



## **October 27, 2025 MINUTES Special Committee Meeting of Trustees Facilities Committee**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Committee (Facilities Committee) of the Board of Trustees of School District #35 has been called to order for **October 27, 2025 at 5:02 PM in the lobby**.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT** - Tim Melton, Aaron Schwieterman

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT** - Kelly Henderson, Mike Coon, Melissa Sharpe, Jacki Yager, Philip Eykelbosch. Not in attendance - Jeff Krogstad, Ben Van Dyke, Cassandra Elwell, Darwin Stoner.

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE** - No Public in attendance

**PUBLIC COMMENT - NON AGENDA ITEMS** - No Public Comment

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**GREENHOUSE USE:** Mrs. Henderson reported that Ms. Davis is applying for grants to install a new heater or solar to power the greenhouse. The heater estimate is \$1,200 and the quotes we received for solar was approximately \$18,000 (confirmed with Ms. Davis). Mr. Eykelbosch would like to meet with her to determine what she needs to get this up and running.

**HVAC:** Mrs. Henderson reported that Core has been coming out to repair our boiler. Right now we only have one operating boiler due to a pump issue. We are anticipating a boiler inspection and the emergency valves are not working properly. McKinstry is coming on site Wednesday morning to discuss and investigate the needs within our system. Mr. Melton reported that he has secured approximately \$50,000 from donors for the boiler. He shared that we might need to get an intercap loan and have someone underwrite the loan. In order to implement a fundraising campaign, we would need to implement a Political Action Committee (PAC). That committee would establish an account to deposit the funds and assist with continued fundraising.

**LOCKER ROOM RENOVATION:** Mrs. Henderson shared the vision of making the locker room space into a multipurpose room with possible collaboration spaces, renovation of the bathrooms, adding windows and storage to the space to have the art room. Mrs. Henderson will obtain some quotes to have the space remodeled. At first we were going to do it ourselves, but the work seems to be out of our abilities. The PHOG report from Cassandra Elwell was reviewed for needs and issues surrounding this project.

**WINDOW RESTORATION PROJECT:** Mr. Melton and Mrs. Henderson shared the information about the window restoration project with Lesley Gilmore. Mrs. Gilmore will be writing several grants for the window restoration of all 31 windows. We will keep the committee updated on the progress of the grant applications in January.

**FACILITY WALKTHROUGH:** We will wait until Mr. Stoner is available to walk through the building with us as he is the one that has the most knowledge around the needs of the building. We will schedule this independently from the next meeting in January so that we can prioritize the work in the building for summer.

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.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS OR DISCUSSIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:**

PreSchool Play Space outside

Pest Management Plan

**NEXT MEETING:**

The Committee will meet January 13, 2026 at 5:00 pm in the Lobby.

**TIME OF ADJOURNMENT:** 5:46pm