

September Agenda Special Meeting of Trustees

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District #35 has been scheduled for **Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 6:00pm** at the **Gallatin Gateway School**. (All policies can be found at www.gallatingatewayschool.com.)

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Presiding Trustee's explanation of procedures (GGS Policy #1070)

Public Comment- Non Agenda Items- Sign in sheet- (GGS Policy #1070)

New Business

Trustee Interviews:

- Cheryl Arnaud
- Peter Scott
- Cory Taylor

Recess

Appointment of Board Trustee to Vacant Position

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."

**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 6:00pm on Thursday, September 4, 2014, in the Gallatin Gateway School Multipurpose Room. Board Chair Ann Prescott presided and called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

Trustees Present

Ann Prescott, Board Chair; Donna Shockley, Board Vice-Chair; Dan Curtis, and Lyn Morton.

Trustees Absent

None

Staff Present

Kim DeBruycker, Superintendent; Carrie Fisher, District Clerk; Kacee Krob, Teacher; Mike Coon, Teacher; Liz Matthews, Teacher; and Deb Tysse, Teacher.

Others Present

Mary Ellen Fitzgerald, Gallatin County Superintendent; Cory Taylor, Judy Thompson, Dick Shockley, Peter Scott, Kathy Umbaugh, Cheryl Arnaud, Judy Hengel, George Cobb, Tricia Hilliard, Shane Hilliard, Cheryl Thiem, Cassandra Elwell, Christie Francis, Kellie Morton, Sarah Ouellette, Jill Joyce, Crystal Spring, Ty Spring, CJ Smith, and Cheryl Deats

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Presiding Trustee's Explanation of Procedures

Board Chair Ann Prescott explained the public comment process to be followed for addressing the Board in accordance with Gallatin Gateway School policy. She 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.

In addition, Board Chair Prescott explained that the public will be observing the interview process and will be provided an opportunity to comment after a motion is presented, seconded, and discussed by the Board regarding the appointment of an individual to the vacant position on the Board.

Public Comment on Non- Agenda Items

None

New Business

Trustee Interviews

Cheryl Arnaud withdrew her application for Board Trustee. The Board interviewed Peter Scott and Cory Taylor asking the following four questions:

1. Why do you want to serve on the school board?
2. Six hours per week is the state-wide average for time spent on School Board issues for Trustees. Are you willing and able to dedicate the time to serve on the Board?
3. What personal strengths are you able to bring to the Board?
4. What would you see as the most important educational K-8 needs for a child's educational future?

Board Chair Ann Prescott called for a two-minute recess at 6:18pm. The meeting resumed at 6:21pm.

Appointment of Board Trustee to Vacant Position

Motion: Trustee Dan Curtis to appoint Cory Taylor to the vacant position.

Motion failed due to lack of second

Motion: Vice Chair Donna Shockley to appoint Peter Scott to the vacant position.

Seconded: Trustee Lyn Morton

Public Comment: Cheryl Deats

For: Morton, Prescott, Shockley

Opposed: Curtis

Motion passed 3-1

Adjournment

Motion: Trustee Dan Curtis to adjourn the meeting at 6:29pm.

Seconded: Trustee Lyn Morton

Public Comment: None

For: Curtis, Morton, Prescott, Shockley

Opposed: None.

Motion passed unanimously



Ann Prescott, Board Chair



Carrie Fisher, District Clerk



**GALLATIN GATEWAY SCHOOL
PO BOX 265, GALLATIN GATEWAY, MT 59730**

Gallatin Gateway School Policy #1070- 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: September 4, 2014

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

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Special Meeting

September 4, 2014

Sign-in Sheet

Name- please print	Signature
1. Mary Ellen Fitzgerald	Mary Ellen Fitzgerald
2. Cory Taylor	Cory Taylor
3. Judy Thompson	Judy Thompson
4. Dick Shockley	Dick Shockley
5. Peter Scott	Peter Scott
6. KATHY UmBAUGH	Kathy Umbaugh
7. Cheryl Arnaud	Cheryl Arnaud
8. Judy Hengul	Judy Hengul
9. Deb Tysse	Deb Tysse
10. GEORGE COBB	George Cobb
11. Inca Hilliard	Inca Hilliard
12. Shane Hilliard	Shane Hilliard
13. Kacee Krob	Kacee Krob
14. Elizabeth Matthews	Elizabeth Matthews
15. Mike Com	Mike Com
16. Cheryl Thiem	Cheryl Thiem
17. Candace R Elwell	Candace R Elwell
18. Christa Francis	Christa Francis
19. Kelli Morrison	Kelli Morrison
20. Sarah Ouellette	Sarah Ouellette
21. Jill Joyce	Jill Joyce
22. Crystal Spring	Crystal Spring
23. TG Spring	TG Spring
24. Cheryl Deats	Cheryl Deats
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Meeting Procedures

Presiding Trustee's Explanation of Procedures:

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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.

Trustee Interviews:

1. Board will ask each candidate four questions.
2. Each candidate will have the opportunity to ask the board questions as well. The public is observing this part of the process, with the opportunity to comment before the vote.

Appointment of Board Trustee to Vacant Position

1. The presiding Chair will ask for board discussion.
2. Chair will then ask for a motion and second.
3. Chair will open public comment (not Q &A)
4. Public comment will be closed.
5. Further Board discussion and then a call for a vote.

SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

Resignations and Other Vacancies

Any elected trustee position shall be vacant whenever the incumbent:

- (1) dies;
- (2) resigns;
- (3) moves his residence from the District, or from the nominating district in the case of an additional trustee in a high school district;
- (4) is no longer a registered elector of the District;
- (5) is absent from the District for 60 consecutive days;
- (6) fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the trustees without a good excuse;
- (7) has been removed under the provisions of § 20-3-310, MCA; or
- (8) ceases to have the capacity to hold office under any other provision of law.

A trustee position also shall be vacant when an elected candidate fails to qualify under the provisions of § 20-3-307, MCA. A resignation of a trustee, for whatever reason, must be submitted in writing to the Clerk of the District. A resignation is effective seventy-two (72) hours after its submission unless withdrawn during that period by the trustee in writing and delivered to the Clerk of the District.

When a trustee vacancy occurs, the remaining trustees shall declare the position vacant and shall fill such vacancy by appointment. The Board may request applications from any qualified persons seeking to fill the position, and may appoint one (1) candidate to fill the position. Should the Board fail to fill a vacancy within sixty (60) days from the declaration of such vacancy, the county superintendent shall appoint, in writing, a competent person to fill such vacancy. An appointee shall qualify by completing and filing an oath of office with the county superintendent with fifteen (15) days after receiving notice of appointment and shall serve until the next regularly scheduled school election and a successor has qualified.

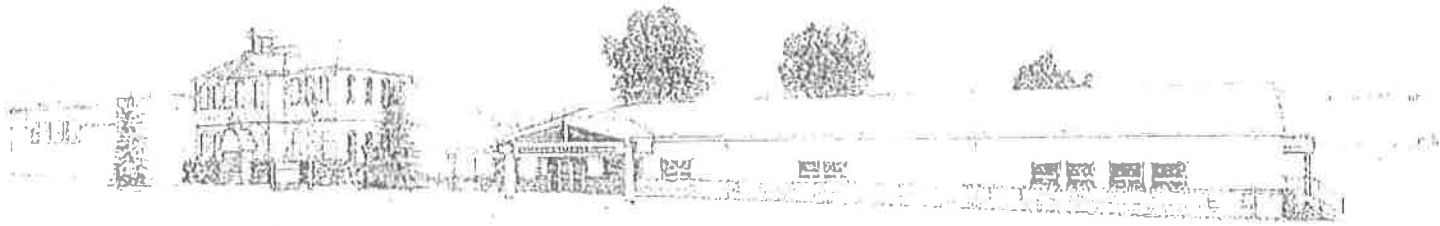
Legal Reference:	§ 2-16-502, MCA	Resignations
	§ 20-3-307, MCA	Qualification and oath
	§ 20-3-308, MCA	Vacancy of trustee position
	§ 20-3-309, MCA	Filing vacated trustee position – appointee qualification and term of office

Cross References:

Policy History:

Adopted on: August 20, 2012

Revised on:



GALLATIN GATEWAY SCHOOL

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July 21, 2014

Gallatin Gateway School District Residents,

A vacancy has opened on the Gallatin Gateway School District #35 School Board. According to GGS Policy 1030, the Board declared the position vacant on July 18, 2014 at a publicly noticed board meeting. Letters of application are currently being sought to fill this nine-month position. This temporary term will be reopened during the May 2015 District election.

The Board is requesting interested qualified persons (*see below) to mail letters of application to:

Gallatin Gateway School District Clerk

PO Box 265

Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730

or fax the letter to 406-763-4415, or email it to fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com.

*A trustee must: 1) be qualified to vote in a district; and 2) be a resident of the school district (or in a single-member district, a resident of the trustee district for at least one year).

"Qualified to vote" means the person must: 1) be at least 18 years old; 2) be a resident of the state and county for at least 30 days; and 3) A United States citizen. The person must not be: 1) a convicted felon currently serving a sentence in a penal institution; or 2) determined to be of unsound mind by a court of law.

13-1-111, 20-3-305, and 20-3-338, MCA and Article IV, Sec. 4, Montana Constitution

School Policy can be found at www.gallatingatewayschool.com

Trustee Interview Questions

Each candidate will be asked the following four questions:

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3. What personal strengths are you able to bring to the Board?
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Cheryl Arnaud
P O Box 581
Gallatin Gateway

GGG District #35
PO Box 265
Gallatin Gateway MT 59730

August 11, 2014

Dear Gallatin Gateway School Board,

My name is Cheryl Arnaud, please consider this letter my application for the vacant seat of School Board Trustee.

I previously held this seat in 2008-2011 and meet the requirements of GGS policy.

My goals are to continue to create a health environment for our students, teachers and community, and to help facilitate financial and strategic planning goals.

Listed below is my contact information, please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you for consideration,

Cheryl Arnaud

763-3145

cherylainmontana@gmail.com

July 24, 2014

Gallatin Gateway School District
PO Box 265
Gallatin Gateway, MT

Re Gallatin Gateway School Board Vacancy

Dear Ms. Fischer:

I am writing to express interest in appointment to the vacant school district trustee position announced on July 21, 2014. I meet the qualifications outlined in the position announcement. My wife's family is from Gateway and we were married at the Gateway Inn in 1996, the same year we moved away. We fulfilled our vow to return in 2012 when we moved back to Gallatin County from Helena. Since then our four children have attended the Gateway School from out of district. This week our offer to purchase a home in the district was accepted with a closing date set for August 20, 2014, allowing me to volunteer for this important position.

A copy of my resume is attached but I would like to highlight a couple of things. Much of my professional experience as an attorney over the past 15 years is directly relevant to the School Board's mission. A large percentage of my practice is devoted to administrative law and the representation of elected municipal boards, including Cities, Counties, Utility Districts and other agencies of the state. In addition to my legal training and experience, I have a long history of local volunteerism with recent experience as a trustee and officer on non-profit and other volunteer boards. For example, in Helena, as a board member I chaired the search committee that hired David Smith, the current Family YMCA Director. I also served for many years as a trustee and officer on the Board of the American Exploration & Mining Association. As the long time Secretary to that Board I served on the executive committee where I gained valuable experience in the areas of budgeting, staffing, and operations.

Please extend my thanks to the Board for considering this application. I would be happy to meet or speak with Board members and District staff to answer any questions or provide more information.

Warm Regards,

/s/ Peter G. Scott

Peter G. Scott
248 Glacier Mountain Lane (pending)
Bozeman MT 59718
Phone: 585-3295
Email: pgs@gsiw.com

EDUCATION:**Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College** Portland, OR

Juris Doctor with Environmental Law Certificate ('96 – '99)
Cornelius Honor Society,
Dean's Fellow

University of Massachusetts Amherst, MA

Bachelor of Science in Geology, *cum laude* ('87 – '91)
National Science Foundation Research Fellow,
L.R. Wilson Award

LEGAL EXPERIENCE:**Gough Shanahan Johnson & Waterman, Partner ('07-Pres.)** Helena, MT

Litigation and regulatory counsel for corporate, government and private clients in Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Montana, with a focus on utility, energy, land use and government affairs.

Volunteer and Community Activities: Board Member for Helena YMCA, Pro Bono Attorney for Mental Health Services; Secretary to Northwest Mining Association; Youth coach.

Preston Gates Ellis LLP, Associate Attorney ('01 – '07) Spokane, WA

Litigation and regulatory counsel for corporate, government and private clients in Columbia River Basin.

Volunteer and Community Activities: Mediator/arbitrator for Better Business Bureau; Pro Bono Attorney for Spokane Mental Health Services; Trustee for Northwest Mining Association; Member of Natural Resource Committee for Spokane Area Chamber of Commerce.

Oregon Supreme Court, Judicial Clerk ('99 – '01) Salem, OR

Conducted comprehensive legal research on a broad spectrum of cutting edge legal issues; Drafted judicial opinions; Prepared legal memoranda recommending action on petitions for discretionary review; Assisted Chief Justice Paul DeMuniz as the Chairperson for the Defense Advisory Commission on Women in the Services.

Volunteer and Community Activities: Mediator for the Marion County Courts; Advisor to Pringle Creek Watershed Council; YMCA mentor for at-risk teens.

Oregon Department of Justice, Legal Intern ('97 – '99) Salem, OR

Member of National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) task force on telecommunication industry violations; Investigated and prosecuted consumer violations by the telecommunication industry in Oregon.

OTHER EXPERIENCE:

Fluidyne, Inc., Hydrogeologist ('93 - '96)

Bozeman, MT

Evaluated slope stability and soil composition for development of on-site waste treatment systems; Modeled fate and transport of nutrients in ground water from on-site waste disposal systems; Logged wells and evaluated pump test results for certification of private and public drinking water supplies.

U.S. Forest Service, Hydrogeologist/Firefighter ('92 - '94)

St. Anthony, ID

Conducted field research in support of environmental review for project proposals, including timber harvests, road construction and resort development on public lands; Served as Assistant Foreman for initial attack fire crew.

United States Navy, 1st Class Petty Officer ('80 - '86; '87 - '91 USNR) Various, U.S.A.

Supervised nuclear and secondary power plant operations aboard a fast attack submarine; Planned and conducted deep-sea salvage operations with Mobile Diving Salvage Unit 1, Det. 201.

REFERENCES:

Professional references available upon request.

Board of Trustees

Cory Taylor

Wed, Aug 20, 2014 at 5:08 PM

Reply-To: Cory Taylor

To: Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Carrie,

I would like to put my name in as an applicant for the current vacant opening on the Gallatin Gateway School Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

Cory Taylor

PO Box 427

Gallatin Gateway, Montana 59730

406-580-8554