

Gallatin Gateway School Partners with Martel/Cushing Terrell

Gallatin Gateway, MT 3/11/2020 — The Gallatin Gateway School Board of Trustees announces a new partnership with the Design/Build Team of Martel/Cushing Terrell for Pre-Bond and Pre-Construction Services for the Gallatin Gateway School.

Aaron Schwieterman, Chair of the GGS Board of Trustees celebrates the partnership. “I am extremely excited for Gallatin Gateway School, our students, parents, staff and community to have this opportunity to collaborate with these two immensely talented partners in Cushing Terrell and Martel Construction and to create a vision for our school facilities and learning environment. I am so proud to be a part of this School and Community knowing just how much interest our smaller project brought from so many great companies. Just like our students, our future is bright!”

Selection Process

After the Board passed a resolution for Alternative Project Delivery in January 2020, the GGS Board of Trustees were fortunate to have six exceptionally qualified Design/Build Teams respond to the Pre-construction and Construction Phase Services RFQ. All six teams were invited to interview with the Board. The decision to partner with Martel/Cushing Terrell was based on a rigorous process that included the use of rubrics for the rating of each team’s initial qualifications and each team’s interview with the Board. It also included community input and a comprehensive, sometimes difficult and lengthy discussion by the Board.

“Our District has made a concerted effort to partake in a process that is transparent and welcoming of community engagement in order to make a decision that is best for our students and our District, and for that, we can be proud,” says Julie Fleury, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Next Steps

This new partnership will begin the facilities planning for renovation and possibly new construction for Gallatin Gateway School. The planning process could result in a School Bond Election as early as January 2021. All information regarding the facilities project can be found on the Gallatin Gateway School Website at www.gallatingatewayschool.com. The GGS Board of Trustees welcomes participation on the committee that will ultimately make the recommendations that will decide the direction of the school facilities.