

December Agenda

Regular Meeting of Trustees

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District #35 has been scheduled for **Monday, December 13, 2010 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 to be followed for addressing the Board – (GGS Policy #1441 & 1420F)

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

Guests

5th grade presentations: Bronzed Museum (Montana Animal Research Project)

Consent Agenda

Minutes-November 8, 2010- regular meeting (GGS Policy #1420 & #1401); Finance-Warrants (GGS Policy # 7310 & #7326)-Budget vs. Expenditure Report (GGS Policy # 7310 & #7326)- Cash Reconciliation (GGS Policy # 7410)- Extra-Curricular Recap and Reconciliation (GGS Policy #7425)

Superintendent's Report

Old Business

New Business

November Food Service Program Reports (GGS Policy #8200)

Quality Schools Grant Program (GGS Policy #7110 #7210)

Library Clerk- Job Description- Clas- 016- new

Hire- Substitutes- classified/certified (GGS Policy #5120 & #5140)

Resignation- Certified Staff (GGS Policy #5250)

Hire Certified Staff (GGS Policy #5120 & #5210)

Adjournment

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

Open Session

DATE: December 13, 2010

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Gallatin Gateway School Multipurpose Room

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Erik Yager, Chair
Celia O'Connor, Vice Chair
Cheryl Arnaud
Cheryl Deats
Wayne Thiem

MEMBERS

ABSENT: None

STAFF

PRESENT: Dr. Kim DeBruycker, Superintendent; Carrie Fisher, District Clerk; Mike Coon, Teacher; and Thomas Vanderbeck, Teacher

OTHERS

PRESENT: Jason Walker, Christine Austin, Steve Fisher, Gerry Thompson, Zander Fisher, Kyra Fisher, Max Austin, Samantha Yager, and Bob Walker

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

Board Chair Erik Yager explained the public comment process to be followed for addressing the Board in accordance with Gallatin Gateway School Policy #1441. He 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

None.

GUESTS

Max Austin, Zander Fisher, Bob Walker, and Samantha Yager presented the Board with information about the recent fifth-grade Bronzed Museum project, which was a cross-curricular research project about a Montana animal. Max Austin presented information about the diamondback rattlesnake, Zander Fisher informed them about the rainbow trout, Bob Walker discussed the elk, while Samantha Yager was the expert on the snowy owl. The students not only discussed their animal, but also how they conducted their research, and how they prepared for their final presentation to the community on December 9. The students also displayed their bronzed sculpture of their animal and discussed how they were constructed and how Mr. Ott Jones, local artist, provided insight and direction for their sculptures.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Chair Celia O'Connor to approve the minutes for the November 8, 2010- regular meeting; approve warrants #30427 – 20486 and direct deposit payroll. (Voids-none); Expenditure vs. Budget

Reports dated December 10, 2010; Cash Reconciliation as of October 31, 2010 dated December 10, 2010; and Extra-Curricular Expenditure and Reconciliation Report as of December 10, 2010 with a balance of \$26,087.64. Trustee Wayne Thiem seconded the motion. For: Arnaud, Deats, O'Connor, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Kim DeBruycker presented the following information with the Board: 1) Art Mobile of Montana: Fourth Grade; 2) Community Buddy Letters; 3) Target Field Trip Grant: Mrs. Laura Axtman; 4) Lead-based Paint Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule; 5) Status of Arts Education in Montana Article; 6) Education Summary: Pooling Resources Among Schools; 7) Donation: Tim Inman of Bridger Garage Doors; 8) Boys' Basketball; 9) Cheerleading; 10) Booster Club Meetings; 11) Primary Care Clinic Schedule; 12) Food Drive: December 8-17 to Gallatin Valley Food Bank; 13) Annual Winter Program: December 16 at 6:30pm; 14) Montana Meth Project Survey to all 7th/8th Grade Students- December 15; 15) Second Quarter Midterm: December 10 and Midterms Sent to Parents December 17; 16) Maturation Classes: 4th grade girls, 5th/6th grade boys and girls December 15 & 17; 17) Winter Break: December 20- December 31; 18) Superintendent's Evaluation: January 10 at 4pm; 19) Geography Bee: January 12 at 2pm; 20) GGS Foundation: Dodge ball Tournament January 21 from 6-9pm; 21) Booster Club Spirit Orders: Next Order January 21; 22) End of Second Quarter: Friday, January 21; 23) Early Release & Report Card Preparation: Friday, January 21; 24) Community Supper: Food Cost \$132.22 for Pumpkin Ginger Soup; 25) Annual Policy Review: Policies of the District shall be reviewed annually by the Board (GGS Policy #1310); 26) Western Plumbing: Sinks in the Kitchen, Filter, Sinks in the Classrooms, Dishwasher, and Urinals; 27) Master Agreement- Article 9.7- Days Beyond the Contract and ideas for those days; 28) Staff Trainings: Media Literacy by Mrs. Laura Axtman, Science by Mrs. Liz Matthews, and Homeless Education by Mrs. Marsha Christensen. 29) Public Relations: Pacing Guides, Learning Objectives, Newsletter, Email Communication, Open House, Blue Jean Fridays, Community Buddy Letters, Website, Community Supper, Student Appreciation Day, Walk to School Day and Communication to Parents in Split Families; 30) Roofing Update: Actual Value Replacement \$32,741.69 and Western States Insurance has agreed to check the membrane for subcontracting; 31) Yellowstone Park Foundation: Recognized Mrs. Krogstad's Kindergarten Class; 32) PBS Videos: Dr. DeBruycker discussion on rural school crisis management and first quarter Broadcasting and Public Communications class visit to PBS; 33) Middle School MBI Schedule; 34) Junior Achievement; 35) Farm Fair; 36) Letter from Governor: School Budgets; 37) Letter from State: Audit Report Received; 38) Boys' Bathroom Repairs: Thank you Keith Bright; and 39) Overview: Quality School Grant Program.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held after a review of the Food Service Program report. The inventory, weekly or bi-monthly meetings, and parent feedback regarding menu planning were all part of the discussion. Dr. DeBruycker explained that there were some calculation errors in the October Food Service Program report which provided for a slight profit in the food service program of \$61.56 rather than a deficit as reported at the November meeting. In addition, the Food Service Program report for November indicates another positive balance. Dr. DeBruycker explained that the increase in profitability in the Food Service Program during the month of November is attributed to the arrival of the USDA commodities and their integration into menu planning. The Board requested that Food Service Program reports be included into the Consent Agenda at future meetings.

Board discussion was held concerning building needs at Gallatin Gateway School. The board compiled the following ongoing concerns:

Moisture (basement, hallway, crawl space, rain gutters, draining at gym),

Lighting, (old building classrooms,

Ventilation (bus exhaust and parking lot fumes),

Fire system (connect the buildings),

Safety (sidewalk North side of school due to snow, classroom doors and latches in old building, stairs to basement not in compliance, outdoor exits from classrooms not in compliance K-2 and Title),

Heating and cooling (gymnasium, cafeteria, classrooms, tech room, office gets the cold from front doors, conference room too warm to hold IEP meetings, computer software to accurately control for heating and cooling,).

ADA compliance (to access art room and Head start, etc not in compliance),
Back-up power system (for brown outs due to parts replacements to boilers, computer panels such as bell system, phones, etc.,)
Security (history of vandalism),
Extension cord use (old classrooms lack outlets and teachers sneak extension cords),
Students wearing coats in classroom,
Security Lighting (ramp, entrances, sides and back of school)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Celia O'Connor authorizing the Gallatin Gateway School District to secure grant funding from the Quality Schools Grant Program at the Montana Department of Commerce for the purposes of improving the facilities of the Gallatin Gateway School. The Board also delegates Superintendent Dr. Kimberly DeBruycker the authority to prepare the final submission of the grant prior to June 2011. The Board will also appoint a committee if needed and will hold monthly discussions to allow community input and the development of a facility needs priority list. Motion was seconded by Trustee Cheryl Deats. For: Arnaud, Deats, O'Connor, Thiem and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Celia O'Connor to adopt Job Description- Clas-016- Library Clerk into policy. Motion was seconded by Trustee Wayne Thiem. For: Arnaud, Deats, O'Connor, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: None. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Trustee Cheryl Arnaud to accept classified and certified substitutes pending adequate background/fingerprinting results and TB test: Jessica Heath, Sami Lodahl, Amanda Phillips, Chelsea Ryles, and Missy Short . Motion was seconded by Trustee Wayne Thiem. For: Arnaud, Deats, O'Connor, Thiem and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Celia O'Connor to accept the resignation of Stacie Fry (Willey) as a certified teacher effective November 10, 2010. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cheryl Deats. For: Arnaud, Deats, O'Connor, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

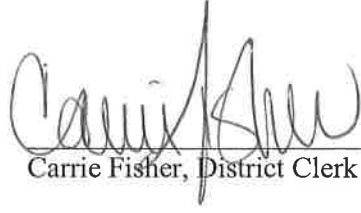
A motion was made by Vice Chair Celia O'Connor to hire Mrs. Vanessa Wilson as a certified teacher 1.0 FTE for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year effective December 13, 2010 pending adequate background/fingerprint check and TB test results. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cheryl Deats. For: Arnaud, Deats, O'Connor, Thiem, and Yager. Opposed: none. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.


Erik Yager, Board Chair


Carrie Fisher, District Clerk