David Cohenhour questioned where in the procedures the parents would be notified to insure that an injured/ill student was not dropped off at an empty house. Diann Calvin posed the question of what the bus driver and/or administration would do if the parents could not be reached in the case of an emergency on the bus. David Cohenhour noted that the procedures presented were good, but the key to the success of the policy is the training of the bus driver so that he/she knows what step to take in each situation presented.

ACADEMICS

Trustee Alec Nisbet made a motion to adopt revisions to GGS Policy #2100-School Year Calendar and Day. Trustee Cheryl Thiem seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passes unanimously.

Trustee Cheryl Thiem made a motion to adopt revisions to GGS Policy #2161P- Special Education. Vice Chair Helen Zinner seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passes unanimously.

Trustee Alec Nisbet made a motion to adopt revisions to GGS Policy #2335-Health Enhancement changing the last sentence of the policy to read “In accordance with Board Policy, parents will be notified and have the opportunity to review the HIV/STD education program, before it is presented to students”. Vice Chair Helen Zinner seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passes unanimously.

Public Comment: David Cohenhour urged the Board to include in the policy that the parents would be notified about the class so that they could review the education program. He stated that the policy was clear in stating that parents could review it prior to students, but it was not explicit in stating that parents would be notified so that they could review the program.

Trustee Cheryl Thiem made a motion to adopt GGS Policy #3120- Compulsory Attendance. Trustee Jess Holloway seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passes unanimously.

Trustee Alec Nisbet made a motion to adopt revisions to GGS Policy #3121-Enrollment and Attendance Records. Trustee Jess Holloway seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passes unanimously.

Trustee Jess Holloway made a motion to adopt revisions to GGS Policy #3121P-Enrollment and Attendance Records: Average Number Belonging. Vice Chair Helen Zinner seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passes unanimously.

Trustee Cheryl Thiem made a motion to adopt GGS Policy #3122-Attendance Policy. Trustee Jess Holloway seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passes unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Trustee Cheryl Thiem made a motion to adopt revisions to GGS Policy #1230-Clerk. Trustee Jess Holloway seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passes unanimously.

Trustee Alec Nisbet made a motion to adopt revisions to GGS Policy #5140- Classified Employment and Assignment. Trustee Jess Holloway seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passes unanimously.

Trustee Alec Nisbet made a motion to hire the following individuals as substitutes for the designated positions:

Classified and Certified Staff Substitutes: Brent Leavell, Sally Larson, Patricia Lariose, Laura Pierce, Margaret Leeper, Rebecca Baril, and Roseann Revel.

Custodial Substitutes: Wendy Hotzel and Frank Vider

Transportation Substitute: Melanie Gay

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

Trustee Alec Nisbet made a motion to approve the reimbursement of Superintendent DeBruycker in accordance with her contract for two professional development courses under the stipulation that if the courses are withdrawn from or failed the school will be reimbursed the full amount by the Superintendent. Trustee Jess Holloway seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passes unanimously.

Trustee Jess Holloway made a motion to hire Christine Donaldson, pending an acceptable fingerprint/background check, as an aide for the remainder of the 2005-2006 year with an hourly rate of pay of \$10.00. Trustee Jess Holloway seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passes unanimously.

Trustee Alec Nisbet made a motion to hire Dawn King, pending an acceptable fingerprint/background check, as an aide for the remainder of the 2005-2006 year with an hourly rate of pay of \$10.00 reimbursed by the Gallatin-Madison Co-op. Trustee Jess Holloway seconded the motion. For: Holloway, Nisbet, Thiem, Yager and Zinner. Opposed: none. Motion passes unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Erik Yager, Board Chairman

Carrie Fisher, District Clerk