

February Agenda

Special Committee Meeting

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District #35 has been scheduled for **Friday, February 7, 2020 at 1pm** at the **Gallatin Gateway School Board Room**. (All policies can be found at www.gallatingatewayschool.com.)

Call to Order

Presiding Trustee's explanation of procedures

Public Comment- Non Agenda Items- Sign in sheet

New Business

Consider Homeschool student participation- wrestling
District Formal Complaint- Erwin (closed session)

Adjournment

"The Gallatin Gateway School community empowers our students to take responsibility for their learning so they may achieve their individual potentials as lifelong learners and productive citizens."

Excerpt from GGS Policy #1441- Audience Participation

Audience Participation

The Board recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of involving members of the public in its meetings. The Board also recognizes the statutory and constitutional rights of the public to participate in governmental operations. To allow fair and orderly expression of public comments, the Board will permit public participation through oral or written comments during the "public comment" section of the Board agenda and prior to a final decision on a matter of significant interest to the public. The Chairperson may control such comment to ensure an orderly progression of the meeting.

Individuals wishing to be heard by the Chairperson shall first be recognized by the Chairperson. Individuals, after identifying themselves, will proceed to make comments as briefly as the subject permits. The Chairperson may interrupt or terminate an individual's statement when appropriate, including when statements are out of order, too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant. The Board as a whole shall have the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings. It is important for all participants to remember that Board meetings are held in public but are not public meetings. Members of the public shall be recognized and allowed input during the meeting, at the discretion of the Chairperson.

Cross Reference: 1420 School Board Meeting Procedure

Legal Reference: Article II, Section 8, Montana Constitution – Right of participation
Article II, Section 10, Montana Constitution – Right of privacy
§§ 2-3-101, et seq., MCA Notice and Opportunity to Be Heard

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**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, GALLATIN GATEWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT #35**

Call to Order

The Board of Trustees of the Gallatin Gateway School District #35 met at 1:00pm on Friday, February 7, 2020 in the Gallatin Gateway School Board Room. Board Chair Aaron Schwieterman presided and called the meeting to order at 1:02pm.

Trustees Present

Aaron Schwieterman, Board Chair; Julie Fleury, Board Vice-Chair; Mary Martin, Carissa Paulson, and Patti Ringo

Trustees Absent

None

Staff Present

Theresa Keel, Superintendent and Carrie Fisher, District Clerk

Others Present

Spence Erwin and Mary Katherine Erwin

Presiding Trustee's Explanation of Procedures

Board Chair Aaron Schwieterman explained the public comment process to be followed for addressing the Board in accordance with Gallatin Gateway School policy. He noted: 1) that prior to a vote the public may comment on agenda items; 2) there will be time for public comment on non-agenda items; and 3) public comment periods are not intended to be a question and answer session.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

None

New Business

Consider Homeschool Student Participation- Wrestling

Motion: Trustee Carissa Paulson to allow Cole Derrick to participate in the 2020 wrestling season as a homeschool student.

Second: Trustee Mary Martin

Public Comment: None

For: Fleury, Martin, Paulson, Ringo, Schwieterman

Opposed: None

Motion passed unanimously

District Formal Complaint- Erwin

Board Chair Aaron Schwieterman closed the meeting at 1:05pm stating that the matter before the Board was a personal matter and that in connection with this, the following was determined:

1. That the matter involved individual privacy; and
2. That such privacy demands protection of the individual and that little if anything, would be gained by publicly disclosing the information to be discussed; and
3. That the demand of individual privacy clearly exceeds the merits of public disclosure in this matter.

Board Chair Aaron Schwieterman recorded minutes for the closed session pursuant 2-3-212, MCA. Therefore, the closed portion of the meeting minutes shall not be made available for public inspection except pursuant to a court order. The meeting was reopened at 3:19pm.

Motion: Vice Chair Julie Fleury to affirm the remedies as outlined in the formal complaint.

Second: Trustee Carissa Paulson

Public Comment: None

For: None

Opposed: Fleury, Martin, Paulson, Ringo, Schwieterman

Motion failed 0-5.

Motion: Vice Chair Julie Fleury to accept amended remedies as discussed and agreed upon in executive session.

Second: Trustee Carissa Paulson

Public Comment: None

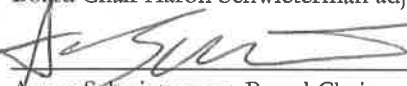
For: Fleury, Martin, Paulson, Ringo, Schwieterman

Opposed: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Board Chair Aaron Schwieterman adjourned the meeting at 3:22pm



Aaron Schwieterman, Board Chair

Carrie Fisher, District Clerk



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The agenda must also include a "public comment" item in order to allow members of the general public to comment on any public matter under the jurisdiction of the district that is not specifically listed on the agenda, except that no member of the public will be allowed to comment on contested cases, other adjudicative proceedings, or personnel matters. The Board Chairman may place reasonable time limits on any "public comment" item in order to maintain and ensure effective and efficient operations of the Board. The District shall not take any action on any matter discussed, unless the matter is specifically noticed on the agenda, and the public has been allowed the opportunity to comment.

** Public comment will be asked on each agenda item. Do not sign below for agenda items.*

Public Comment Sign-in

Date: February 7, 2020- special meeting

**Please sign below for non-agenda items to be heard under New business: Public comment.*

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Sign-in Sheet

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