



05/20/2026
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: Shelby Taylor, Brittany Nickolay, Andrea Barham, Cassandra Elwell, Matt Elwell, Lain Kay

Google Meet: Heather M, Erica P, Marie W, Fraulein J, Mike C, Lisa J, Melissa S, Staci G, Josh F, Mariel W

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

Guests:

- Reid Elwell recited his declamation.
 - Mr. Coon and his students presented Battle Bots.
 - **Acceptance/Canvas of Election Results:**
 - Motion: AS
 - Second BN
 - Vote: Unanimously passed
 - **Reorganization of the Board:**
 - Clerk Appointment
 - Motion: AS
 - Second LH
 - Vote: Unanimously passed
 - Chair/ Vice Chair
 - Motion: BN
 - Second CM
 - Vote: Unanimously passed
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Public Comment Non Agenda

- CA: Philanthropy email
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Consent Agenda

- **Motion:** Approve consent agenda
 - Motion by CM
 - Second by TM
 - **Vote:** Unanimously passed.
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Reports

- **Superintendent Report**
 - **DC Report**
 - No claims to share with the Board.
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Old Business

- Committee Updates
 - School Finance Committee for more fundraising.
 - Formal Budget Hearing is done in August.
 - Doing another meeting as an update half way through the school year.
- MTSBA Leadership Summit
 - Board will let Kelly know if they want to go.
- Business Manager Hiring
 - Action Item: Motion: TM
 - Second BN
 - Board Discussion:
 - AS: Is this long term?
 - CM: Have you done this position remote before?
 - No Public Comment
 - **Vote:** Unanimously passed.
- Check Signors First Security
 - Action Item: Motion: BN
 - Second TM
 - **Vote:** Unanimously passed
- Summer Work, MR. Coon
 - Action Item: Motion: TM
 - Second BN
 - **Vote:** Unanimously passed.
- Governing Board Self-Evaluation Action Planning

- Action Item- Motion: CM
- Second TM
- Board Comment:
 - AS: We do still have public comment, it cannot be a question and the Board cannot answer it right away. You can discuss your questions with the Superintendent ahead of time to get it on the agenda.
- Public Comment:
 - Lain Kay: Public Comment Policy
 - Andrea Barham: What is the best way to ask questions?
 - Public Comment:
- Vote: Unanimously passed
- Negotiations MOU
 - Action Item- Motion: BN
 - Second TM
 - Board comment:
 - What do we need to do to open prep? Do you need to be certified for this position? Board understands the importance of a prep.
 - Vote: Unanimously passed
- End of School Calendar
 - Action Item- Motion LH
 - Second BN
 - Vote: Unanimously passed

New Business

- **Model Policy Updates First Reading**
- **Levy Funding/Personnel Budget**
 - Motion TM
 - Second CM
 - KH asked the Foundation to help fund part of the Councilor's salary.
 - Public Comment: BN: Asked for a formal request to be sent to the Foundation.
 - Vote: Unanimously passed
- **HVAC Controls**
 - Motion: LH
 - Second: BN
 - Board comment: Will the HVAC be fully operational?
 - Vote: Unanimously passed
- **Non-Resident Student Agreement**
 - Motion: BN
 - Second: TM
 - Vote: Unanimously passed
- **Transportation Agreements**
 - Motion: CM
 - Second: LH

- Vote: Unanimously passed
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Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at **7:59 PM**