

Hellgate Elementary Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
6:00 p.m.

### **OPENING**

The Board of Trustees of Hellgate Elementary School District #4 met in regular session on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 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, and Diane Beck. Trustee, Lori Christensen was absent. Superintendent Molly Blakely and District Clerk Justine Reese were present for the meeting. District staff participating were Erin Ellis (Curriculum Coordinator), Brent Heist (Assistant Principal for Building 3), Julie McCarthy-McLaverly (Building 2 Principal), and Jamie Courville (Building 4 Principal). PTA president and parent in the community, Tiffany Manthie was also in attendance. There were up to 13 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 over the association's plans for the raised funds.

### **HEEA**

There was no comment by the HEEA at this meeting.

### **RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS AND STAFF**

There were no recognitions at this meeting.

### **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Trustees reviewed the monthly newsletters from OPI, and other correspondence.

### **REVIEW OF THE MINUTES**

A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to approve the minutes from the September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Kate Walker. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, and Tom Cook. 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 Rich Thornock to approve the September 2022 claims. The motion was seconded by Rod Sharkey. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, and Tom Cook. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

### **REVIEW OF BUDGET REPORTS**

Trustees reviewed the budget reports for September 2022.

### **REVIEW OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

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

**APPROVE RESIGNATION OF CERTIFIED STAFF:**

A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to approve the superintendent's recommendation to accept the retirement of Mr. Dan Grey effective September 21, 2022. The motion was seconded by Kate Walker. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, and Tom Cook. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR CERTIFIED STAFF:**

A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to approve the superintendent's recommendation to accept a leave of absence for Mrs. Halden Sharkey for the 22-23 school year effective October 4, 2022.. The motion was seconded by Kate Walker. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, and Tom Cook. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE HIRING CERTIFIED STAFF:**

A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to approve the superintendent's recommendation to offer an employment contract to Robyn Szczukowski and for the remainder of the 2022 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, and Tom Cook. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE HIRING CERTIFIED STAFF:**

A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to approve the superintendent's recommendation to offer an employment contract to Savannah Stern and for the remainder of the 22-23 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, and Tom Cook. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE RESIGNATION OF CLASSIFIED STAFF:**

A motion was made by Kate Walker to approve the resignation of Ms. Tiffany Wellman as an employee of the food service department effective September 29, 2022. The motion was seconded by Rod Sharkey. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, and Tom Cook. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE HIRING CLASSIFIED STAFF:**

A motion was made by Tom Cook to approve the superintendent's recommendation to offer an employment contract to Ms. Dawn Plymale as a 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, and Tom Cook. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE HIRING CLASSIFIED STAFF:**

A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to approve the superintendent's recommendation to offer Ms. Brooke Mulawka as an employee of the food service department for the 22-23 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, and Tom Cook. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE HIRING COACHING STAFF:**

A motion was made by Rich Thornock to approve the superintendent's recommendation to offer coaching contracts for the 2022-2023 school year to the following:

Devon Honzel Assistant Volleyball Coach  
Taylor Nordby Head Boys Basketball Coach  
Tom Keiser Head Boys Basketball Coach  
Dale Asanovich Assistant Boys Basketball Coach  
Shane Byers Assistant Boys Basketball Coach  
Tyler Lind Assistant Boys Basketball Coach  
Claire Walde Head Gymnastics Coach  
Paige Walde Assistant Gymnastics Coach  
Laci Willett Assistant Gymnastics Coach  
Alexandria Hanson Assistant Gymnastics Coach  
Chris Bosshardt Assistant Boys Basketball Coach

The motion was seconded by Rod Sharkey. There was discussion on student athletics. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, and Tom Cook. 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
Coleman, Shirley	Loyson, Shelley
Curry, Taina	Miller, Michelle
Deden, Alexis	Minckler, Kimberly
Dennis, Sarah	Polanchek, David
Finnerty, Ashley	Powers, Desiree
Grados, Shelley	Smith, Gary "Scooter"
Harper, Joshua	Spletto, April
Harper, Zachary	Vilshanetska, Diana
Harris, Laurie	Werner, Tara
Hitt, Heather	Woods Hilary
Johnson, Candy	
Johnston, Lexi	
Kahle, Kim	
Kallas, Kayla	Total Count: 28

The motion was seconded by Kate Walker. There was discussion on competitiveness of wages compared to other school districts in the area. Superintendent Blakely provided follow-up information related to pay comps. in the area. Kate Walker requested additional information of para and substitute wage increase and budget impact. Superintendent Blakely agreed to find the information. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, and Tom Cook. The motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

*TDS Telecom Broadband Internet install of equipment (Payment of \$10,500.00):* There was discussion on the new placement of the telecom box. The board request clarification on dimensions.

*Solar Panels:* Superintendent Blakely shared response of cost impact of solar panels from MCPS. Per individual, there was no cost savings, but large educational benefits. Superintendent Blakely is waiting responses from others in the area.

*Flu Shot/COVID Booster Clinic on October 14<sup>th</sup> for staff:* no discussion on the topic.

*October is National Principal's Month:* The board expressed thankfulness to the Principals.

**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-McLaverty (Building 2), and Jamie Courville (Building 4).

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

The next regular meeting of the board will be November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Superintendent Blakely introduced the topic of a Washington DC 8<sup>TH</sup> Grade educational trip. Taryn Diehl has requested to pursue a Washington DC educational trip for a group of 8<sup>th</sup> graders. There was discussion on the topic as well as the decision that the Board would need to meet in Special Session to approve the trip. Multiple Trustees presented and agreed to the Special Meeting. Tom McLaughlin announced he will be attending the MTSBA-MCEL conference 2022 and opened the invitation up to the other Trustees; Tom Cook expressed interest. Superintendent Blakely notified the Trustees she is now on the MQEC board.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

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Tom McLaughlin, Board Chair

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Justine Reese, Business Manager/Clerk