

October Special Meeting Agenda

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District #35 has been scheduled for **Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 6:30pm** the **Gallatin Gateway Community Center** and via **Zoom**. (All policies can be found at www.gallatingatewayschool.com.)

Call to Order

Presiding Trustee's explanation of procedures

Public Comment- Non Agenda Items- Sign in sheet

New Business

Finance: Approve Warrants

Consider Bus Route Change- South Route

Presentation: Design/Build Team- Explore Phase Executive Summary

- Consider Building Committee Recommendation- New Replacement Concept & Bond Amount
- Consider the next phase for the Building Committee- Apply Phase

Adjournment

Join Zoom Meeting

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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

Zoom procedures:

1. Please ensure your mic is muted until called upon by the Board Chair
2. Public Comment is accepted two times during the meeting:
 - a. During non-agenda public comment for items not on the agenda
 - b. After the Board motion and discussion on an agenda item.
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
 - b. Once called on please press *6 to unmute yourself to provide comments

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**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 6:00 pm on Wednesday, October 1, 2020, in the Gallatin Gateway Community Center and via Zoom. Board Chair Aaron Schwieterman presided and called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Theresa Keel, Superintendent; Carrie Fisher, District Clerk; Bobbie Jo McClure, Kitchen Manager; Jamie Hetherington, Teacher; Jacki Yager, Teacher; Mike Coon, Teacher; Erica Clark, Administrative Secretary; Sarah Malott, Teacher, Alix Davis, Teacher; Madison Downs, Teacher; and Fraulein Jaffe, Assistant Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT

Due to COVID-19 and meeting being held virtually and in person- some names are not included in full due to usernames displayed via Zoom platform

George Wintle, Alec Nisbet, Alex Russell, Alison Ulrich, Alison Ulrich, Ann Prescott, Ben Jones, Cassandra Elwell, Cole Morton, Adam Racow, Kari Lura, Katie, Lisa C., Megan Bueking, Megan Nowlin, Morgan Stuart, Ruth Angeletti, Sue Shockley, Wendy Hourigan, Jackie, Debbie Blackburn, Stacy Smith, Sarah Richardson, Jason, Brian Kimmel, Lain Kay, Carly Kundert, Dillon Kundert, Misti Richardson, Doug Black, Margaret Ryder, Gerald Ryder, Sam Spring, Kelly Cousin, Lesley Gilmore, Lessa Racow, Andi Shockley, Dick Shockley, Gary Kachadurian, Donna Shockley, Janine Roberts, Penny Lyn Roberts Gray, Rick Hargrove, Jared Black, Cameron Mylan, and Lesa Kelleher.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting attendees recited the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

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; 3) public comment periods are not intended to be a question and answer session. In addition, he noted that the Board would be limiting public comment to two minutes per person.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Finance: Approve Warrants

Motion: Vice Chair Julie Fleury to approve the warrants #36721- #36737 (claims) and #36718-36720 (voids).

Seconded: Trustee Mary Martin

Public Comment: None

For: Fleury, Martin, Paulson, Ringo, Schwieterman

Opposed: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Bus Route Change- South Route

Motion: Vice Chair Julie Fleury to approve the proposed change to the South Route to increase mileage by .6 miles/day.

Seconded: Trustee Carissa Paulson

Public Comment: None

For: Fleury, Martin, Paulson, Ringo, Schwieterman

Opposed: None

Motion passed unanimously.

Presentation: Design/Build Team- Explore Phase Executive Summary

Sky Cook and Corey Johnson from Cushing Terrell provided the Board with a summary of activities that have occurred since the Board approved moving into the Explore Phase on June 30, 2020. They noted that the building committee participated in a series of workshops and exercises to explore multiple concepts and refine options with input from the community through an open house and two community surveys. Ultimately, the committee narrowed the concepts down to two: 1) 1914 Restoration Concept, and 2) New Replacement Concept and eventually agreed to ask the Board to move forward with the New Replacement Concept.

The Design/Build Team reviewed each concept with the Board and answered questions from the board and community regarding each concept.

Consider building Committee Recommendation- New Placement Concept & Bond Amount

The Building Committee recommended the Board adopt the "New Replacement Concept," and corresponding bond amount of \$7,050,289. Committee Chair Mary Martin noted that the concept will replace the 1914 building with, among other features, a new addition to provide for better accessibility, modern systems, a secure entry with adjacent administrative office, upgraded kitchen, gym, library, and cafeteria as well as additional teaching spaces. She also explained that the New Replacement concept provides an option for a second story shell for future growth.

Motion: Vice Chair Julie Fleury to approve the building Committee's recommendation to move forward with the New Replacement Concept and \$7,050,289 bond amount.

Second: Trustee Carissa Paulson

Public Comment was received in-person and via email from: Lain Kay, Cameron Moylan, Lesley Gilmore, Cole Morton, Janine Roberts, Jared Black, Dick Shockly, Misti Richardson, Megan Nowlin, Lessa Racow, Morgan Stuart, Doug Black, Cassandra Elwell, Ann Prescott, Jason Fleury, Susan Rabatin, Kris Ellingsen, Margaret Jarrett, Brandon Ostermiller, Sherry Dickerson, Wayne & Cheryl Thiem, Carol Lec-Roark, Ty Spring, Morgan Klaas, Pamm Davis, Cheryl Deats, Josette Parsch, Dan & Donna Fleury, Travis Sturgis, Rachel Phillips of Historic Preservation Board of Gallatin County, Logan Fulcher, Doug Rand, Natalie Phillips, Kari Lura, Tami Alverson, Naomi Pace Johnson, Pete Brown, State Historic Preservation Officer; Wesley Hargrove, Lesley Gilmore, Preserve Montana; Jordan

Callantine, Margaret Lehmann, Tyler Brenner, Shawna Brenner, Madi Brenner, & Devyn Brenner,
Chere Jiusto, Preserve Montana; Judy Thompson, and Alex Klette.

For: None

Opposed: Fleury, Martin, Paulson, Ringo, Schwieterman

Motion failed unanimously

Consider the next phase for the Building Committee- Apply Phase

The Board requested the Building Committee continue obtaining feedback from the community and to continue gathering more information regarding the final two concepts. The Board would like to revisit the current recommendation or a new recommendation from the Building Committee at their regular meeting on November 18, 2020. The Board also requested the Building Committee conduct at least one, but preferably two, community input sessions prior to November 18, 2020. The Board also suggested the committee consider getting more information regarding the historical preservation of the 1914 building and conducting another community survey while the community is engaged in the process.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Aaron Schwieterman adjourned the meeting at 8:06pm.


Aaron Schwieterman, Board Chair


Carrie Fisher, District Clerk

Special Meeting

October 1, 2020

Sign-in Sheet

Name- please print	Signature
1. Bobbie Jo McClure	Bobbie Jo McClure
2. Laine Kay	Laine Kay
3. Carly Kunder t	Carly Kunder t
4. Dillon Kunder t	Dillon Kunder t
5. GEORGE WINTLE	George Wintle
6. Misti Richardson	Misti Richardson
7. Doug Black	Doug Black
8. M. Ryder	Margaret Ryder
9. GERALD RYDER	Gerald C Ryder
10. SANDRA	Sandra
11. Kelly Cousin	Kelly Cousin
12. LESLEY GILMORE	Lesley Gilmore
13. Lessa Racow	Lessa Racow
14. Jamie Hetherington	Jamie Hetherington
15. Andi Shackley	Andi Shackley
16. Dick Shackley	Dick Shackley
17. GARY Kuchadurion	Gary Kuchadurion
18. Donna Shockley	Donna Shockley
19. Janine Janine Roberts	Janine Roberts
20. PennyLynn Roberts Gray	PennyLynn Roberts Gray
21. Rick Hargrove	Rick Hargrove
22. Jared Black	Jared Black
23. Cannon Moxon	Cannon Moxon
24. Lesa Kelteter	Lesla Kelteter
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**GALLATIN GATEWAY SCHOOL
PO BOX 265, GALLATIN GATEWAY, MT 59730**

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: October 1, 2020

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

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MEMO

TO: Gallatin Gateway Board of Trustees

FROM: Carrie Fisher, District Clerk

SUBJECT: Warrant Register Summary

DATE: September 29, 2020

Warrant Numbers (including Direct Deposit/ACH):

Claim (A/P) Warrants #'s:
#36721-#36737

Electronic Payment:
None

Voided Claim (A/P) Warrant #'s:
#36718-36720

Payroll Warrant #'s:
None

Direct Deposits/ACH #'s:
None

Voided Payroll Warrant #'s:
None

Thank you.

09/29/20
17:43:22

GALLATIN GATEWAY ELEMENTARY
Claims and/or Payroll Checks List For Checks from 09/20/20 to 09/30/20
For checks between: 09/20/20 - 09/30/20

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Report ID: W100X

Claims

Check				Date		
Check #	Type	Vendor/Employee/Payee Number/Name	Check Amount	Period	Issued	Notes
36721	SC	43 ALSCO-AMERICAN LINEN DIVISION	281.19	9/20	09/30/20	
36722	SC	1743 AMY BOCKNESS	1036.17	9/20	09/30/20	
36723	SC	1744 BEREZAY, SHELLY OR CODY	112.99	9/20	09/30/20	
36724	SC	1328 BRIDGER ANALYTICAL LAB, INC	28.00	9/20	09/30/20	
36725	SC	228 CENTURYLINK	630.72	9/20	09/30/20	
36726	SC	229 CENTURYLINK	41.05	9/20	09/30/20	
36727	SC	1337 CORE CONTROL	10005.00	9/20	09/30/20	
36728	SC	349 DRAKE IRRIGATION	150.00	9/20	09/30/20	
36729	SC	1747 HARGROVE, JOHN	17.05	9/20	09/30/20	
36730	SC	1746 HOURIGAN, WENDY	45.30	9/20	09/30/20	
36731	SC	577 J&H INC	38.69	9/20	09/30/20	
36732	SC	655 LEE, JERRY	25.93	9/20	09/30/20	
36733	SC	1749 PETERS, SEAN OR MARIA	116.37	9/20	09/30/20	
36734	SC	965 SCHOOL SERVICES OF MONTANA (SSoM)	70.87	9/20	09/30/20	
36735	SC	1748 STOTTS, NICOLE	25.57	9/20	09/30/20	
36736	SC	666 THOMAS, LORRIE	100.00	9/20	09/30/20	
36737	SC	1243 WESTERN SPORT FLOORS LLC	3187.50	9/20	09/30/20	

Claims Total # of Checks: 17 Total: 15912.40

Grand Total # of Checks: 17 Total: 15912.40

Check Types: MC=Manual Claim, SC=System Claim, V=Void (never in system), E=ACH
P=Payroll, C=Cancelled (cancelled in system), R=Reissued, D=Deleted (deleted in system)

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GALLATIN GATEWAY ELEMENTARY
Check/Claim Details
For the Accounting Period: 9/20

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* Over spent expenditure

Warrant Claim	Vendor #/Name	Amount	Acct/Source/			
Line #	Invoice #/Inv Date/Description	Line Amount	PO #	Fund Org	Prog-Func	Obj Proj
36721S	43 ALSCO-AMERICAN LINEN DIVISION					
	2431	56.39				
1	1608587 09/21/20 LINENS-RUGS, APRONS, MOPS	33.83		101 80 100-2600		610
2	1608587 09/21/20 LINENS-RUGS, APRONS, MOPS	2.82		110 80 100-2700		610
3	1608587 09/21/20 LINENS-RUGS, APRONS, MOPS	19.74*		112 80 910-3100		610
	2433	56.39				
1	1605139 09/07/20 LINENS-APRONS, MOPS, TOWELS, RUG	33.83		101 80 100-2600		610
2	1605139 09/07/20 LINENS-APRONS, MOPS, TOWELS, RUG	2.82		110 80 100-2700		610
3	1605139 09/07/20 LINENS-APRONS, MOPS, TOWELS, RUG	19.74*		112 80 910-3100		610
	2439	168.41				
1	1610303 09/28/20 LINE-RUGS, APRONS, MOPS, TOWELS	101.05		101 80 100-2600		610
2	1610303 09/28/20 LINE-RUGS, APRONS, MOPS, TOWELS	8.42		110 80 100-2700		610
3	1610303 09/28/20 LINE-RUGS, APRONS, MOPS, TOWELS	58.94*		112 80 910-3100		610
	Total Check:	281.19				
36722S	1743 AMY BOCKNESS					
	2424	1,036.17				
1	09/25/20 REFUND- STUDENT FEES AND MEAL	1,036.17		112 1621		
	Total Check:	1,036.17				
36723S	1744 BEREZAY, SHELLY OR CODY					
	2425	112.99				
1	09/22/20 REFUND-STUDENT FEES AND MEALS	112.99		112 1621		
	Total Check:	112.99				
36724S	1328 BRIDGER ANALYTICAL LAB, INC					
	2432	28.00				
1	2009275 09/17/20 WATER TESTING-SEPT	27.44		101 80 100-2600		421
2	2009275 09/17/20 WATER TESTING-SEPT	0.56		117 80 610-2600		421
	Total Check:	28.00				
36725S	228 CENTURYLINK					
	2436	630.72				
1	09/04/20 PHONE SERVICE- AUG	227.30		101 80 100-2300		531
2	09/04/20 PHONE SERVICE- AUG	77.85		110 80 100-2300		531
3	09/04/20 PHONE SERVICE- AUG	6.23		117 80 610-2300		531
4	09/04/20 PHONE SERVICE-SEPT	233.11		101 80 100-2300		531
5	09/04/20 PHONE SERVICE-SEPT	79.84		110 80 100-2300		531
6	09/04/20 PHONE SERVICE-SEPT	6.39		117 80 610-2300		531
	Total Check:	630.72				

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Line #	Invoice #/Inv Date/Description	Line Amount	PO #	Fund Org	Prog-Func	Obj Proj
36726S	229 CENTURYLINK					
	2441	41.05				
1	151425885 09/20/20 PHONE-LONG DISTANCE	29.97		101 80 100-2300		531
2	151425885 09/20/20 PHONE-LONG DISTANCE	10.26		110 80 100-2300		531
3	151425885 09/20/20 PHONE-LONG DISTANCE	0.82		117 80 610-2300		531
	Total Check:	41.05				
36727S	1337 CORE CONTROL					
	2442	10,005.00				
9	CLASSROOMS AND 2 GYM UNITS					
1	WO-1880 08/28/20 AIR PURIFICATION SYSTEM	10,005.00*		115 80 770-2600		440 198
	Total Check:	10,005.00				
36728S	349 DRAKE IRRIGATION					
	2438	150.00				
1	1673 09/25/20 IRRIGATION-WINTERIZATION	150.00*		101 80 100-2630		440
	Total Check:	150.00				
36729S	1747 HARGROVE, JOHN					
	2427	17.05				
1	09/22/20 REFUND-STUDENT FEES & MEALS	17.05		112 1621		
	Total Check:	17.05				
36730S	1746 HOURIGAN, WENDY					
	2426	45.30				
1	09/22/20 REFUND- STUDENT FEES & MEALS	45.30		112 1621		
	Total Check:	45.30				
36731S	577 J&H INC					
	2430	38.69				
1	592342 09/16/20 COPIER- BUSINESS OFFICE	38.69		101 80 100-2300		550
	Total Check:	38.69				
36732S	655 LEE, JERRY					
	2437	25.93				
1	09/15/20 MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	25.93		101 80 100-2500		582
	Total Check:	25.93				
36733S	1749 PETERS, SEAN OR MARIA					
	2429	116.37				
1	09/22/20 REFUND- STUDENT FEES AND MEALS	116.37		112 1621		
	Total Check:	116.37				

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36734S	965 SCHOOL SERVICES OF MONTANA (SSoM)					
	2434	70.87				
<u>1</u>	5178 09/15/20 PURCHASING ADMIN FEE	70.87*		112 80	910-3100	810
	Total Check:	70.87				
36735S	1748 STOTTS, NICOLE					
	2428	25.57				
<u>1</u>	09/22/20 REFUND- STUDENT FEES & MEALS	25.57		112	1621	
	Total Check:	25.57				
36736S	666 THOMAS, LORRIE					
	2440	100.00				
<u>1</u>	09/28/20 BATERIOLOGICAL- OCT	98.00		101 80	100-2600	421
<u>2</u>	09/28/20 BATERIOLOGICAL- OCT	2.00		117 80	610-2600	421
	Total Check:	100.00				
36737S	1243 WESTERN SPORT FLOORS LLC					
	2435	3,187.50				
<u>1</u>	845 09/17/20 Gym Floor Refinish	1,955.00	21037	101 80	100-2600	440
<u>2</u>	845 09/17/20 Gym Floor Refinish	1,232.50		101 80	100-2600	440
	Total Check:	3,187.50				
	# of Claims	19				
	Total:	15,912.40				

MEMO

TO: Gallatin County Superintendent of Schools Office
Matthew Henry
Linda Skelton

FROM: Carrie Fisher
District Clerk
Gallatin Gateway School District #35

DATE: October 2, 2020

RE: 2020-2021 South Route Change

Gallatin Gateway School Board of Trustees approved a change to the South Route for the 2020-2021 at a special meeting on October 1, 2020. Please see attached documents for the approved change. This change will add one bus stop to our route to accommodate a new student and will only occur in the afternoon.

Upon approval of the board, the official minutes from the October 1, 2020 meeting will be forwarded to the Gallatin County Superintendent of Schools Office. This will occur at their regular meeting scheduled for October 23, 2020.

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF BUS ROUTE

2020-2021

(Complete only for new routes or changes not previously approved by the Transportation Committee.)

Gallatin Gateway School District requests approval from the
Gallatin County Transportation Committee for the following:

New bus route / Route change (circle)

Route number SOUTH

Actual number of miles per trip 22.8

Total miles/day 45

Rated capacity of bus 71

Number of days to operate 153 (with changes)

Estimated rate per mile \$1.57

Estimated route reimbursement \$10,809.45

Estimated number of children to be served 37

CHECKLIST

- Map of existing and proposed bus route
- Description of turnarounds
- Add: Corner of Upper Tom Burke & Wilson Creek Road
- Description of conditions affecting safety
- No changed to original request
- Total mileage and change in mileage of the affected bus route
- Increases route .6 miles (1x day)-- student will only ride in the afternoon
- Approximate total cost
- Increase in cost to add .6 miles - \$144.13/year
- Reasons for the proposed bus route change
- Number of children to be served
- n/a Any other information that the county transportation committee may consider relevant
- Copy of official minutes at which the school trustees approved the new bus route/change.

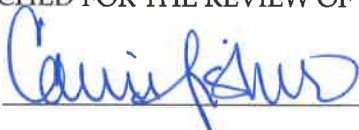
Check below of where you are in the process of obtaining school board approval:

- Approved by School Board Date: October 1, 2020
- Presented to School Board, sending official minutes Date: October 23, 2020
- Changes have not been presented to the school board

- Final Transportation Committee approval dependent on submission of minutes to County Superintendent

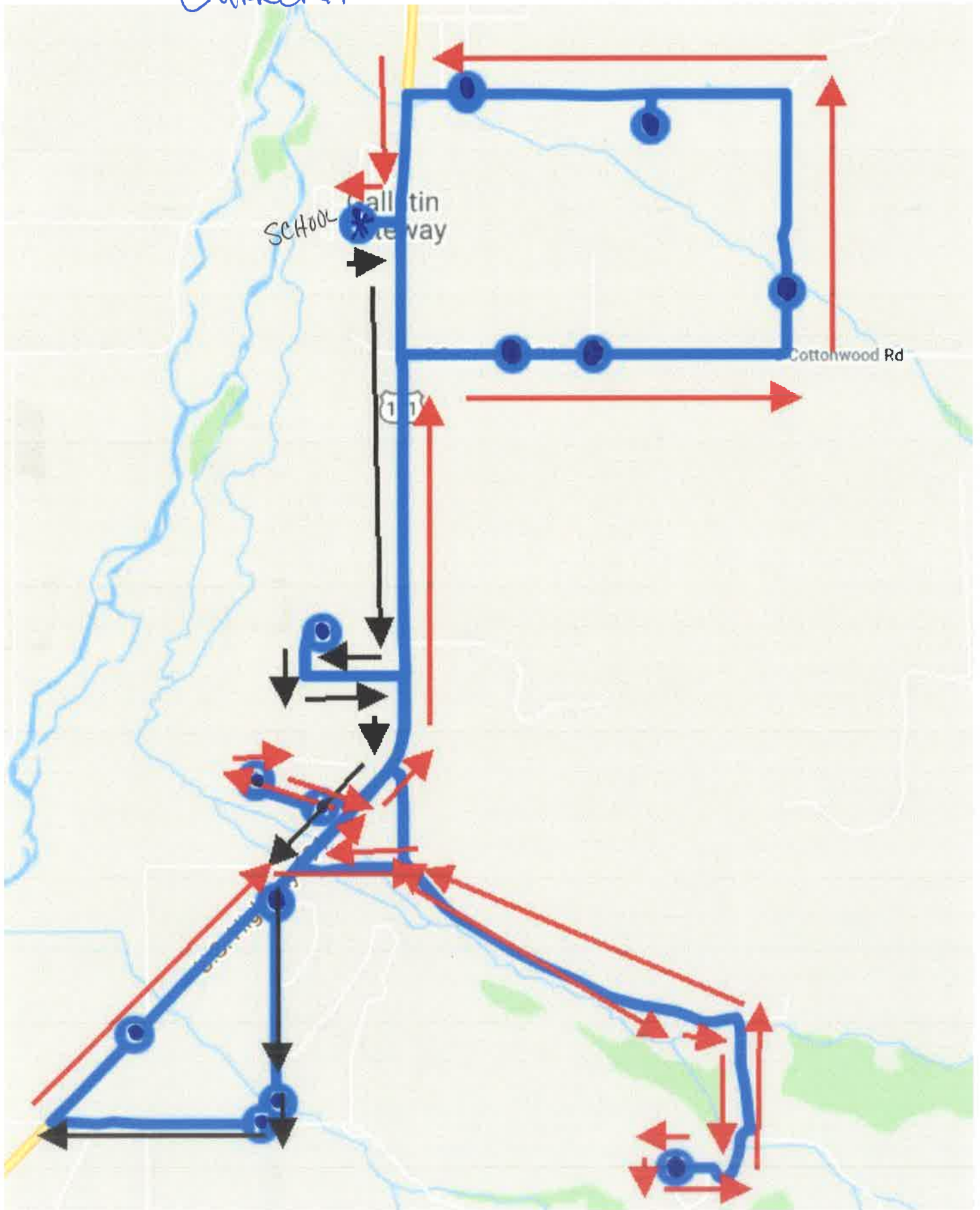
THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS ATTACHED FOR THE REVIEW OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

Signature of person completing request: _____



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(SOUTH ROUTE)

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Gallatin Gateway Schools – PreBond Planning

10.01.2020 Board Meeting

Executive Summary of Explore Phase Workshops

Of the pre-bond planning phases outlined in the project approach timeline (see attached), the Assess phase was recently completed (April-July) and approval from the GGS Board was obtained to proceed into the Explore phase. The content gained from the Assess phase was used as the basis of the preliminary concept development moving forward. During the Explore phase, workshops engaged the Building Committee, Community, and School Staff through a series of exercises to explore multiple concepts and refine options with each workshop, open house, and survey. GGS used the school and community network systems to send announcements, post information on their website, mailer/flyers, email groups, school communications, and local media to invite, inform, and engage with the community.

During the Explore process, dozens of ideas and concepts in small to large cost ranges were explored. Each preliminary concept continued to integrate Building Committee & Community feedback, the baseline assessment deficiencies, the guiding principles established previously in the Assess phase, and aided to prioritize elements to carry forward into the preferred concepts.

Building Committee Explore Workshop 1 – 07.30.20

A range of preliminary concepts were explored integrating the assess phase guiding principles, & community survey feedback. Concepts of Secure entries, 21st Century Learning, Reimagined Libraries, Makerspace, Learning communities, Original Entry, Gym-A-Cafetorium/ multipurpose, & Future Expansion were reviewed with the Building Committee. The Building Committee provided feedback that was integrated to further refine concepts for the next workshop.

Building Committee Explore Workshop 2 – 08.18.20

Refined preliminary concepts were reviewed with the Building Committee. Concepts of Enhanced Secure Entry, New Entry & Addition, Original 1914 Entry, & Future Growth were discussed and feedback provided for the next workshop/community session.

Community & Stakeholder Listening Session / Building Committee Explore Workshop 3 – 08.25.20

Refined preliminary concepts were shared at the Community Listening Session/ Building Committee Workshop. Concepts of Facility Deficiencies/Deferred Maintenance, Enhanced Secure Entry Concept, New Entry & Addition Concept, & Original 1914 Entry Concept provided a range of bond capacities within each of the concepts. Discussion and feedback from this workshop was used to further refine concepts for the next workshop.

Community Survey 2.0 – 8.25.20 - 9.08.20

The Community Survey 2.0 launched to obtain feedback on the preliminary concepts and bond ranges associated.

Building Committee Explore Workshop 4 – 9.09.20

Community survey 2.0 results and preliminary concepts of: Facility Deficiencies/Deferred Maintenance, Enhanced Secure Entry Concept, New Entry & Addition Concept, & Original 1914 Entry Concept were discussed and reduced down to refine two concepts for the next workshop.

Community & Stakeholder Listening Session / Building Committee Explore Workshop 5 – 09.23.20

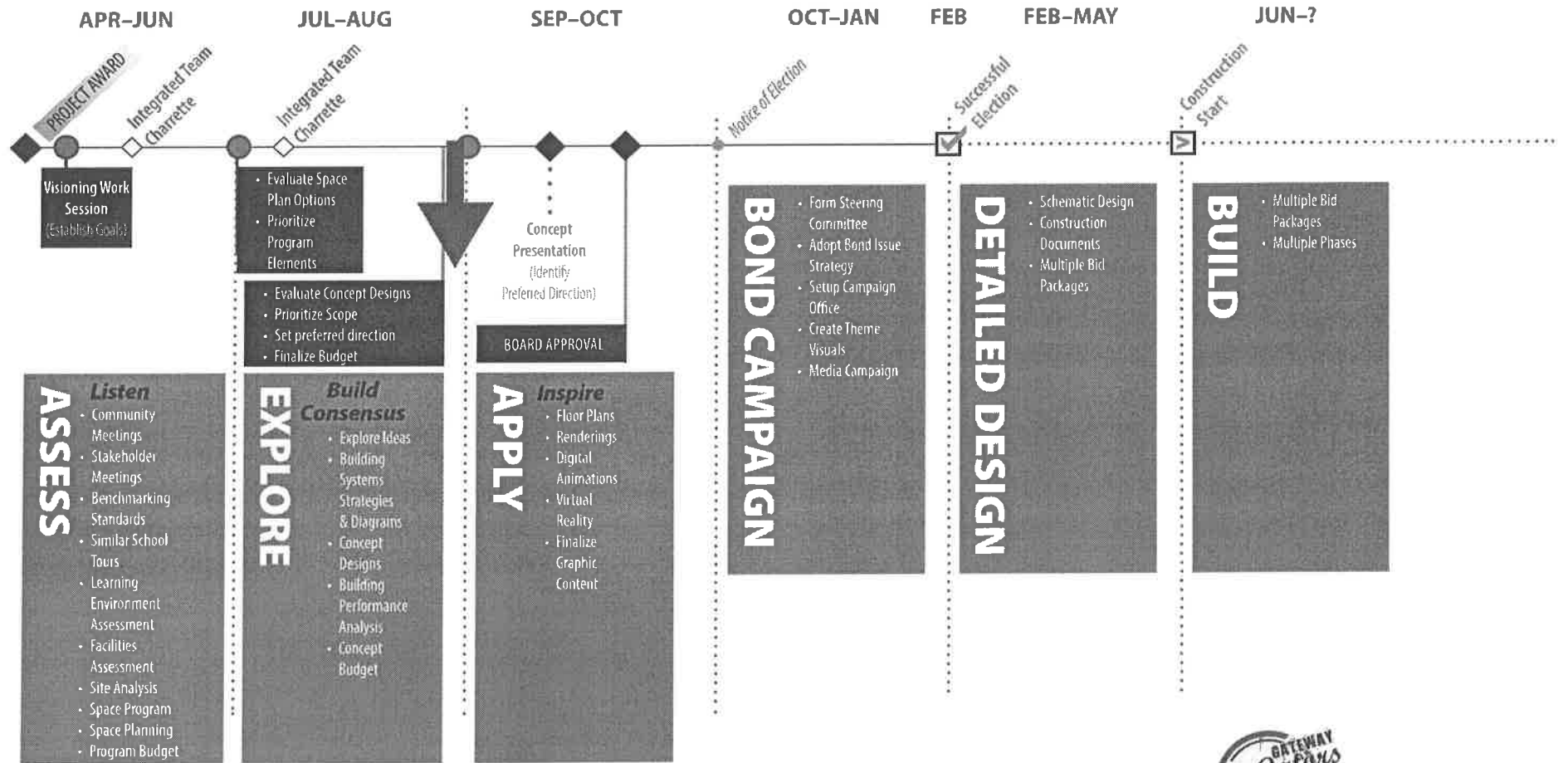
The two refined preliminary concepts were shared at the Community Listening Session/ Building Committee Workshop. Concepts of the Site Plan, 1914 Restoration Concept, & New Replacement Concept were discussed for a recommendation from the Building Committee to take to the School Board for approval to carry on to the next (Apply) phase.

Next Steps –

We are seeking approval of one preferred concept, and taking that concept into the Apply Phase, which will provide more detailed planning, design, cost estimation and visualizations.

Attachments: Project Approach Timeline

Project Approach Timeline



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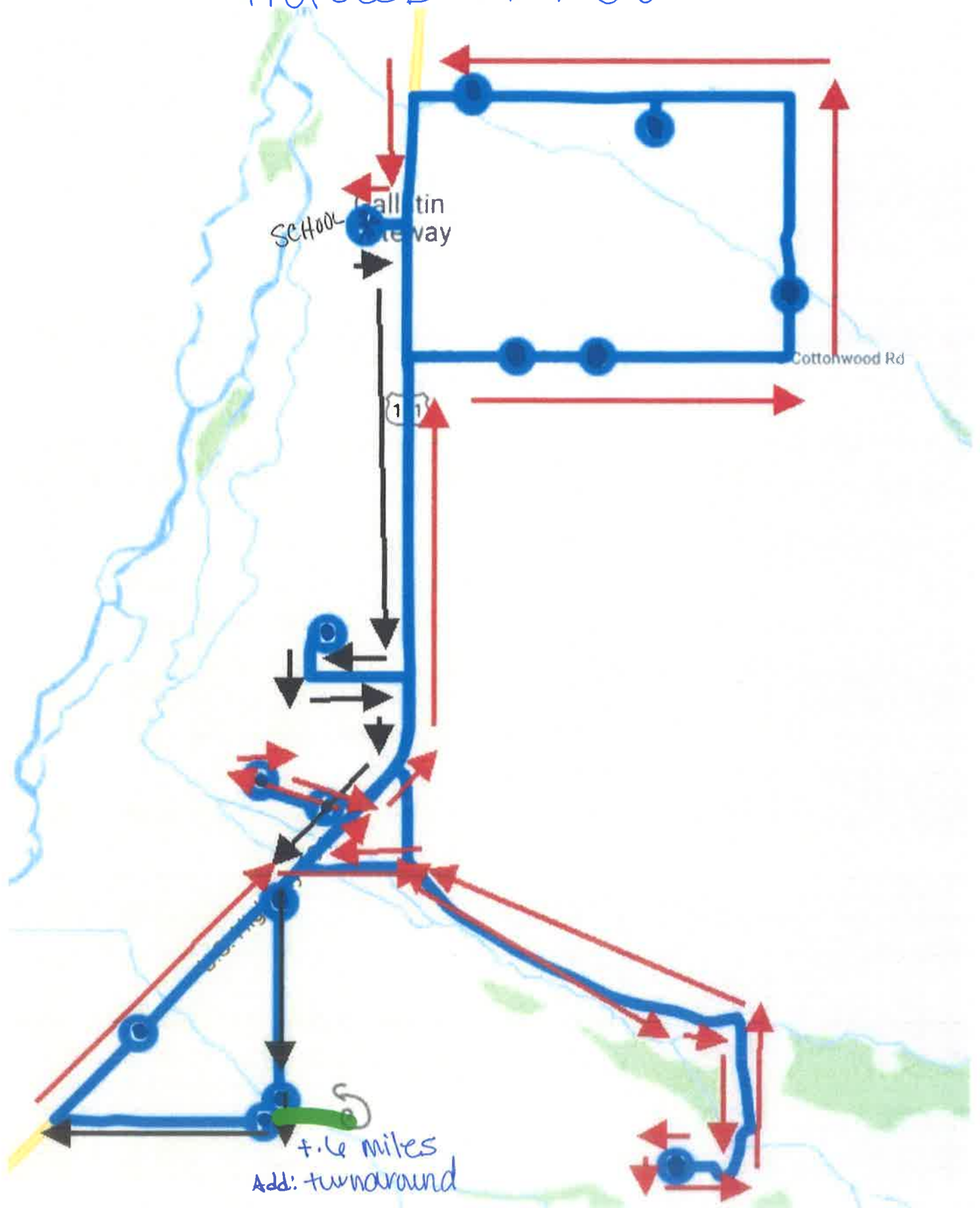


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Community Input Correspondence for Board Consideration

As of 3:30pm October 1, 2020



Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Gateway School Building Committee Recommendation to be Considered by Board

TroutChasers Lodge <jason@montanatroutchasers.com>
To: Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Fri, Sep 25, 2020 at 10:43 AM

Excellent job by the building committee weighing the options, and looking strongly at what is best for the communities needs today, as well as in the future, and the financial consequences of each choice. It was great to see a unanimous decision, giving confidence to a vote that had some heart strings attached to it.

Great job,

Jason Fleury

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Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Gateway School Building Committee Recommendation

Dick Shockley <ddshockley@aol.com>

Fri, Sep 25, 2020 at 4:06 PM

Reply-To: Dick Shockley <ddshockley@aol.com>

To: "fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com" <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Gallatin Gateway School Board and Building Committee

Presently there are fourteen hundred forty-five (1,445) registered voters in GGS District 35. GGS Facility Project community input efforts to date have included two very poorly attended public meetings and two surveys, one soliciting 60 responses, the other 45 responses. (Of which most, if not all, likely also responded to the first survey.) My analysis of the survey results concludes that there was no clear consensus on selection of options presented.

Communications soliciting input have been exclusively within the school communications "bubble" thus excluding the preponderance of registered voters in the school district.

Community outreach efforts to date are woefully inadequate to support any position on any issue, option, or question. Outreach and feedback reflect a disappointing lack of due diligence in soliciting community support of this project, let alone support for a precedent setting bond issue.

Do not be so hasty to form conclusions based on almost negligible community input. Meeting and survey numbers reflect way less than ten percent and are almost exclusively confined to school community members, exclusive of the broader voter base population. (Many of whom likely constitute NO votes and thus require good information and persuasion to be invested and supportive.)

I recommend greatly expanded outreach and information dissemination through mailings, through the Gateway Fire Board, the Gateway Water Sewer Board, Willing Workers, Gateway church communities, and by enhanced advertisement of public meetings. Please proceed with professionalism, inclusivity, and positivity. Bring constituents together to successfully complete this critically needed facilities project with one strongly supported bond issue.

Dick Shockley
627 Gateway South Rd, Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730
406 763-4605

Note: During development of the Gallatin Gateway Community Growth Plan, mailings, surveys, flyers, public meetings, phone discussions, personal conversations, and other communications solicited literally thousands of comments, opinions, and valuable input. Albeit the process required a few years to complete. The point is that the community will become engaged as a result of proactively seeking input, but it must be extensive and inclusive.



Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Historic 1914 Gallatin Gateway School

Susan Rabatin <azul1@ix.netcom.com>
To: Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Sun, Sep 27, 2020 at 11:28 AM

Dear Ms Fisher,

I am opposed to any plan to tear down the 1914 school building without at least a full review of an alternative plan that would keep all or part of it intact.

The red brick building is a historic pioneer style, an evocative and proud monument to Montana's tradition of rural public education. To destroy a 106-year-old Gallatin Valley architectural landmark without measured and fair consideration of how to save it is not a way forward that I can support.

Sincerely,
Susan C Rabatin
650 Bear Crossing Road
Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730
406/599-4271

Sent from my iPad



Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Re: 1914 Gallatin Gateway Schoolhouse - please preserve

Kristine Ellingsen <kristine.e2424@gmail.com>
To: fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com

Sun, Sep 27, 2020 at 2:36 PM

Dear Carrie Fisher,

I am a resident of Gallatin Gateway and live just a few buildings to the west of the Gateway school. I'm writing to voice my strong opposition to the destruction of the 1914 portion of the school.

Surely there are other options available, options that would preserve this stately piece of historical architecture and be less of a financial burden on those of us who live here.

Sincerely,
Kris Ellingsen
216 Mill Street



Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Demolition of 1914 Gallatin Gateway School?!

Jarrett, Margaret <jarrett@montana.edu>

Sun, Sep 27, 2020 at 1:00 PM

To: "fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com" <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Cc: Donna Shockley <riverislecottage@gmail.com>

Dear Ms. Fisher,

I am writing to say that I am **not** in favor of destroying the 1914 Gallatin Gateway School, so would definitely vote against such an extreme measure. Surely, there is some option to integrate the old with the new? Once an historic icon is ripped from our community, it is but a fading memory . . . we can do better than this!

Sincerely,

Margaret Jarrett

(41-year resident of Gallatin Gateway)

P.O. Box 231

Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730

406.763.4305



Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Removal of building.

Brandon Ostermiller <bostermiller74@gmail.com>
To: fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com

Mon, Sep 28, 2020 at 9:18 AM

To whom it may concern,

The removal of the 1914 building needs to happen in order for the future growth of the school. Dont need to live in the past need to move onto the future. Removal of the building will do just that allowing growth and everything brought up to code. Keeping the old building will just be throwing money down the drain.

Thank you for your time,
Brandon



Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Fwd: Gateway school

Theresa Keel <keel@gallatingatewayschool.com>
To: Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Mon, Sep 28, 2020 at 9:51 AM

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From: Sherryual@aol.com <sherryual@aol.com>
Date: Mon, Sep 28, 2020 at 8:51 AM
Subject: Gateway school
To: <keel@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Hi there!

I have been a resident in Gateway for 14 years and have not been asked about my thoughts about the school. Myself, as well as many other people do not go to Facebook.

I did send in a note 12 years ago about how I saw Gateway changing.

As I saw the beginning of growth, and heard about the little school, I suggested they needed to purchase property and build a new school at that time.

The building they now use for the school and gym could be changed into a community recreation center. The classrooms could be art rooms, pottery class room, workout room, yoga rooms, karate room, baby sit room, exercise classes, the gym could be used for snowy, and rainy drop in games or play. You would already have lockers and the gym.

You could easily set up for pickle ball in the gym.

People could buy memberships to use the space with each class costing something. There would have to be a manager and brochures with classes, etc.

A new school could be built on property on corner of Cottontail and axtel south.

You could save the little old school house. Raise funds as non profit to refurbish little old school house.

You will outgrow remodeled school very quickly.

BUILD NEW SCHOOL

Be smart about it...it does not have to be a billion dollar school...

Montana's weather is not conducive to outdoor play, except for a few months out of year. The community would love a recreation center to use on bad weather days (a lot) and seniors would love something to do or place to gather. It be good for all ages.

That is my suggestion for what it is worth.

The rest of my suggestion long ago, was to put gas lights lining street of Gateway and make little stores out of junky barns and buildings. Make it a destination, come for dinner and shop, crafty, old western stores. After Thanksgiving, Santa comes to old school house and horse and wagon rides. Whoever I sent my suggestions at the time, Loved my ideas....but oh well
Good luck..

Sherry Dickerson.

Sent from my iPhone

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Theresa Keel

Superintendent

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Renovation or Demolish School

Janine G. Roberts <janinegaile@aol.com>
Reply-To: "Janine G. Roberts" <janinegaile@aol.com>
To: "fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com" <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Mon, Sep 28, 2020 at 3:12 PM

Good Afternoon:)

I would like the School Board to slow this process down. I did not have a chance to go to the last meeting but will be attending the Oct 1st meeting to give me input.

Janine

Janine G. Roberts
Roberts Bookkeeping Service, Inc.
406-763-4343

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Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Superintendent Discuss & Cuss- TONIGHT!

waycher thiem <wedofence@hotmail.com>
To: "fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com" <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Mon, Sep 28, 2020 at 12:53 PM

Hello Carrie,

On behalf of the Thiem Family we are against tearing the building down. We would like to see it restored. It is a part of History and should be Historical Site.

We will try to make the meeting on Thursday.

Thank you,

Have a great day!

From: Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 1:38 PM
To: News <news@gallatingatewayschool.com>
Subject: [GGS News] Superintendent Discuss & Cuss- TONIGHT!

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Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

1914 Gallatin Gateway School House

roarkgg@gmail.com <roarkgg@gmail.com>
To: fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com

Mon, Sep 28, 2020 at 3:36 PM

To the Building Committee and School Board:

I am an environmental professional who has lived in and had a home office in Gallatin Gateway for 20 years. My business includes working with architects and developers to find solutions that avoid, minimize and/or mitigate environmental impact. I routinely analyze impacts of potential alternatives and document compliance of federally funded projects with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and have a professional background in regulatory compliance for school projects funded with federal grants and tax monies.

A through-going concept in NEPA is to provide decision makers with information so that they can choose solutions that are the "least environmentally damaging practicable alternative." The environment includes physical/natural factors and human/social/built factors. Even community acceptance is an environmental factor that is to be considered, since no project stands isolated from the community in which it is implemented.

If there is a practicable alternative that protects the environment – natural or built – it should be given greater consideration than any alternative that does not protect the environment. In an evaluation of alternatives, an alternative that does not protect the environment should be chosen only if there is no other alternative.

Cultural and historical resources are an important part of our social environment, providing continuity and holding a community together. The historic portion of the school building is a keystone structure in the Gateway community, and well worth preservation or restoration. Demolishing the historic centerpiece of Gallatin Gateway would teach our students that history and tradition can be obliterated and discarded in a disposable, on-demand world.

Please give additional consideration to preserving the community-owned architectural landmark of our town. I will not vote in support of a bond that destroys the 1914 building.

Thank you,

Carol Lee-Roark

Carol Lee-Roark, Ph.D., P.G.

9/28/2020

Gallatin Gateway School Mail - 1914 Gallatin Gateway School House

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Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

1914 building demolition

Ty Spring <tspring@springcorp.net>

Mon, Sep 28, 2020 at 10:11 AM

Reply-To: Ty Spring <tspring@springcorp.net>

To: "fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com" <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

I want to express my disappointment of hearing that the building committee has decided to tear down the historic 1914 section of the school. That building is a central part of the character of downtown Gallatin Gateway. That building holds a lot of memories for me as well as countless others in this community. My great grandmother was part of the first graduating class when it was a high school. My grandfather and my dad attended this school as well as myself and both of my sons. I had Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade in those classrooms. I remember watching the progress of the gym being built from the second floor classroom. I remember lining up for school outside those steps and my first kiss was on those same front steps. My point is, many others from this community have a lot of similar memories of this building and would have a hard time voting for a bond that included tearing it down.

I know that structural improvements and maintenance are probably the main contributing factors to the decision to tear it down. Keeping this historic structure is worth the additional costs and I believe many in this community would agree and vote accordingly.

Thank you,

Ty Spring



Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Building Demolition Input

1 message

Morgan Klaas <mklaas@profitableideas.com>
To: "fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com" <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Mon, Sep 28, 2020 at 9:15 PM

Ms. Fisher,

I'm writing to lend my support to the pause considerations around the demolition of the historic Gateway School.

This building means so much to me and to the history of Gallatin Gateway (or should I say – Salesville). The fact that this structure is not in the historic register baffles my mind – I cannot even believe that the idea of tearing it down is even being considered. I will always be a person who believes in preserving historic places. Personally, I spent both my 4th and 5th grade years in this portion of the building – I remember lining up under the front white arch and I cannot imagine Gateway school without it.

Money is money. It can be reprinted and earned. History is too easily erased in a second – is the loss of it ever really worth saving a few couple hundred dollars?

I personally stand on the side of restoration and preservation. That building is still in great shape. It can be updated to welcome students of future generations. I feel this building is one of the few structures in the area that ADDS to the aesthetic and celebrates the weirdness that was Salesville. We would be remiss as a community to support it's demolition.

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Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

School building

Pamm Davis <prd3@earthlink.net>
To: fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com

Mon, Sep 28, 2020 at 7:38 PM

I have lived in the Gateway area on Axtell-Anceny Rd for 32 years. I would like to see the old school house remain. It is a beautiful building and apparently can be brought up to code. Please slow down and get more feedback from the community who live here.

Pamm Davis

Sent from my iPhone



Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Demolishing the 1914 schoolhouse

Cheryl Deats <deatsc@yahoo.com>

Mon, Sep 28, 2020 at 4:30 PM

To: "fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com" <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Dear Gallatin Gateway School Board,

I am one of the residence of Gallatin Gateway and have not entered into the discussion about "updating" the Gateway school until now.

However, now that you all are so intent on "demolishing" this historic building, I am compelled to speak out against such a decision.

I have visited Gallatin Gateway since the '50's and summered here since 1989. My husband and I permanently moved here in 1999. Upon moving here, I did a great deal of substitute teaching at this school as well as being a member of the school board for 3yrs.

This original building, though old and somewhat outdated, has a history for this community that, when gone, will be gone forever. There are still families living in the area who actually attended classes in that old building. And parts of that building are still in use today.

Yes, a brand new building would get you lots of "bells and whistles" but it can never be what the original building was and is. Yes, the old building has problems and won't get you as many classrooms or square footage as a newer building, but it will certainly cost less to renovate rather than demolish in order to construct something new! Even the new addition has problems that need correcting. Are you going to "demolish" that addition also in a few years?

The Gateway student population is small by comparison to other districts. Currently there are approximately 150 students in K-8. Over the years, the number of students has fluctuated somewhere between 120 and 180 total students in K-8. Yes, with more people moving to rural areas, these numbers may change, but aren't we putting the cart before the horse here?

People in this district are practical and are not going to vote for a 7 million bond when the reasoning for approving it is flawed. Look back over the history of voting in this district concerning bond approvals. Not too many have passed and this one would hit many road blocks!

To me maintaining one of our district's historic buildings is far more important than erecting a "newer, more modern" building at this time.

My husband and I vote to keep the original building and renovate it when necessary.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Deats



Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Fwd: The surveys do not appropriately reflect the community

Theresa Keel <keel@gallatingatewayschool.com>
To: Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 9:17 AM

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From: **Jared & Jessica Black** <theblacksmail@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Sep 28, 2020 at 6:48 PM
Subject: The surveys do not appropriately reflect the community
To: Theresa Keel <keel@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Theresa,

I took the surveys and what I consistently saw was no option to say NO!

The surveys were written very specifically, to get a positive response on some kind of building project.

I don't want a new school until all the out of district kids are shipped back to their own school and we include middle school into Bozeman.

I disagree with you saying that the surveys accurately reflect peoples opinion.

And again you said in the meeting ... "which one of these."

How about those of us who appose all these options. The surveys were written very specifically to give us no voice.

I am very disappointed in your surveys and how you have portrayed folks wanting to build, when many of us do not.

Jared Black

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Theresa Keel

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Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

School bond

BRAD JOSETTE PARSCH <bradjosette@msn.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 9:21 AM

To: "fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com" <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Ms Fisher,

I have been a resident in Gallatin Gateway for 15 years. I would like the school board to slow down and wait for a year before they ask for the approval of another bond. I think tax payers will be much more willing to fund the bond once Covid is in the rear view mirror. This year has been very difficult economically for most families, and a lower tax bill would be a welcomed reprieve. Please reconsider this burden you will be placing on the families of this community.

Josette Parsch

Sent from my iPhone



Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

(no subject)

Donna Fleury <dsfleury4@icloud.com>
To: fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 9:08 AM

Sent from my

We understand the sentimental value of the original Gallatin Gateway School , however we believe that tearing it down and building a new school is the best option for our current, future students, and taxpayers. As registered voters in Gallatin County we would be opposed to a bond to renovate the old building, but 100% for a new building.

Dan and Donna Fleury



Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

1914 school building

travis sturgis <travissturgis5@gmail.com>
To: fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 1:32 PM

I wanted to say that as a life long tax paying resident of gateway im not ok with the old school house being tore down its old buildings like this and the history that happened here that make gateway what it is and gives it its charm. Also I heard from someone they want to build a new building that would cost around 7 million. That is insanely too much money for a grade school In a small town. What in the world would they plan on doing there that would make it so expensive



Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Preservation of the 1914 Gallatin Gateway School in Gallatin County, Montana

Rachel Phillips <rachelp184@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 3:25 PM

To: schwieterman@gallatingatewayschool.com, fleury@gallatingatewayschool.com, paulson@gallatingatewayschool.com, ringo@gallatingatewayschool.com, martin@gallatingatewayschool.com, fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com

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Greetings,

Please find attached a letter to the Gallatin Gateway School Board of Trustees from the Historic Preservation Board of Gallatin County. The HPBGC is advocating preservation of the historic 1914 Salesville/Gallatin Gateway School building in Gallatin County.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Rachel Phillips

(on behalf of all members of the Historic Preservation Board of Gallatin County)

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Chair, Board of Trustees
Gallatin Gateway School District
100 Mill Street
PO Box 265
Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730

September 29, 2020

Dear Gallatin Gateway School Board of Trustees:

The Historic Preservation Board of Gallatin County, HPBGC, is charged with the responsibility of protecting and preserving historic sites and structures in Gallatin County. The 1914 Gallatin Gateway School building is one of these important historic structures.

Gallatin Gateway, previously called Salesville after the Zachariah Sales family, is a wonderful historic community in Gallatin County. Formal education in Salesville dates back to the early 1880s. Teachers instructed students in one-room schoolhouses for the first couple decades. The Gallatin Valley Electric Railway brought passenger and freight service to the area in 1909, and by the early 1910s, a wide variety of businesses were well established in town, including a bank, hotel, general stores, saloons, and a blacksmith shop. In 1914, the citizens of Salesville proudly constructed the largest brick building in town – the Salesville School. For over 100 years, this structure has anchored the Gateway community, serving thousands of local children throughout its long history. The Salesville School, or Gallatin Gateway School, was a popular destination on the 2nd Gallatin County tour event organized and hosted by the Historic Preservation Board of Gallatin County in 2013. As part of this “Historic Gateway Tour” event, retired teacher and former HPBGC Board Member Lillian Theisen delivered a crowd-pleasing history of the school to tour attendees. Today, the school building stands as a reminder of Gallatin Gateway’s rich history and as a symbol of what a determined, dedicated community can accomplish.

As one of the oldest surviving brick schoolhouses in Gallatin County, the historic 1914 Gallatin Gateway School should be documented and evaluated for possible inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. The current structure is sound and stable, and with National Register eligibility, funding could be acquired to preserve the structure for future generations. Listing this historic school on the National Register of Historic Places will not preclude alterations to the modern additions or upgrades to the interior as long as the features of the historic structure such as basic roof line, doors, windows, and brick exterior materials are retained. The building has the full potential to be used long into the future and celebrated by the historic community.

The Gallatin Gateway School is a vital part of Salesville and Gallatin Gateway identity and because of the school's historic importance and continued usefulness, the structure is well-deserving of preservation. Thank you for this opportunity to share HPBGC's concerns regarding this important Gallatin County school.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Van Slyke".

Bob Van Slyke
HPBGC Chairman

Historic Preservation Board of Gallatin County

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Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

(no subject)

Logan Fulcher <lfulcher1993@gmail.com>
To: fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 12:54 PM

I am a Gallatin Gateway resident and taxpayer and as a community member I do not support the tear down of the historic 1914 building!



Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Meeting regarding future building plans for Gallatin Gateway School

Doug Rand <douggmt@gmail.com>
To: fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 10:14 AM

Dear Ms. Fisher,

Could you please forward this to members of the committee for future building plans for the Gallatin Gateway School, the school board and the school superintendent before the meeting tomorrow.

I will not be able to attend the meeting tomorrow due to Covid-19 concerns but would like to make some comments.

I was surprised to see the article about possibly replacing the main school building in the paper last Saturday. We are such a small community, it should be possible to keep in touch regarding major local issues. In order to continue to maintain good public support for the school, I feel that the process should be open, inclusive and transparent. Personally, I favor maintaining the historic old school building.

In looking at the school website this morning I am not finding a study of projected construction needs for the school in the next 20 years and possible options as to how these could be paid for. Has this been done? Also, I would guess that the school will need additional land in the near future. Is this being addressed?

It appears that the district plans to work with a specific contractor on a negotiated basis. As a retired architect, I strongly feel that publicly funded projects should be competitively bid by highly qualified contractors to get the most for our tax dollars.

Since I do not know anyone listed on the planning committee, I would like to briefly introduce myself. I have lived 1 1/2 miles south of Gateway for nearly 50 years, served two terms on the County Planning Board and three terms as a trustee representing the rural school districts on the Bozeman High School Board.

Could you please confirm that you received this and were able to forward to members of the planning group, school board and superintendent.

Sincerely, Doug Rand

Doug Rand
14525 Spanish Breaks Trail
Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730
763-3000



Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Gallatin Gateway School

Natalie Phillips <natphillips2013@gmail.com>
To: Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 9:59 AM

Hi Carrie,

My husband and I have been residents of Gallatin Gateway for 38 years. Our children attended school in Gallatin Gateway. We would like the school board to slow down the \$7M bond election process. The community and taxpayers need to be better informed of their choices. We do not want to see the historic 1914 school building destroyed. The option of restoration needs to be more fully explored. It has not been clearly established that renovation is the better option. Please do not hastily make any decisions without allowing our community to fully weigh all options available to us.

Thank you,
Lee & Natalie Phillips



Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Building

Kari Lura <karilarson@hotmail.com>
To: fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 10:07 AM

Hi there,

I just wanted my opinion to be heard as well. I agree that the old building is history but I think if we are really concerned and want to be kids first. It would be better to tear down and have the extra square footage for growth.

Thanks and have a great day!

Kari

Sent from my iPhone



Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Historic 1914 Gallatin Gateway School House-demolish or restore

Wesley Hargrove <weshargrove1@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 29, 2020 at 9:19 PM

To: fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com

As a concerned tax payer and long time resident we need to SLOW this process down. I think we need to look at passed growth plans, find out what the Yellowstone club plans for their property(impact Fees maybe) and involve more vested people in our community. There are way more than 60 people who pay taxes in this district that should have a say on the building and the taxes.

I think there are more affordable options out there. If there are repairs that need to be done take care of those but not a 7 million dollar school!

Not sure where I stand on out of district kids (20% of the kids maybe) not having to pay out of district tuition. Their parents are not paying taxes for the new school!

The old school may not mean anything to the new people in town but, history is something you can never get back and it means something to me!

I believe our community and every other has taken a hit this year with covid and I do not believe we need to hit them with the cost of a new school we do not need right now!

Thank you,
Tami Alverson



Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Old School

Rick Hargrove <rrriverrentals@yahoo.com>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 6:44 AM

To: "fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com" <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Studies and Facts of all different ways of improving the school are good and necessary but Please encourage board to slow down and get info out to the public.

I also recommend use of a local contractor.

Thank you and all involved for your service

Rick Hargrove

Dear Friends,

I just don't know which is best for the building at Gateway but —

My mother, Vivian Pace was principal there during the '50s and late 40's. Her ~~Mom~~ Meme was Vivian Pace. I was in High School at Bozeman then. The Lady who lived next door to us was Alice Grant who also taught at Gateway. Mom was Principal, they road together each day.

Mom began in Belgrade sometime after that. I do not know what Alice did after that.

I have fond memories of students who attended Gateway as they became my classmates and ~~chums~~ ^{chums} in Gallatin High School. I am 88 years old now.

This school wholds fond memories for me. I would like what the present folks decide to do - they know best.

Sincerely Naomi Pace Johnson



Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Gallatin Gateway School Montana SHPO Comments

1 message

Brown, Peter <pebrown@mt.gov>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 4:59 PM

To: "fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com" <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

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Hello,

In response to Gallatin Gateway resident's reaching out to the Montana State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding the Gallatin Gateway School's future, we felt obliged to offer our perspective for the board's consideration.

If you have any questions of our office, my contact information is below.

Sincerely,

Pete Brown, MSHP

State Historic Preservation Officer

Montana SHPO

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Helena, MT 59620

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September 30, 2020

Chair, Board of Trustees
Gallatin Gateway School District
100 Mill Street
PO Box 265
Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730

Ref: Gallatin Gateway School Rehabilitation and Reuse

Dear Chairman Schwieterman and Gallatin Gateway School Board of Trustees:

Gallatin Gateway residents committed to the 1914 Gallatin Gateway School Building's future have made the Montana State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) aware that you will soon vote on whether the historic building is rehabilitated for continued use or is demolished. We understand that any such action is your choice but is only possible with the passing of a school bond.

Some Gallatin Gateway residents have asked SHPO to provide its perspective on this situation since SHPO has advised in similar situations. In cases like McKinley School in Billings and Great Falls High, we have seen the preservation approach establish broad support and enthusiasm for costly projects that will fail without support and enthusiasm. Proposing a \$7M bond is a request for significant taxpayer investment. Some taxpayers will perceive a bond-funded demolition of a cherished historic place coupled with a tax increase as more of a *taking*. Reinvestment in a resilient brick school that locals have known for generations offers a concrete vision for taxpayers' investment whereas the rendering of a new building is abstract and conditional.

Cushing Terrell's *Restoration Concept* demonstrates the 1914 building's viability. Certainly, by promoting a preservation approach SHPO would advise bringing the school up to current codes, adding on, and adapting it to contemporary standards of performance and education. This can be done while retaining the historic qualities that garner the public support for preservation Gallatin Gateway residents have shown.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Pete Brown, MSHP
State Historic Preservation Officer

CC: Bob Van Slyke - Chair, Historic Preservation Board of Gallatin County
Alex Asher, Katie Allsop, Rachel Phillips, Marti Klette, Lessa Racow – Interested Public



Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

comment on structure plan

Wesley Hargrove <weshargrove1@gmail.com>
To: Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 5:44 PM

To whom it may concern This is Wesley Hargrove 122 Jays way Gallatin Gateway Mt 59730 PO box 295 I feel the historic structure should be fixed and used rather than torn down if feasible. Also as a local taxpayer i feel local contractors like RR Taylor should be used whenever possible. Russel Olsen has gone over and above for the school and community over many years and that should be taken into account in this process. also there should be a long term plan in place before any major renovations. Maybe talk to yellowstone club see if they will kick in if their development causes an influx of students? Maybe 7th and *th goes to Bozeman to open up space? Sincerely Wesley Hargrove



Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Gallatin Gateway School Support

Igilmore180@gmail.com <lgilmore180@gmail.com>
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Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 9:52 AM

Hi Carrie,

Attached is my letter in support of retaining the 1914 Gallatin Gateway School.

I plan to be at tonight's board meeting to read a shortened version.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lesley

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October 1, 2020

Board of Trustees
School District #35
Gallatin Gateway, MT

Dear Board of Trustees,

I am writing as a Gallatin Gateway resident (of 14 years) and as the Chair of PreserveMontana, Montana's statewide preservation advocacy organization.

I attended the community open house on August 25 and the Building Committee meeting on September 23. I relayed publicly at each meeting that it is essential for the integrity of the Gallatin Gateway community that we retain the original 1914 Gallatin Gateway (Salesville) School. This is one of the few historic buildings we have remaining in Gallatin Gateway and represents our rich history. Every time a historic building is demolished, it is lost forever. There is no going back. There is no return of the events, character and memories expressed in the building.

There is also no recovery of the lost energy that was embodied in the building – from the original materials, labor, transportation, and fuels that were used to construct and operate it. Life cycle assessments (of the cradle-to-grave costs) of reusing historic buildings demonstrate the long-term economies in rehabilitating historic buildings and adapting them for reuse. It has been proven time and again that the greenest building is the one already built. The following are the primary findings by the Preservation Green Lab:

- Building reuse almost always yields fewer environmental impacts than new construction when comparing buildings of similar size and functionality.
- Reuse of buildings with an average level of energy performance consistently offers immediate climate change impact reductions compared to more energy efficient new construction.
- Materials matter: The quantity and type of materials used in a building renovation can reduce, or even negate, the benefits of reuse.

I urge you to vote to save our historic school. I urge you to ask your design-build team to examine the options entailed with the basic premise of saving the historic building. This building has suffered enough from the three insensitive additions that surround it and it is the one part that deserves to be retained.

The School Board's survey results and emails received show a majority of our residents support saving the school. Your job is to listen to your constituents and respect your community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lesley M. Gilmore, AIA
Chair, PreserveMontana
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Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730
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Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Leave the school alone

Jordan Callantine <mtgurl406@gmail.com>
To: fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com

Wed, Sep 30, 2020 at 9:59 PM

Leave the school alone! It's not bothering or hurting anyone! Let it be!
Sent from my iPhone



Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

1914 Salesville school

1 message

Margaret Lehmann <riverswynd@gmail.com>
To: fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com

Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 10:57 AM

To the Gallatin Gateway School Board and members of the community,

The 1914 Salesville school building is an historic heritage of Gallatin Gateway, and since it has been declared structurally sound and has held up well during area earthquakes through the decades we feel strongly that it should be preserved.

A few decades ago Gallatin Gateway experienced a fire that burned down an historic mercantile and other buildings. By preserving the remaining historical buildings like the 1914 school a part of Gallatin Gateway's history will be preserved for our children and grandchildren.

Connecting to local history like preservation of the 1914 school is an integral part of the community structure and gives a sense of what early settlers and their children experienced "in the olden days".

Please consider preserving the 1914 school building and renovating it for the heritage of our community.

Sincerely,

Gordon and Margaret Lehmann
Axtell Gateway Road
Gallatin Gateway Montana



Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Re: Tonights Board Meeting

Theresa Keel <keel@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 12:45 PM

To: Megan Nowlin <megan@megannowlin.com>, Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Megan,

Thanks for your feedback! I am passing your email to Carrie, so it can be included in the correspondence for tonight. I recommend you attend, and whether it is zoom or in person is really a personal preference. Either way, if you want to provide public comment, you'll have the opportunity.

In answer to your questions, both designs have a future growth plan. I'll be going over the side by side comparison from my meeting on Monday again, which will hopefully help answer your questions.

Thanks again!
Theresa

Thank you for the feedback!

On Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 10:28 AM Megan Nowlin <megan@megannowlin.com> wrote:

Hello,

I'm contemplating if I should come to the board meeting tonight or just zoom. I think the most logical choice is the build new as there is no future space to grow.

So my question is has there been discussions about the future needs IF the old building is kept?

Such as would the school need to do another bond in 5,10 20 years to redo the west wing to go vertical or buy new land and someone else can demolish the old school?

I will go look over the plans again but are there other important items that the kids would not be getting if the old school is kept besides future SF?

I probably have more questions but know your buys.

Thanks

Megan Nowlin

Theresa Keel

10/1/2020

Gallatin Gateway School Mail - Re: Tonights Board Meeting

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Special board meeting

Shawna Brenner <mtbrenners@gmail.com>

Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 1:03 PM

To: "fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com" <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Gallatin Gateway School Board,

Our family would like to see the original school building kept and have the needed updates, safety and code modifications done in order to accommodate the growing enrollment numbers.

This school building is historic and something to be treasured and preserved in our town of Gateway. My husband attended school here through 8th grade and our two daughters did as well. The school has a history with so many in our community and it would be heart breaking coming down the hill into town and to not see the beautiful brick building with the Gallatin Gateway School sign above the old front entrance.

The Brenner Family

Tyler, Shawna, Madi and Devyn

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Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Gallatin Gateway School Comments

Chere Jiusto <chere@preservemontana.org>
To: fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com

Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 1:33 PM

Greetings,

We have learned from community members of the discussions underway regarding the plans for an expanded Gallatin Gateway school. I would like to submit this letter for consideration by the school board at their meeting this evening.

We are happy to answer any questions or follow up with members of the school district after tonight's meeting.

Sincerely,

Chere Jiusto

Executive Director



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"In a real sense all life is inter-related.

All men are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality,

tied in a single garment of destiny. -- Martin Luther King

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October 1, 2020

Ms. Theresa Keel, Superintendent and
Chair, Gallatin Gateway School District
100 Mill Street
Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730

Dear Ms. Keel and Board members:

We read of the proposal to demolish the 1914 Gallatin Gateway grade school in the Bozeman Chronicle, and have been contacted by members of your community who are saddened at the recommendation to tear down the school as part of the plan to expand your school facilities. I am writing today, to urge you not to choose this path, but to instead embrace the other alternative suggested by Cushing-Terrell, which would retain the historic school and use it as the entry point to a new building.

Preserve Montana is the non-profit that works throughout our state to help communities preserve cherished iconic buildings. We have long been focused on the significance of historic schools and the importance of preserving them – from one-room schoolhouses to 3 story brick schools. There are numerous examples in Montana and beyond, of beautiful projects where school districts have rejuvenated their historic schools as the centerpiece for school modernization and expansion.

In Gallatin Gateway, the 1914 school has helped to anchor the historic core of the town for over 100 years. It is a quality brick building that was clearly designed by a skilled architect. The alternative you are also considering, that preserves the building, recognizes that quality and places it squarely at the center of the design. Building around this core, a firm of the caliber of Cushing Terrell would be able to design a beautiful new school that would be the pride of the community for the century to come.

At this juncture, it is important to remember that all of the alternatives are conceptual, and that once a bond is passed, the architects will create detailed designs to address a range of criteria, including costs, targets for square footage, site planning, historic preservation and more. Options including the removal of later additions to the historic building could be explored that could potentially achieve the same square footage as the demolition alternative you are considering. In short, a good architectural firm can deliver a final design that will meet your vision of a building to nurture the children of the town while honoring the legacy of the community for years to come.

In this year that no one could have imagined, it is not surprising that when you initiated a public conversation regarding your plans for the facility in March, that you heard little public response. We trust you will be hearing more now that people are aware of the plans and what is at stake. We wish you the best in your community discussions, and as a statewide organization, we are pleased to offer the skills of our staff and board as a resource to your ongoing planning effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chere Jiusto".

Chere Jiusto
Executive Director



Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Projected Bond Issue/Demonlition of 1914 Brick Building

1 message

Judy Thompson <jthompgg@aol.com>
To: fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com

Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 1:58 PM

To the Building Committee and School Board Trustees:

We believe you have the cart before the horse. Why in the world would we burden tax payers of this district when we cannot take care of what we already have. The school is poorly maintained and dirty. We are **opposed** to tearing down our 1914 brick building.

The superintendent has stated that we need out of district students so we can have a teacher for each class. Are we Living out of our means? Why are we not charging the out of district students to go here? Being taxpayers we really resent this. The district receives ANB money for these out of district students. Have you the trustees outweighed ANB money received versus salaries and benefits for having to hire extra teachers and aids? Do you not think that perhaps in-district students are getting robbed for all that should be coming to them. To free up space, seventh and Eighth grade students could be sent to town.

We do not know what the outcome will be of this Covid 19. Many people are having hardships because of this.

We feel if we allowed for this new building we would be turning around and wanting another bond issue because of the influx of people.

Thank you for listening to our concerns.

Jim & Judy Thompson



Carrie Fisher <fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com>

Meeting 10/01/20

Alex Asher <alexasher013@gmail.com>
To: fisher@gallatingatewayschool.com

Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 2:40 PM

To the Gallatin Gateway School Board and Building Committee,

Regretfully, due to a major family emergency I will not be able to make it to the meeting tonight. First off, I want to say that I am sure this job and task has not been easy and I commend you for taking on the responsibility. I was able to attend the zoom meeting Monday night and found it very informative, and I am happy to have gained a deeper knowledge of the two suggested plans. In my personal opinion, with the knowledge that I will have a child/children attending the school in the upcoming years, I must choose the side of preserving the 1914 building. I have considered this, knowing that the population of our town is growing and how that may affect my child going to Gallatin Gateway School. Still, with that being said, I cannot prefer a plan that would include the tear down of the 106 year old beautiful building. I believe that the plan to restore will still provide adequate space for growth, without compromising one of the few historical buildings in our small town. I ask that the board take a moment to listen to those of us, who while still considering what is best for our children, cannot bear to lose this historical structure that is so valuable to us. Once these buildings are gone, they are gone forever, and I believe that since there is another option that doesn't involve replacing the 1914 building, it should be the one pursued.

Respectfully,

Alex Klette, Gallatin Gateway Resident