

# January Special Meeting Agenda

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District #35 has been scheduled for **Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 3:30pm** 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**

## New Business

Training: Bond Advocacy with Andrew Vigeland of MTSBA

## Next Meetings:

Friday, February 5, 2021 at 10am- agenda setting

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 6pm- regular meeting

## Adjournment

### ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION:

1. Login details are on the district website-- *See District Calendar*
2. Please ensure your mic is muted until called upon by the 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 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

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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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**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES, GALLATIN GATEWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT #35**

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**Call to Order**

A committee of the Board of Trustees of the Gallatin Gateway School District #35 met at 3:30pm Wednesday, January 27, 2021 virtually via Zoom. Board Chair Aaron Schweiterman presided and called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

**Trustees Present**

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

**Trustees Absent**

Patti Ringo

**Staff Present**

Theresa Keel, Superintendent; Carrie Fisher, District Clerk; Ashley Davis, Teacher; Jamie Hetherington, Teacher; Chantel Jaeger, Teacher; Jacki Yager, Teacher; Erica Clark, Administrative Secretary; Mike Coon, Teacher; Rochelle DeGroot, Teacher; Alix Davis, Teacher; Sarah Malott, Teacher; Hailee Olsen, Teacher; Neal Krogstad, Teacher; Maddy Herron, Teacher; Bobbie Jo McClure, Kitchen Manager; Nicole Grafel, Counselor; Sarah Miller Nehring, Paraprofessional; Ashley Senenfelder, Teacher; Spencer Kirkemo, Paraprofessional; Janet Westlake, Paraprofessional; Nickie Achziger, Paraprofessional, Fraulein Jaffe, Assistant Clerk; Delaney Campbell, Assistant Cook

**Others Present**

Andrew Vigeland, MTSBA; Jackie O'Connell, Clayton Peacock, Cassandra Elwell

**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; and 3) public comment periods are not intended to be a question and answer session.

**Public Comment on Non- Agenda Items**

None


**NEW BUSINESS**

Training: Bond Advocacy with Andrew Vigeland of MTSBA

Andrew Vigeland, MTSBA legal counsel provided the Board, administration, staff, and community with information regarding the laws and regulations related to bond advocacy. Mr. Vigeland was able to answer questions regarding the do's and don'ts specific to District staff promoting the upcoming bond. In addition, he provided information regarding political action committees and how they can support the District's efforts to promote the passage of the bond.

**Adjournment**

Board Vice Chair Julie Fleury adjourned the meeting at 4:17pm.

  
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Aaron Schweiterman, Board Chair  
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Carrie Fisher, District Clerk