

# Building Committee Meeting Agenda

The Building Committee of School District #35 has scheduled a meeting for **Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 5:00pm 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**

1. OLD BUSINESS:
  - a. Determine community survey questions, format, and timeframe for community survey
2. Community Feedback/Input/Comments- *limited to one comment and 2 minutes per person*

## Adjournment

### Join Zoom Meeting

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### ***Zoom procedures:***

1. *Please ensure your mic is muted until called upon by the Committee Chair*
2. *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*
3. *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*
4. *To participate from a phone when dialed in:*
  - a. *\*9 to raise and lower hand for public comment*  
*Once called on please press \*6 to unmute yourself to provide comment*

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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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## Gallatin Gateway School Building Committee

**Date: November 5, 2020**

Time: 5:00pm

Location: via Zoom

### Committee Members Present:

Alix Davis, Theresa Keel, Ben Jones, Mary Martin, Bobbie Jo McClure, Patti Ringo, Sue Shockley

The committee finalized the community survey which will include 5 questions. Cushing Terrell created the survey and is waiting to make it live in case there were any changes.

The committee decided to offer the survey online and to provide one copy with an addressed envelope to each person in the mailing. The closing date will be November 23, 2020.

The committee also finalized an introduction letter to go with the survey. The mailing will go out on Friday, November 6, 2020, if possible. Ms. Keel noted that there will also be a flyer about the upcoming building committee workshops included in the mailing.

The mailing will be to the registered voter list, but will also be emailed out to all school families, individuals on our email list and posted to the District website and social media accounts. The committee's goal is to reach as many people as possible and all paper surveys returned will be entered into the electronic system, so all the results can be analyzed together.

Paper surveys can be mailed or dropped off at the school. Ms. Keel noted that there will be a drop box for them in the vestibule.

Public comment was received from: Ann Prescott, Leslie Gilmore, Dick & Donna Shockley (written)

Hello Parents, Guardians and Gallatin Gateway Community Members!

The Gallatin Gateway School District prides itself on being one of Montana's most outstanding rural schools. Our District, above all, remains committed to its' core purpose: to embrace an engaging learning culture in a safe, nurturing environment where each student thrives now and into the future.

While we are proud of our past successes, we face urgent facility challenges, including outdated and failing mechanical/engineering/plumbing systems as well as increases in our student body numbers. In April of this year, Gallatin Gateway School hired the design/build team of Martel/CT to assess our current facilities as well as to help the Gallatin Gateway Community develop a building plan for the future. This input from the Community has included two surveys, a workshop and several meetings by the Gallatin Gateway School Building Committee (made up of trustees, administration, staff and community members).

Your participation is crucial for making sure the plan reflects the District's hope for the future. This survey is yet another opportunity for each of you to give your input as we try to answer the following questions:

1. How do we update and design our facilities to maximize the educational opportunities for current and future Gallatin Gateway School students?
2. How do we address future potential growth?
3. What are the financial implications for addressing 1 and 2 above?

### **TAKE THE SURVEY IN THREE EASY WAYS**

- **ONLINE @ <https://www.research.net/r/ggs-community-survey-3>**
- **BY PAPER: We have included a self-addressed envelope (you will need to attach postage). Please fill out the enclosed survey and return it as soon as possible. If you'd prefer, we will pick it up (call or text Mary Martin at (406) 580-6797) or you may deliver it to Gallatin Gateway School.**
- **AT GALLATIN GATEWAY SCHOOL. Please swing by GGS at your convenience to fill out the survey.**

### **PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY BY NOVEMBER 23, 2020**

Survey results will be collected and incorporated into a recommendation that the Gallatin Gateway School Building Committee will give to the Board of Trustees at a Special Board Meeting on November 30,2020.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

## Gallatin Gateway School District #35-- Building Committee

# Community Survey

1. What is your association with the school? Please mark all that apply.

- Administration/Teacher/Staff
- In-District Parent
- Out-of-District Parent
- Volunteer
- Gallatin Gateway School District Taxpayer
- Gallatin Gateway School District Registered Voter
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is your primary grade focus?

- Pre-K
- 1-3 Grades
- 4-6 Grades
- 7-8 Grades
- Admin/Other

3. Gallatin Gateway School District has paid off its 2001 West-End Building Bond. At this time, the District has a \$7 million bonding capacity available. The school currently needs to address many Facility deficiencies. The School District is also anticipating a growing enrollment due to an imminent housing development.

Below are the choices that the Committee has determined to be best for the District. Please mark the choices you would like to see and would support through a Bond Election.

- Address all facility deficiencies and deferred maintenance \$2.5 - \$3 million. (no additional square footage)
- Address all facility deficiencies and deferred maintenance, enhanced secure entry-way addition plus kitchen, cafeteria, gym expansion with new bleachers and restore the 1914 building to an ADA compliant building providing new classrooms. \$7 million. (4,043 square footage useable plus 0 square footage for growth = 4,043 square footage present and future)
- Address all facility deficiencies and deferred maintenance, enhanced secure entry-way addition plus kitchen, cafeteria, gym expansion with new bleachers and demolish the 1914 building, replacing it with a new building providing new classrooms and room for future expansion. \$7+million. (4,250 square footage useable plus 4,250 square footage for growth = 8,500 square footage present and future)
- I will not support a Bond Election

4. If your answer to question three is "I will not support a Bond Election," please provide a statement of what you would be willing to support to accommodate the building deficiencies and growth at Gallatin Gateway School.

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5. Please mark all that apply. I would like to receive future communication from the District regarding this project:

- Through email: \_\_\_\_\_ *provide email address*
- Phone call: \_\_\_\_\_ *provide phone number*
- In-person (e.g. door-to-door): \_\_\_\_\_ *provide address*
- Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ *provide mailing address*
- Community Meetings: \_\_\_\_\_ *provide suggested groups/meeting locations*
- Social Media Posts (e.g. Facebook)
- District website
- Please do not contact me regarding this project in the future (*provide name & address*)

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# Gallatin Gateway School Building Committee



# COMMUNITY

## WE'RE LISTENING!

The Building Committee needs your help guiding them in the future of the Gallatin Gateway School facility. Your participation is crucial in making sure the Committee provides the Gallatin Gateway School Board with a recommendation that reflects the overall vision of the Gallatin Gateway School District community.



### Survey

Open Now!  
Link on the District Website  
Hard copies available upon  
request!



### In-person Community Workshop

Thursday, November 12, 2020  
Gallatin Gateway School  
6:30pm



### Online Community Workshop

Monday, November 16, 2020  
Details on District Website  
6:30pm

*Need More Information?*

# [www.gallatingatewayschool.com](http://www.gallatingatewayschool.com)

*Click on "Facility Project" in the Banner*

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