

August Agenda Special Meeting of Trustees

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District #35 has been scheduled for **Monday, August 22, 2011 at 7:00 pm** at the Gallatin Gateway School multipurpose room.

(All policies mentioned in the agenda can be found at www.gallatingatewayschool.com.)

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Presiding Trustee's Explanation of Procedures (GGS Policy #1441 & 1420F)

Public Comment- Non Agenda Items (GGS Policy #1441 & #1420F)

Superintendent's Report

Old Business

Montana Quality School Grant Program -- Planning Grant Application

2011-2012 Final Budget Adoption--\$1,116,129.43-- General Fund (GGS Policy #1400 & #7110)

New Business

Discretionary Nonresident Student Attendance Agreements (GGS Policy #3141)

Hire- Extra-curricular Position- Volleyball Coach- (GGS Policy #5120)

Gallatin Gateway School- Montana Criterion Reference Test Analysis- 2011

Adjournment

Special Meeting, Board of Trustees, Gallatin Gateway School District #35

Open Session

DATE: August 22, 2011
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: Gallatin Gateway School Multipurpose Room

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Erik Yager, Board Chair
Celia O'Connor, Vice Chair
Cory Taylor

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Cheryl Deats
Wayne Thiem

STAFF

PRESENT: Kim DeBruycker, Superintendent; Carrie Fisher, District Clerk; Ambure Thorn, Teacher; Mike Coon, Teacher; Deb Tysse, Teacher; Liz Matthews, Teacher; Kelly Haskins, Teacher; and Mike Coon, Teacher.

OTHERS

PRESENT: Donna Shockley, Gina Taylor, Lain Kay, Ann Prescott, and Tom O'Connor

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Board Chair Erik Yager explained the public comment process to be followed for addressing the Board in accordance with Gallatin Gateway School Policy #1441. She stated that prior to a vote the public may comment on agenda items. There will be time for public comment on non-agenda items. Public comment periods are not intended to be a question and answer session and may not include discussions of performance, evaluations or anything that may infringe on any person's right to privacy.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Donna Shockley stated that she would speak to her public comment of "Budget Allocation" when the budget was addressed later on the agenda rather than during public comment on non-agenda items.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Kim DeBruycker presented the following information to the Board: 1) First day of school August 24- first day for teachers August 22; 2) School Board Open House- August 29; 3) Staff Teams- K-2, 3-5, and 6-8; 4) New Employee Orientation- August 11; and 5) Mural- 5th grade classroom.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. DeBruycker presented the Board with the final version of the Quality School Grant which included letters of support from Michael Moore, Montana House of Representatives; Michael Arnes, parent; Mike Coon, teacher; and Erik Yager, Board Chair. The Board thanked Dr. DeBruycker for her hard work and noted that the grant was organized and put together well.

Business Manager Ken Mosby reviewed the proposed 2011-2012 budget with the Board and community. He noted that in May 2011 voters approved an increase of 14.04 mills. However, he explained that after the District refinanced the school bonds the actual increase realized by tax payers will be 5.75 mills.

Trustee Cory Taylor moved that the Gallatin Gateway School District adopt the following FY12 budgets for the following budgeted funds of the Gallatin Gateway School District:

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| 1. General Fund: | \$1,116,129.43 |
| 2. Transportation Fund: | \$119,500.00 |
| 3. Bus Depreciation Reserve Fund: | \$66,214.00 |
| 4. Tuition Fund: | \$825.00 |
| 5. Retirement Fund: | \$155,000.00 |
| 6. Debt Service Fund: | \$111,275.00 |
| 7. Building Reserve Fund: | \$26,475.00 |
| 8. Adult Education Fund: | \$17,500.00 |
| 9. Flexibility Fund: | \$4,748.00 |
| 10. Technology Acquisition and Depreciation Fund: | \$26,640.00 |

Vice Chair Celia O'Connor seconded the motion. For: O'Connor, Taylor, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Lain Kay questioned why the Board could not use the entire 14.04 mills since district voters already approved the increase. Business Manager Ken Mosby explained that the state provides limits for the maximum general fund budgets, thus not allowing the district to utilize the entire 14.04 mills approved in May 2011 by voters. Lain Kay stated that the budget provided was still not as detailed as she had hoped, but asked the Board to consider providing more detail in the future, but that it was better than what she had seen in the past. Ann Prescott asked for clarification as to what exactly the school budget was in comparison to what the school had to spend money on. Ken Mosby, Business Manager explained that when the Board adopts the final budget it provides the District the authorization to spend money from the funds. Ann Prescott asked the Board who had control of the cash. Business Manager Ken Mosby stated that the Board has control of the "cash" and noted that each warrant (check) issued by the district must be signed by two individuals, the business manager and either the board chair or the board vice-chair, and then all warrants are approved at the monthly Board meetings by the entire board after they review the warrant list and the Budget vs. Expenditure report. Ken Mosby noted that the school does not keep actual cash at the school.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Celia O'Connor to approve the following out-of-district attendance agreements for the 2011-12 school year:

Grade	Home District	Status
K	Cottonwood	New
3	Cottonwood	New
1	Bozeman	New
K	Bozeman	New

Motion was seconded by Trustee Cory Taylor. For: O'Connor, Taylor and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

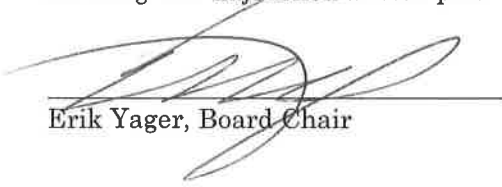
A motion was made by Vice Chair Celia O'Connor to hire Mike Coon as the volleyball coach for \$1020 for the season. Trustee Cory Taylor seconded the motion. For: O'Connor, Taylor, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. DeBruycker reviewed the Final Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Status Report and the Montana Criterion Reference Test Analysis for 2011 with the Board. She explained that the District did make AYP in all areas, including all subgroups. She noted that the staff has been committed to a continued increase in performance to all academic areas and credited the staff for the positive results achieved by students during the CRT testing in March 2011.


ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice Chair Celia O'Connor to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Cory Taylor seconded the motion. For: O'Connor, Taylor, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.



Erik Yager, Board Chair



Carrie Fisher, District Clerk