



04/15/2026
REGULAR MEETING DRAFT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, GALLATIN GATEWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT #35

Meeting Minutes

Time & Date: Meeting called to order by Tim Melton at 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

Attendance

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

Public Present: Lisa Jarvis, Carrie Ashe, Lain Kay, Erica Parrish, Neal Krogstad, Fraulein Jaffe, Jacki Van Meter, Andrea Barham, Mike Waterman

Google Meet: Brittany Nickolay, Madison Phelps, Madeline Barry, Hannah Hancox, Melissa Sharpe, Mike Coon, Mariel Warren, Staci Goodrich, Madeline Herron

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

Public Comment

- Bozeman Public Schools, Mike Waterman- Levy and voter information.
- OpenEd, Grant Hewitt- Update on where OpenEd stands with OPI for virtual learning.
- MB- Email
- SG- Email Transparency, humility, and trust.
- EP- Superintendent position 26-27
- CA: Business Manager duties
- JVM: Mil Levy Update and Philanthropy. When should we start seeing money from OpenEd

Consent Agenda

- **Motion:** Approve consent agenda
 - Motion by AS

- Second by CM
- **Vote:** Unanimously passed.
 - Public Comment: Custodial- Timeline for summer. We will revisit in June.

Cash Reconciliation by vendor. Transactions within the General Fund.

Reports

- **Superintendent Report**
 - Student Success: Some 7th and 8th grade students are 90-100% on understanding math standards. This sets them well above where they need to be for entering high school.
 - Went over upcoming events stated in the Superintendent Report.
- **DC Report**
 - No claims to share with the Board.

Old Business

- Committee Updates and Minutes
 - Finance Committee is uncommon for rural schools. AS looking into it more. What would be the function for this committee. Voted item
 - Superintendent Search Committee. Voted item
- Superintendent Duties, Work Agreement, Contract
 - Sharing Calendars
 - Lead teacher updates to the Board
 - BN corrected EP for violation of KH's privacy
- Board Self-Evaluation and Action Planning
 - Action Item: Motion: LH
 - Second CM
 - No Public Comment
 - Motion by AS to table and move to WSS
 - Second by CM
 - **Vote:** Unanimously passed.
- Athletic Fees and Student Activity Accounting
 - Action Item: Motion: LH
 - Second BN
 - KH is talking with the auditor about using Student Activities to fund the counselor. He also mentioned that there are issues with the Foundation paying for trips.
 - Public Comment: VC: Can the Foundation be involved in conversations with the auditor via emails from him or a phone call.
 - Motion by CM to table
 - Second BN
 - **Vote:** Unanimously passed
- District Clerk Contract and Salary

- Action Item: Motion: BN
- Second CM
- **Vote:** Unanimously passed.

Action Items / Motions

K-4 Track Opportunity

- Motion by AS
- Second by LH
- Presented by Andrea Barham
- Carrie Ashe- head coach
- Stipend paid by Boosters
- Starting FY 26/27
- Public Comment: VC- Great opportunity to get the older kids involved by having them time the events.
- **Vote:** Unanimously passed

PDAC Schedule for 26-27

- Motion by CM
- Second by BN
- **Vote:** Unanimously passed

Opening Negotiations for the 2026-2027 School Year

- Motion by CM
- Second by LH
- Board Comment: Kelly will meet with teachers for dates.
- **Vote:** Unanimously passed

26-27 Governing Board Meeting Calendar

- Motion by BN
- Second by CM
- **Vote:** Unanimously passed

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at **8:38 PM**