



October 22nd, 2025 Regular Meeting Of Trustees

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees of the Gallatin Gateway School District #35 met at 6:00 P.M. on October 22nd, 2025 in the Gallatin Gateway School Library and via Google Meet. Board Chair Tim Melton presided and called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Tim Melton, Board Chair; Carissa Paulson, Luke Hancox

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Aaron Schwierman, BRIAN NICKOLAY

STAFF PRESENT

Kelly Henderson, Superintendent; Hannah Hancox, District Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT

Google Meet: Madison Phelps

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting attendees recited the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM by Tim Melton.
- **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

2. Statement of Expenditure

- Reviewed statement of expenditure as a *snapshot in time* and discussed progress on reconciling accounts.
- **Food Service Fund:** FFV grant discussed; exploring options for **energy savings**.

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3. Superintendent Report

- **Christmas Program:** Will be held **during the day** instead of an evening event.
- Discussed upcoming events and goals included in the Superintendent's report.

4. Work Study Meeting

- Adjust time for next **agenda-setting meeting**; meeting will be designated solely for agenda planning.

5. Financial & Audit Discussion

- Discussed **ANB report**, noting **Pre-K** not included.
- **184 fund** is being correctly allocated per audit findings.
- Continuing work on **reconciliation** and **segregation of duties**.
- Clarified that the meeting date is **Monday the 27th**, not Tuesday.

6. Facility Update

- **Bell Restoration:** Tim Melton will take on the bell restoration as a **winter project**.

7. OpenEd Discussion

- Grant requested to speak to the Board regarding **OpenEd**.
- GGS has fulfilled all requirements requested by OpenEd.
- Board expressed hesitation about further investment due to lack of written confirmation from OPI.
- Noted new **OPI guidance** issued following **House Bills** passed on July 1.
- Board remains at a **standstill** pending further clarification.
- Will **review OpenEd contract** to ensure compliance, even if no funding is received.

8. New Bus Purchase

- **Motion:** Luke moved to approve the **sale of the Bluebird bus** and **purchase of a mini bus**.
- **Second:** Carissa.
- Discussion:
 - Proceeds from sale may be placed in any fund approved by the Board.
 - Three valuations of the Bluebird bus are required prior to sale.
 - Mini bus may be purchased immediately.
- **Vote:** Motion passed **unanimously**.

9. MTAO Application

- **Motion:** Carissa moved to approve submitting an application for the **MTAO program**.
- **Second:** [Add second if applicable — Luke seconded?]
- Discussion:
 - Program focuses on **career exploration**.
 - Includes a **career specialist** for two weeks to work with **8th graders** and join the **JMG program**.
 - Features **guest speakers** and **field trips**.
- **Vote:** Motion passed **unanimously** to apply.

10. Homeschool Participation

- **Motion:** Carissa moved to recommend approval for **homeschool students** to participate in **basketball and cheer**.
- **Second:** Luke.
- Discussion:
 - Parent contracts will outline expectations for parents and student-athletes for the season.
- **Vote:** Motion passed **unanimously**.

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11. First Security Bank Signers

- **Motion:** Carissa moved to approve new **signers for First Security Bank**.
 - Adding **Hannah Hancox** and **Kelly Henderson** as signers.
 - **Tim Melton** designated as Trustee.
 - All **Board members** listed as additional signers.
- **Second:** Luke.
- **Vote:** Motion passed **unanimously**.

Meeting adjourned- 7:42