

Special Meeting Agenda

The Board of Trustees of School District #35 has scheduled a special meeting for **Monday, November 30, 2020 at 6:00pm via Zoom**. (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

OLD BUSINESS

Consider Building Committee Recommendation- *Concept, Election Date, and Bond Amount*

Adjournment

Zoom procedures:

1. Login details are on the district website-- *See District Calendar*
2. Please ensure your mic is muted until called upon by the Committee Chair
3. Public Comment is accepted two times during the meeting:
 - a. During non-agenda public comment for items not on the agenda
 - b. When the Committee Chair opens it for public comment as determined appropriate
4. To participate from a mobile device or computer:
 - a. Please use the "Raise Hand" button under "Participants" button at the bottom of your screen
 - b. Once called on please unmute yourself to provide comments
5. To participate from a phone when dialed in:
 - a. *9 to raise and lower hand for public comment
 - b. Once called on please press *6 to unmute yourself to provide comment

"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 comments 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

**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 6:00 pm on Monday, November 30, 2020 via Zoom. Board Chair Aaron Schwieterman presided and called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Theresa Keel, Superintendent; Carrie Fisher, District Clerk; Bobbie Jo McClure, Kitchen Manager; Jamie Hetherington, Teacher; Mike Coon, Teacher; Erica Clark, Administrative Secretary; Sarah Malott, Teacher; Alix Davis, Teacher; Madison Downs, Teacher; Hailee Olsen, Teacher; Chantel Jaeger, Teacher; and Fraulein Jaffe, Assistant Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT

Due to COVID-19 and meeting being held virtually and in person- some names are not included in full due to usernames displayed via Zoom platform

George Wintle, Alec Nisbet, Ann Prescott, Cassandra Elwell, Megan Nowlin, Sue Shockley, Debbie Blackburn, Brian Kimmel, Misti Richardson, Lesley Gilmore, Lessa Racow, Andi Shockley, Dick Shockley, Jared Black, Jessica Black, Bary Sulam, Emma Wulfhorst, Louise Steed, Madison Atkinson, E.J. Engler, Alex Klette, Jeff Krogstad, and Pete Stein.

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. In addition, he noted that the Board would be limiting public comment to two minutes per person.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Consider Building Committee Recommendation- Concept, Election Date, and Bond Amount

Building Committee Chair Mary Martin presented the committee's recommendation to the Board and discussed the information and process the committee used to come to a consensus. She also noted that the recommendation was not unanimous by the committee, but the majority of the committee did support the final recommendation to the Board.

Motion: Trustee Mary Martin to move forward with the Building Committee's recommendation for the Gallatin Gateway School Board of Trustees to call for a May 2021 bond issue in the amount of \$7 million dollars; whereas the monies from this bond issue shall be used for the following at Gallatin Gateway School:

- Address all facility deficiencies and deferred maintenance
- Enhanced secure entry-way addition plus kitchen, cafeteria, and gym expansion with new bleachers
- Restore the 1914 building to an ADA compliant building providing new classrooms

Seconded: Trustee Carissa Paulson

Public Comment: Jared Black, Lessa Racow, Lesley Gilmore, and Brian Kimmel

For: Martin, Paulson, Ringo, Schwieterman

Opposed: Fleury


Motion passed 4-1.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Aaron Schwieterman adjourned the meeting at 7:23pm.



Aaron Schwieterman, Board Chair



Carrie Fisher, District Clerk

Gallatin Gateway School Building Committee Recommendation

The Gallatin Gateway School Building Committee recommends that the Gallatin Gateway School Board of Trustees call for a May 2021 bond issue in the amount of \$7 million dollars. The monies from this bond issue shall be used for the following at Gallatin Gateway School:

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