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

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## **Special / Work Session Meeting Minutes**

**Time & Date:** Meeting called to order at 4:02 P.M.

**Trustees Present:** Tim Melton,, Luke Hancox, Brian Nickolay , Carissa Maus

**Zoom:**

**Committee Members Present:** Kelly Henderson Superintendent, Hannah Hancox District Clerk

**Public Present:** Carrie Ashe, Vanessa Clark, Fraulein Jaffe, Megan Buecking

**Staff Present:** Jacki Yager, Nickie Barnes, Maddy Herron , Margaret Campbell, Neal Krogstad , Melissa Sharpe, Mariel Warren, Mike Coon, Madeline Barry, Maddie Phelps, Kaitlyn Brown, Dar Stoner, Marie Welch

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### **Agenda Updates & Discussion**

- Preliminary Budget numbers for next school year
  - Proposals for working within budget and overcoming deficit
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### **Discussion / Information Items**

- Neal Krogstad read a letter on behalf of the teachers
- Maddie Phelps expressed concern over 7/8th being absorbed as a proposal
- Dar Stoner wanted to know what the exact dollar amount we are trying to overcome
- Public comment/discussion from Carrie Ashe-Megan Buecking-Vanessa Clark of what the school is doing to increase out of district enrollment i.e. engagement with HOA's, local preschools, how can we market as a public school
- Carrie Ashe offered to investigate a rural school consultant to help discuss further ideas on securing more funding, increasing enrollment, and grants the Gallatin Gateway School Foundation has offered to pay for the services
- The board asked what ways we could still have the staff involved in mapping scenarios out for next year- anonymous survey-more discussion- or if they want to be involved.

- Megan Buecking noted there appears to be a voter/community disconnect. The idea of a State of the School Meeting was mentioned
  - The preliminary budget numbers in regards to DSA and ANB Entitlements were discussed as per the work agenda packet.
  - Kelly Henderson asked the board what they would like to do moving forward, and general consensus was that they would like to see proposals with dollar amounts and gather staff input
  - Superintendent Kelly Henderson will be doing the RIF rubric for each staff member
  - Staff noted that there is a time concern as contracts need to be administered sooner than later
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### Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at **5:35 PM**