

GPS Board of Trustees Meeting

May 12, 2025 - Following the Regular May Meeting

Agenda

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**
- III. **UNIFIED BOARD OF TRUSTEES RE-ORGANIZATION**
 - A. Oath of Office for New Trustees
 - B. Election of Board Chairperson
 - C. Election of Board Vice-Chairperson
 - D. Appoint Clerk
 - E. Appoint Clerk Assistant
 - F. Authorize Clerk to Invest
 - G. Declare Trustee Positions Vacant
- IV. **ACTION TO ADJOURN**

Please note: This is the agenda as of the day it was given to the Ranger Review. The official agenda can be found 48 hours before the meeting on our website at: <https://www.glendiveschools.com/page/board-meetings>

Explanations

Introduction of Guests

Each person in attendance will state their name and position for the public record.

The Board Chair will also say:

“For those individuals who desire to address the Board during the “public comment” portion of the meeting, (for items NOT on the agenda), if you haven’t already done so, please sign your name to the sheet located with *the Clerk* and indicate the general topic on which you will be commenting. The Board Chair will call individuals to speak in the order listed on the sheet provided.

The Board would like to remind everyone in attendance that to avoid violations of individual rights of privacy, a member of the public wishing to address the Board during this time will not be allowed to make comments about any student, staff member, or member of the general public during his/her designated time to speak. In addition, the Board will not hear comments on contested cases or other adjudicative proceedings. Depending on the number of persons who wish to address the Board, the Board Chair may place reasonable time limits on comments, in order to maintain and ensure effective and efficient operations of the Board.

By law, the District cannot take any action on any matter discussed during the “public comment” portion of the meeting, until such time as the matter is specifically noticed on the agenda, and the public has been allowed the opportunity to comment.”

Approve Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda consists of routine business items related to the operation of the District. Any trustee may remove an item from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Items so removed will be discussed and acted upon separately under ACTION: OTHER

Communication

The Communication section consists of items given to the board as informational purposes only. All information contained in this section are items that cannot be acted upon in this board meeting unless they are included in the “Action Items” section.

Public Comment

Montana law recognizes the right of the public to make comments at a board meeting. This right stems from our constitutional provisions concerning the public’s right to participate in government: “No person shall be deprived of the right to examine documents or to observe the deliberations of all public bodies or agencies of state government and its subdivisions, except in cases in which the demand of individual privacy clearly exceeds the merits of public disclosure.” Article II, Sections 8 and 9.

There are many ways that the public can provide input: committee meetings, solicitation or receipt of written comments, oral comments at a meeting of the board prior to a final decision, or any other method of the Board which is “reasonable.” The right of participation is not unlimited.

Public Comment is allowed in two areas of this board meeting:

- Public Comment Section - The public will have a chance to address the board on any “public matter that is not on the agenda of the meeting and that is within the jurisdiction of the [school district] conducting the meeting.” The board may not take action on any matter discussed unless notice is

included on an agenda and public has been properly notified on the matter. The board is not required to respond or participate in a give and take discussion or debate during public comment and the board chair has complete and final authority to govern the general comment period.

- Oral comments prior to a vote on a motion - A member of the public is permitted to provide their perspective on a matter on which a public agency is going to take action. Prior to the vote on that motion, the public may express their opinions on that specific matter only. As in the public comment section, the board is not required to respond or participate in a give and take discussion or debate during public comment and the board chair has complete and final authority to govern the general comment period.

Ground Rules for public comments:

Be respectful of the Board - The Board has the constitutional authority to supervise the District. All Trustees are operating in good faith and each Trustee is doing what each believes to be in the District's best interest.

Civility is the rule - Please make sure all comments are civil in nature. Uncivil conduct will not be tolerated.

Time limit - Each person wanting to make a public comment can address the board once and will have a two minute time limit.

Rights of Privacy - Comments need to be made in a way to protect the rights of privacy of others. Comments will be called out of order when these rights of privacy are violated.

Board Communication

This section is to show all communication that was given to the board during the period since our last board meeting. This section will most likely not be discussed, but can be discussed if a member of the board or administrators wish to discuss it.

Reports

The Reports are listed for communication purposes. These reports will not need to be discussed since they are provided before the board meeting. The Board Chair will just ask if any one board member has questions or if anyone would like to add to their report.

Reports, Discussions, and Policies

The Reports, Discussions, and Policies section is used to inform the rest of the board on each committee's meetings, discuss and gain consent on certain general topics, and discuss policies to be reviewed. The reports are for information only but might be brought before the Board for action at a future Board meeting. All consent items are items that do not need a formal vote but consensus to move forward on the topic.

GPS current Committees are: Facilities and Transportation, Search Committee, Labor Management, Finance, Policy, Core Team

Action Items

The Action Items section is used for all items that the board needs to discuss and vote on. These items are determined by the Superintendent. All items that are not specifically on the agenda as an action item cannot be voted on unless there are special circumstances.

Action: Other

The Action: Other section is reserved for any item on the Consent Agenda that a trustee removed from the Consent Agenda to have further discussion and vote separately on.

Upcoming Events

The Upcoming Events are upcoming items that have been scheduled for the next 3 months in regards to the board of trustees (regular board meetings, special board meetings, committee meetings, etc.)

Volkert & Waggesser Requests

The Volkert & Waggesser Requests section is reserved for district administration to make requests of the board to use the Volkert & Waggesser funds for specific purposes. These funds have been given to the district as trust funds that have specific qualifications that would need to be met to use the funds. Because of the nature of the requests (privacy rights), this section might be closed to the public.

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