

Hellgate Elementary Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting November 14th, 2022
6:00 p.m.

OPENING

The Board of Trustees of Hellgate Elementary School District #4 met in regular session on Monday, November 14th, 2022. The meeting was held in-person. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Tom McLaughlin. Trustees participating were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Tom Cook, Rich Thornock, Rod Sharkey, Diane Beck, and Lori Christensen. Superintendent Molly Blakely and District Clerk Justine Reese were present for the meeting. District staff participating were Brent Heist (Assistant Principal for Building 3), Julie McCarthy-McLavery (Building 2 Principal), Damian Droessler (Building 1 Principal), and Taryn Diehl (8th grade teacher) represented the HEEA. PTA President and parent in the community, Tiffany Manthie was in attendance along with PTA Vice President and parent in the community, Brianne Newman. There were up to 15 total guests/participants in the meeting, in-person.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The PTA president, Tiffany Manthie provided the Board with an update of current fundraisers as well as a brief overview of the association's plans for the raised funds. Tiffany also introduced Brianne Newman, PTA Vice President, to the Board. Tiffany had requests of the Board on behalf of the PTA. Superintendent Blakely assured her the requests would be completed.

Taryn Diehl (8th grade teacher) provided an update of the planning and fundraising for the June 2023, 8th grade Washington DC trip.

HEEA

Taryn Diehl represented the HEEA and provided a brief update. The HEEA is currently in the process of putting together their negotiations team for the upcoming Collective Bargaining Agreement.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS AND STAFF

Board Chairman, Tom McLaughlin, recognized Dan Grey's years of service at Hellgate Elementary. He noted Dan's positive demeanor and acknowledgement of people around him. There was conversation between the Trustees of how Dan will be missed as well as a Celebration of Life that is being organized in memory of him.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Trustees reviewed the monthly newsletter from OPI.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES-Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to approve the minutes from the October 10th, 2022 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Diane Beck. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, Tom Cook, and Lori Christensen. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES-Special Meeting

A motion was made by Kate Walker to approve the minutes from the October 19th, 2022 special meeting. The motion was seconded by Diane Beck. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, Tom Cook, and Lori Christensen. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF THE WARRANTS

There was discussion on the warrants. A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to approve the October 2022 claims. The motion was seconded by Kate Walker. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, Tom Cook, and Lori Christensen. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF BUDGET REPORTS

Trustees reviewed the budget reports for October 2022.

REVIEW OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

A motion was made by Lori Christensen to approve the October 2022 Student Activities Report. The motion was seconded by Tom Cook/Kate Walker. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, Tom Cook, and Lori Christensen. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE HIRING OF CLASSIFIED STAFF:

A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to approve the superintendent's recommendation to offer an employment contract to Ms. Barbara Matz as a part-time paraprofessional for the 2022-2023 school year. The motion was seconded by Kate Walker. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, Tom Cook, and Lori Christensen. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE HIRING COACHING/ACTIVITY STAFF:

A motion was made by Lori Christensen to approve the superintendent's recommendation to offer employment contracts to the following coaches for drama:

Director: Randi Ruhkamp

Assistant Directors: Kendra Fulbright, Ashlyn Schatz-Eason, and Chris Bosshardt.

The motion was seconded by Rod Sharkey. There was discussion on student participation in drama. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, Tom Cook, and Lori Christensen. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE INDEPENDENT CONTRACT EMPLOYMENT:

A motion was made by Kate Walker to approve the superintendent's recommendation to offer an employment contract to Sage Hill Therapy Services for eight hours of Occupational Therapy direct services per week to students of Hellgate Elementary. The motion was seconded by Lori Christensen. There was discussion on the need for additional Occupational Therapy support in the district. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, Tom Cook, and Lori Christensen. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE TRANSPORTATION BUS ROUTE-STUDENT'S CROSSING ROAD:

A motion was made by Tom Cook to approve the adjusted Hellgate Transportation school bus extended stop arms protocol for one stop: 6145 Mullan Road, for the 2022/2023 school year. The motion was seconded by Kate Walker. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, Tom Cook, and Lori Christensen. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE SUBSTITUTE LIST

A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to approve the proposed substitute list for the 2022-2023 school year.

Akane, McKenna	Keeling, Malia
Arnold, Fred	Kerns, Drue
Botkin, Emily	Loyson, Shelley
Coleman, Shirley	Matteo, Megan
Curry, Taina	Mickel, Rebekah
Deden, Alexis	Miller, Michelle
Dennis, Sarah	Minckler, Kimberly
Finnerty, Ashley	Polanchek, David
Grados, Shelley	Powers, Desiree
Harper, Joshua	Smith, Gary "Scooter"
Harper, Zachary	Spletto, April
Harris, Laurie	Vilshanetska, Diana
Hebnes, Blair	Werner, Tara
Hitt, Heather	Woods, Hilary

Johnson, Candy

Johnston, Lexi

Total Count: 32

Kahle, Kim

Kallas, Kayla

The motion was seconded by Lori Christensen. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, Tom Cook, and Lori Christensen. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Emergent3 Demonstration: There was discussion on the new safety app., Emergent3. Superintendent Blakely provided a tutorial of the app. for the Trustees. She met with Lieutenant Kamerer regarding other safety measures that can be implemented and passed along the suggestions to the Board.

M-CEL Update: Tom Cook and Tom McLaughlin both attended M-CEL and spoke briefly of their experiences.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports discussed.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Trustees reviewed the monthly report of building Principals and listened to updates and staff recognitions from Building Principals: Julie McCarthy-McLavery (Building 2), Chris Clevenger (Building 3), and Damian Droessler (Building 1).

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next regular meeting of the board will be December 12th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no additional Public Comment

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Tom McLaughlin, Board Chair

Justine Reese, Business Manager/Clerk