



01/21/2026

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, GALLATIN GATEWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT #35**

Date: January 21, 2026

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: Library and via Google Meet

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Gallatin Gateway School was called to order at **6:02 P.M.** by **Tim Melton**

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call

Trustees Present:

- Tim Melton (Board Chair)
- Aaron Schwieterman (Vice Chair)
- Lucas Hancox
- Brian Nickolay
- Carissa Maus

Trustees Absent:

- None

Staff Present: Kelly Henderson Superintendent Hannah Hancox Business Manager

Others Present: Via Google Meet

Maddy Herron Spencer Kirkemo Madison Phelps Marie Welch Jacki Yager Mariel Warren
Melissa Sharpe Mike Coon Andrea Barham Carrie Ashe Josh Qunilan Josh Faust Laura Meyers
Jacki VanMeter
Guest present Lesley Gilmore

5. Public Comment

None

6. Consent Agenda

Items on the consent agenda included:

- Approval of previous meeting minutes
- Claims
- Warrants

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

- Motion by **Brian Nickolay**
- Second by **Carissa Maus**
- **Vote:Passes unanimously**

7. Reports

Superintendent Report

District Clerk Report

8. Old Business

- Committee Updates
- Open Ed Update
- Mini Bus Update
- Bridged Health Trust

9. Action Items

Window project update- **Lesley Gilmore**

- Bids came in higher than anticipated. Lesley presented that we call upon the community to “sponsor” a window.

Motion regarding going forth with historical window projects having community sponsor windows to help offset cost.

- Motion by **Lucas Hancox**
- Second by **Brian Nickolay**
- **Vote:Passes unanimously**

November Policy Updates-Second Reading

- Read over MTSBA policy, most were already in compliance with what GGS already follows.

Motion regarding keeping the policy in regards to following policy set in place.

Motion by **Carissa Maus**

- Second by **Brian Nickolay**
- **Vote:Passes unanimously**

11. Comments

- Going to push looking at Bridged Health Trust in comparison with current insurance. As of now it appears that staying with the current provider may still be best practice.
- Not much to update with OpenEd the lawyer has sent a letter to OPI Superintendent. Have not heard back.
- Tim Melton has credit at Montana Fence company- going to use the credit to get jack link for NO PARKING area outside.
- Going to perhaps move the next work agenda meeting to a time after school so teachers can be a part of the contracts for 26/27 discussion.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at **7:35 P.M.**.
