

10/21/2026
REGULAR BOARD MEETING DRAFT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, GALLATIN GATEWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT #35

Meeting Minutes

Time & Date: Meeting called to order by Aaron Schwieterman at 6:00 PM
Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

Attendance

Trustees Present: Aaron Schwieterman, Luke Hancox, Brian Nickolay, Tim Melton
Public Present: Mike Van Meter, Fraulein Jaffe, Carrie Ashe, Kehaulani Stamm

Google Meet: HGrant Hewitt, Heather Mumby, Mariel Warren, Madison Phelps, Hannah Hancox, Jacki Van Meter, Alex Klette, Emily Metier, Andrea Barham, Marie Welch, Lisa Jarvis, Melissa Sharpe, Vanessa Lanz, Brittany Nickolay, Mike Coon

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

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Guests:

- None

Public Comment Non Agenda

- Mike Van Meter- Open Board Position

Consent Agenda

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

Reports

- **Superintendent Report**

- **DC Report**
    - Food Service is going amazing.
        - Having more students eat lunch a day than we did last year.
        - Parents have been supporting us by buying items off the Amazon wishlist!
    - Lunch Balance Donation
        - We had a community member donate $1,000.00 to help cover overdrawn lunch balances!

- **Business Manager Report**
    - Forced balanced for June 2026
    - The Student Activities account will be opened up tomorrow. This account will be completely separate from all other accounts.
    - TM: Could we use AI to help with the audit and make corrections or use for cross referencing?

Old Business

- **Committee Updates**
    - We need to contact Garland to come look at the roof again and make a plan.

- **OpenEd Updates**
    - TM: Is there a prerequisite for students to come here? Will they know how far away they will be traveling?
    - AS: Have you started to pass this new information on to your students?
    - GH: Students will be aware of the travel distance. Yes we have been in contact with our families about starting back up and the changes being made

- **Administration Position**
    - Putting in place a hiring committee to help figure out what we need out of an administrator.
    - Meeting with Deb Silk and other Superintendents plus a board member from each school to see what their needs are as well. Figure out a way for all of us to help each other.
    - Establish a timeline for the hiring process.
    - Discussing this topic needs to happen at every board meeting.

- **Policy Series 1000 - Second Reading**
    - Action Item:
        - Motion: LH
        - Second: ™

        - Adding Deb Silk's wording about public participation
        - Vote: Unanimously passed

- **Trustee Designee MTSBA**
    - Action Item
        - Motion:TM
        - Second: LH
        - Vote: Unanimously passed

New Business

- **MTSBA Legislative Agenda**
- **Policy Reading 2000 - First Reading**
- **MTSBA Policy Updates - First Reading**
- **MOU TPRG Replacement**
    - Action Item
        - Motion: TM
        - Second: BN
        - New goal setting form for professional development.
        - staff will now fill out forms quarterly, meet twice a month for development, and have goals they will have to meet.
        - Vote: Unanimously passed
- **Endowment Fund 85**
    - Action Item
        - Motion: LH
        - Second TM
        - Fund 81 you can only use interest. Fund 85 you can use the principal.
        - This money will still only be used for summer lunches.
        - Vote: unanimously passed
- **Tentative Executive Session Superintendent Evaluation Discussion**
    - Mrs. Henderson didn't waive her right to privacy.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at **7:55 PM**