



April 6, 2026 Agenda Special Committee Meeting of Trustees FACILITIES Committee Minutes

The special committee meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District #35 has been scheduled for **4.6.26 at 4:30 P.M. in the lobby.**

Attendees: Jeff Krogstad, Jacki Yager, Philip Eykelbosch, Tim Melton, Mike Coon, Kelly Henderson

Public Comment: There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

New Business

Greenhouse Update:

Ms. Davis is working on updating the greenhouse. There was a work party on March 6th. Mrs. Yager has been working gardening and other programs within the pre-K classroom through the Farm to School grant. We did receive a grant that included curriculum and materials for student use from the Spoons Across America grant for PreK. The beds have been weeded, door replaced, and we are getting starts from the Garden Barn. Jacki is interested in fencing the garden area and also needs potting soil to fill two very large planters for a 3 sisters garden.

HVAC - Preventative Maintenance Plan

McKinstry has been in the school repairing different parts of our system. They were able to get our heat working in almost all classrooms. They are continuing to work through the list of items compiled by Mr. Stoner. Working on getting the information from JCI to get into the control system. To date they are not willing to give me the information but I'll keep trying. So the temperature output is still not working properly.

Locker Room Renovation

Mr. Coon is in contact with a parent that is helping with this project. Mr. Eykelbosch gave us a list of several structural engineers to assist with the plans. Mr. Eykelbosch did confirm that the sheer wall is not load bearing but there does need to be additional support. This project is continuing.

Preschool Play Space Outside

We are looking for grants to update the outside playspace and establish an area for the preschoolers to play and learn. Jacki Van Meter has made a mud kitchen for the play area. We need a list of supplies. The grant cycle for many of the play area grants are ending their grant cycle, but we will continue to look for grants for this project.

Pest Management Plan

We will finish up the plan and have it available for the May board meeting. We need the safety sheets from Dar to finish up this plan.

Window Restoration in Old School

Lesley Gilmore submitted the Montana Historic Preservation Grant application with the state's Department of Commerce before the 2/28/2026 deadline. They have confirmed receipt of our application. DOC staff and the State Historic Preservation Office will be reviewing the applications during 2025, to score and rank them in preparation for the legislature's review during the 2027 legislative session. They will welcome testimony during the committee meetings. Then they should make their decisions in May-June 2027. We hope to start the project in July 2027.

Summer Work

Kelly met with Thomas Argent from the Bridge Church regarding summer work. Here is the list thus far:

- Demo of locker rooms if we get the structural engineering plans

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.

- Paint gutters and Trim boards outside
- Painting of the Outside stairs to the old school and the wooden stairs to the classrooms
- Patch and paint
- Paint the gym up to 6 foot mark to refresh the gym
- Replace timbers out front of the school and refresh the bark in a couple of areas.
- Fencing for the play area

Other: (Follow up)

- It was noted that some young adults pulled into the parking lot going the wrong way. We just had the parking lot painted and put the arrows indicating the traffic pattern, but we do need a Do Not Enter sign for the driveway
- Get a report from Dar on the progress of the work with McKinstry
- Playground plan for preschool play space from Jacki
- Discuss room placement with Jacki

May meeting: we will just send everything out to the committee. We'll meet if we need to do so.

Adjournment 5:18pm