

Hellgate Elementary Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting September 12th, 2022
7:00 p.m.

OPENING

The Board of Trustees of Hellgate Elementary School District #4 met in regular session on Monday, September 12th, 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, Lori Christensen, Tom Cook, Rich Thornock, Rod Sharkey, and Diane Beck. Superintendent Molly Blakely and District Clerk Justine Reese were present for the meeting. District staff participating were Brent Heist (Assistant Principal for Building 3), Sara Bermingham (HEEA co-president), Julie McCarthy-McLavery (Building 2 Principal), Chris Clevenger (Building 3 Principal), Damian Droessler (Building 1 Principal), and Jamie Courville (Building 4 Principal). There were up to 13 total guests/participants in the meeting, in-person.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

HEEA

Sara Bermingham represented the HEEA. She welcomed everyone back to school. She mentioned how the new SRO has made a good impression on students and staff.

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 August 8th, 2022 regular meeting, with corrections. The motion was seconded by Diane Beck. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Lori Christensen, 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 Rod Sharkey to approve the August 2022 claims. The motion was seconded by Kate Walker. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Lori Christensen, 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 August 2022.

REVIEW OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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

APPROVE HIRING CLASSIFIED STAFF:

A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to approve the superintendent's recommendation to offer employment contracts for the 2022-2023 school year to the following:

Becca Suranova = paraprofessional
Holly Whitmore = paraprofessional
Warren Loving = paraprofessional
Kathryn Rowley = paraprofessional
Justine Trimbo = paraprofessional
Rebecca Cowan = food service
Travis Robinson = custodian

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

APPROVE HIRING CERTIFIED STAFF:

A motion was made by Rich Thornock to approve the superintendent's recommendation to offer an employment contract to Ms. Tricia Oliver for a Special Education teaching position 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, Lori Christensen, Diane Beck, and Tom Cook. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE RESIGNATION CLASSIFIED STAFF:

A motion was made by Kate Walker to approve the resignation of Mr. Michael Bremmer and Ms. Marcie Bremmer as paraprofessionals effective August 23, 2022. The motion was seconded by Rich Thornock. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Lori Christensen, Diane Beck, and Tom Cook. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE SUBSTITUTE LIST

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

Akane, McKenna	Smith, Gary "Scooter"
Kallas, Kayla	Grados, Shelley
Arnold, Fred	Spletto, April
Kerns, Drue	Harper, Zachary
Coleman, Shirley	Stern, Savannah
Loyson, Shelley	Harris, Laurie
Curry, Taina	Vilshanetska, Diana
Miller, Michelle	Johnson, Candy
Deden, Alexis	Werner, Tara
Minckler, Kimberly	Johnston, Lexi
Dennis, Sarah	Woods, Hilary
Polanchek, David	
Finnerty, Ashley	

The motion was seconded by Kate Walker. There was discussion on competitiveness of wages compared to other school districts in the area. Superintendent Blakely agreed to conduct market research for comps. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Lori Christensen, Diane Beck, and Tom Cook. The motion carried unanimously.

CHANGE TIME FOR SCHOOL BOARD MONTHLY MEETINGS:

A motion was made by Rich Thornock to approve moving the time of the monthly school board meetings from a start time of 7:00 pm to a start time of 6:00 pm (Board Policy #1065). The motion was seconded by Diane Beck. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Rich Thornock, Lori Christensen, Diane Beck, and Tom Cook. Voting against the motion was: Rod Sharkey. The motion carried by majority.

Middle School Fundraising Event:

A motion was made by Rich Thornock to approve the fundraising event for grades 7 and 8. This event will start in October and conclude prior to Christmas break and will consist of students selling World's Finest Chocolates. The motion was seconded by Lori Christensen. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Rod Sharkey, Lori Christensen, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, and Tom Cook. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Emergent 3 Safety App.: Training Administrative Individuals began the week of 9/12/22. There was discussion on how training would be implemented in the upcoming months.

Solar Panels: Tom Cook suggested the district begin researching the benefit of installing solar panels to offset the district's electricity cost. There was discussion on the topic. Superintendent Blakely offered to do market research specifically surrounding schools in the area utilizing solar panels and their cost effectiveness.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports discussed.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Trustees reviewed the monthly report of building principals and heard updates and staff recognitions from all Building Principals: Julie McCarthy-McLavery (Building 2), Chris Clevenger (Building 3), Damian Droessler (Building 1), and Jamie Courville (Building 4).

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next regular meeting of the board will be October 10th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Superintendent Blakely discussed the overall enrollment of the district: decrease in kindergarten class, increase in 5th grade class and decrease in the middle school. Overall the enrollment is comparable to last school year. SBAC scores were reviewed by the Trustees, there was discussion on the scores. There was discussion on the lead level in district drinking fountains. Superintendent Blakely addressed all questions and provided clarification. Brent Heist informed the Trustees the Flynn Lane detour goes into effect Monday, September 19th, 2022; and to plan travels accordingly. There was discussion of the homeless student population in the district; Brent Heist answered related questions.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Tom McLaughlin, Board Chair

Justine Reese, Business Manager/Clerk