



November 19, 2025 Gallatin Gateway School Regular Board Meeting of Trustees

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.

2. Grant / OpenEd Update

- Ongoing correspondence with OPI regarding funding for students; OPI has indicated they do not want to fund the students.
- OpenEd believes there is a strong statutory framework supporting the continuation of the program.
- Approximately **300 students remain on a waitlist**.
- Efforts are being made to bring additional schools on board to create a larger constituent group.
- OpenEd operates as a clearinghouse, which is why they were not required to be a virtual provider.
- No resolution at this time.

3. Board Discussion

- No discussion items brought forward.
- **Unanimously passed — none.**

4. Study Session

- A study session will be held in December.
- Topic: **IRS Line Item Budget – Reconciliation.**

The Core Purpose of Gallatin Gateway School is to embrace an engaging learning culture in a safe, nurturing environment where each student thrives now and into the future.

5. Old Business

Committee Updates

School Resource Officer (SRO) – Ben Burtch

- Discussion on traffic patterns: conditions are improving.
- Kelly will meet with Ben and Dan to review processes and procedures.
- Professional development needs within the employees will be reviewed by the committee; they will return with identified needs from Kelly and Margaret.
- The Sheriff's Office is working on internet safety initiatives.

Whole Child

- Greenhouse update: Davis is applying for grants to install a heater, solar solution, or a combination of both.
- JVM provided helpful feedback regarding greenhouse/garden enhancements.
- A parent volunteer in the lunchroom has been a positive addition.
- Additional volunteer opportunities for students noted.

Facilities

- Greenhouse/HVAC: McKinstry determined the HVAC may be salvageable and is not obsolete.
- Locker rooms may be converted into a multi-purpose room.
- Window restoration project: Leslie Gilmore will assist with two grant applications beginning in January.
- Mrs. Yager discussed pre-K playground options that are more developmentally appropriate.

6. School Board Terms

- Trustees with expiring terms: **Nickolay and Hancox**.

7. New Business / Action Items

Enrollment Approval

- Motion by BN to approve enrollment.
- **Motion passed unanimously.**

Strategic Opportunities

- Motion by BN to approve strategic opportunities.
- Focus area discussed: preparing middle school students for post-secondary pathways.
- Added item: **Montana Advanced Opportunity Initiative.**
- **Motion passed unanimously.**

NO Parking Signs – Mill Street

- Motion by BN to approve the installation of “No Parking” signs on Mill Street.
- **Motion passed unanimously.**

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at **7:28 PM.**