



**09/16/2026**  
**REGULAR MEETING DRAFT**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES, GALLATIN GATEWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT #35**

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**Meeting Minutes**

**Time & Date:** Meeting called to order by Aaron Schwieterman at 6:02 PM

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited

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**Attendance**

**Trustees Present:** Aaron Schwieterman, Luke Hancox, Brian Nickolay, Tim Melton

**Public Present:** Mike Van Meter, Lain Kay

**Google Meet:** Heather Mumby, Mike Coon, Melissa Sharpe, Jacki Van Meter, Alex Klette, Maddie Phelps, Megan Buecking

**Committee Members Present:** Kelly Henderson Superintendent, Kaitlyn Dinnan District Clerk

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**Guests:**

- None
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**Public Comment Non Agenda**

- None
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**Consent Agenda**

- **Motion:** TM
  - **Second:** BN
  - **Vote:** Unanimously passed
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**Reports**

- **Superintendent Report**

- Staff did amazing driving the vans and completing the training.
  - Safety training with the Sheriff's Office was so fun and informative. The staff learned a lot and now feel way more confident and prepared.
- **DC Report**
    - Food Service is going amazing.
      - Donations of paper goods would be greatly appreciated.
      - We will be making an Amazon wish list of things needed for this service.
    - Summer Lunch Donation:
      - We have around \$16,000 left over.
      - The donor would like us to put it in a fund where it will keep earning money on itself and continue to use it for free and reduced lunch options.
- **Business Manager Report**
    - To void old checks, there is a 90 day check process.
    - Adding a column in the budget report for percentage used or percentage left.
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## Old Business

- Facilities Walkthrough
  - Start looking back on the report of the roof and start discussing and creating a priority list. Add this to the Facility Committee.
- Committee Updates
  - Safety - September 29 @ 3:30pm
  - Facilities - September 30 @ 4:00pm
  - Whole Child - October 1 @ 3:30pm
- 25-26 Student Data
- OpenEd Legal Action
  - Action Item: Motion: LH
  - Second BN
  - Board Discussion:
    - TM: Concerned about the cost of pursuing legal action. Open to speaking to an Attorney who might be willing to have creative compensation and doesn't put financial risk on the school.
    - LH: Would OpenEd still owe us our 20% if they won their own lawsuit against OPI? Let's just focus on this school year instead.
      - KH: OpenEd isn't looking to get money back from last year.
    - KH: OPI didn't set up a rule making committee for remote learning. We don't have to maintain a relationship with OPI.
    - BN: Would all kids have to be enrolled in Infinite Campus again?

- KH: Yes. We need something in writing from the board before she can pursue anything.
  - Amended Motion: Recommend Superintendent pursuing a no cost exploratory legal consultation with an in state attorney for possible legal action against the Office of Public Instruction.
  - Public Comment: LK: Does OPI have the funds to have this program?
  - **Vote:** Amended motion unanimously passed.
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## **New Business**

- **Open Board Position**
    - KH stated all board inquiries need to be sent to her and no communication with applicants and board members.
  - **Policy Series 1000 First Reading**
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## **Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at **7:40 PM**