

# August Special Meeting Agenda

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District #35 has been scheduled for **Monday, August 24, 2020** at **3pm** electronically via Zoom.

(All policies can be found at [www.gallatingatewayschool.com](http://www.gallatingatewayschool.com).)

## Call to Order

## Presiding Trustee's explanation of procedures

## Public Comment- Non Agenda Items- Sign in sheet

## New Business

Board Training & Orientation with MTSBA

## Adjournment

### ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION:

Join Zoom Meeting

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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**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Trustees of the Gallatin Gateway School District #35 met at 3:00pm on Monday, August 24, 2020, via Zoom. Board Chair Aaron Schwieterman presided and called the meeting to order at 3:05pm.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT**

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

**TRUSTEES ABSENT**

None

**STAFF PRESENT**

Theresa Keel, Superintendent and Carrie Fisher, District Clerk

**OTHERS PRESENT**

*No sign-in sheet due to COVID-19 and meeting being held virtually*  
None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting attendees recited the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

**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; 3) public comment periods are not intended to be a question and answer session.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**


Board Training & Orientation with MTSBA

The Board received training from Debra Silk and Andrew Vingland of MTSBA. The training covered topics such as: open meeting laws, email communications to and among board members; closed meeting procedures; transparency in communication with community and Board; conducting meetings virtually during pandemic, receiving and responding to complaints, and strategic planning.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Board Chair Aaron Schwieterman adjourned the meeting at 4:55pm.

  
Aaron Schwieterman, Board Chair

  
Carrie Fisher, District Clerk