



**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.

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## **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.
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## **3. Board Discussion**

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

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## 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.

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## 6. School Board Terms

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

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## 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.**

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## **8. Adjournment**

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