

Hellgate Elementary Board of Trustees  
 Special Meeting October 19, 2022  
 12:00 p.m.

### **OPENING**

The Board of Trustees of Hellgate Elementary School District #4 met in special session on October 19, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. The meeting was held in-person and also broadcast by virtual video conferencing. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Tom McLaughlin. Trustees present were: Tom McLaughlin and Tom Cook. Trustees joined via zoom: Kate Walker, Diane Beck, and Lori Christensen. Trustees Rich Thornock and Rod Sharkey were absent. Superintendent Molly Blakely and District Clerk Justine Reese were present for the meeting. District staff participating were Brent Heist and Taryn Diehl (8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher). There were up to 10 in-person and online participants in the meeting.

### **CONSIDER 8TH GRADE TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC:**

A motion was made by Tom Cook to allow a Hellgate Elementary School 8<sup>th</sup> grade group of students to travel to Washington DC, on or around, the second week in June of 2023 (after 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation). The motion was seconded by Kate Walker. There was discussion on the item. 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Taryn Diehl, provided information and background on the trip; as well as provided detail on the company that was determined to be the best fit to guide the trip, World Strides. The Trustees discussed the consideration and overall were in favor of the trip as well as the organization selected. Ms. Diehl did note that the district would not be required to provide any funds, the students would need to provide their own funding. She mentioned World Strides does provide financial assistance and she has begun brainstorming group and individual fundraising opportunities to help offset costs. There was further discussion by the Trustees. Voting in favor of the motion were Tom McLaughlin, Tom Cook, Kate Walker, Lori Christensen, and Diane Beck. Voting against the motion were none. The motion passed.

### **APPROVE HELLGATE TRANSPORTATION SCHOOL BUS ROUTE MILEAGE:**

A motion was made by Kate Walker to approve the adjusted Hellgate Transportation school bus route mileage for the 2022/2023 school year (see official board packet for attachment). The motion was seconded by Diane Walker. There was no discussion on the topic. Voting in favor of the motion were Tom McLaughlin, Tom Cook, Kate Walker, Lori Christensen, and Diane Beck. Voting against the motion were none. The motion passed.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

There was no additional public comment.

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

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Tom McLaughlin, Board Chair

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Justine Reese, Business Manager/Clerk