

Hellgate Elementary Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting August 8th, 2022
7:00 p.m.

OPENING

The Board of Trustees of Hellgate Elementary School District #4 met in regular session on Monday, August 8th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. 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, and Diane Beck. Rod Sharkey participated via phone and Lori Christensen was absent. Superintendent Molly Blakely and District Clerk Justine Reese were present for the meeting. District staff participating were Shara Blair, District Technologist, Kristen Guidoni, Band/Music Teacher, and the new district SRO, Officer Rachel Hash. There were up to 11 total guests/participants in the meeting by phone and in-person.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

HEEA

Kristen Guidoni represented HEEA. She mentioned back to school teacher meetings and looking forward to seeing all the students again.

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 Rich Thornock to approve the minutes from the July 11th, 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, 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 July 2022 claims. The motion was seconded by Rich Thornock. 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 July 2022.

REVIEW OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

There were no expenditures in the Student Activities Account for Board Approval.

APPROVE SUBSTITUTE LIST

There was no Substitute List for July.

ADOPT 2022-2023 FINAL BUDGETS:

A motion was made by Kate Walker to approve the superintendent's recommendation to adopt the following Hellgate Elementary Final 2022/2023 Budget figures (SEE OFFICIAL BOARD PACKET FOR FIGURES) with the understanding that the Hellgate Elementary District Clerk/Business Manager shall have the ability to slightly adjust the final budget totals once all final financial data has been sent to the school district from state and county financial department sources. The motion was seconded by Rich Thornock. Voting in favor of the motion were Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, and Tom Cook. The motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPT TRUSTEES FISCAL SUMMARY REPORT FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR:

A motion was made by Rich Thornock to approve the superintendent's recommendation to accept the Trustees Fiscal Summary Report for the 2021-2022 school year. 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 Rich Thornock to approve the superintendent's recommendation to offer an employment contract to Sara Triphan as a paraprofessional for the 2022-2023 school year. The motion was seconded by Diane Beck. 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 Tom Cook to approve the superintendent's recommendation to offer an employment contract to Ms. Joanna Johnson to fulfill a long-term maternity substitute position in building #3 from August 29, 2022 through December 20, 2022. The motion was seconded by Rich Thornock. 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 OF COACHES FOR FALL SPORTS:

A motion was made by Kate Walker to approve the superintendent's recommendation to offer contracts to the following coaches for fall sports activities:

- Dale Asanovich and Michael Straw Head Coaches Cross Country
- Taylor Nordby Head Coach and Tyler Lind Assistant Coach for Flag Football Hellgate Elementary
- Bailey Vercruyssen and Lisa Sharkey Head Coaches and Rhiannon Roos and Angela Piazzola Assistant Coaches for Volleyball
- Josh Eaton, Shane Byers, and Adelle Donohue Head Coaches Soccer

The motion was seconded by Tom Cook. Voting in favor of the motion were Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, and Tom Cook. There was a brief discussion on the justification of co-head coaches for cross country. Superintendent Molly Blakely provided clarification that the high amount of students participating justifies the coaching. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF CERTIFIED STAFF:

A motion was made by Rich Thornock to approve the resignation of Ms. Katie Velde effective July 26th, 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 HELLGATE TRANSPORTATION SCHOOL BUS STOP PROTOCOLS:

A motion was made by Kate Walker to approve the adjusted Hellgate Transportation school bus extended stop arms protocol for two stops: 11511 Mullan Rd and 11525 Mullan Rd. for the 2022/2023 school year (referenced in OPI Monthly Newsletter). The motion was seconded by Rich Thornock. 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 EXTRA-CURRICULAR STIPEND ADJUSTMENTS:

A motion was made by Rich Thornock to approve extra-curricular stipend adjustments amounts for the 2022/2023 school year for the following:

- Basketball referees will be compensated \$40 (not \$36).
- Volleyball referees will be compensated \$36 per game.

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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

New SRO, Officer Rachel Hash: Superintendent Molly Blakely introduced and gave a warm welcome to the new district Student Resource Officer (SRO), Officer Rachel Hash. Officer Hash provided a brief overview of her personal background and history in law enforcement.

New Signage: The sign option was discussed, the majority of the trustees liked the sign and feel comfortable moving forward with the purchase. The sign will not be lit due to lack of electricity to the sign base.

University of Montana Homecoming Parade: September 24th: Superintendent Molly Blakely informed the trustees that the 8th grade students and hopefully the 7th grade music students would be participants in the parade. Kristen Guidoni brought up a few needs that would need to be met in order to participate, but overall is very excited to have the opportunity to participate.

Special Olympics: Superintendent Molly Blakely presented the Memorandum of Understanding and the partnership between the district and Special Olympics. The signed MOU is relevant from 2022-2025.

Back to School Activities: Superintendent Molly Blakely summarized the Back to School events for staff.

Emergent 3 Safety App.: Superintendent Molly Blakely provided a description of the proposed safety app. There was discussion by the trustees and they were in favor of moving forward with the purchase.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports discussed.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

There were no Principal Reports to discuss.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next regular meeting of the board will be September 12th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no additional comments from the public. Tom McLaughlin proposed moving the board meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The trustees discussed the time change. This item will be added to the September board meeting agenda to amend Board Policy #1065.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.