

Hellgate Elementary Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting July 11th, 2022
7:00 p.m.

OPENING

The Board of Trustees of Hellgate Elementary School District #4 met in regular session on Monday, July 11th, 2022 at 7:00 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 participating were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Lori Christensen, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, and Diane Beck. Tom Cook participated by Zoom. Superintendent Molly Blakely and District Clerk Justine Reese were present for the meeting. District staff participating were Dana Schatz, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; Brent Heist, Director of Student Services. In-person guests participating were Katy Reddy, HEEA. There were up to 12 total guests/participants in the meeting by Zoom and in-person.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment. Tom McLaughlin brought up the topic of eliminating streaming via Zoom the monthly Board meetings. There was discussion on the topic amongst Board members and HEEA representative.

HEEA

Katy Reddy represented HEEA. She welcomed Molly Blakely as the new superintendent. She mentioned the HEEA reorganized and Katy Reddy and Sara Bermingham would be serving as co-presidents.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS AND STAFF

Superintendent Molly Blakely recognized Nancy Aitken-Nobles for receiving the Maryfrances Shreeve Award for Teaching Excellence. There was discussion about celebrating/recognizing Nancy at the September Board meeting. Tom McLaughlin welcomed Justine Reese as the new District Clerk.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

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

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2022 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Diane Beck. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Lori Christensen, 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 June 2022 claims. The motion was seconded by Rod Sharkey. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Lori Christensen, 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 June 2022.

REVIEW OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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

APPROVE SUBSTITUTE LIST

There was no Substitute List for July.

COMPENSATED ABSENCE FUND

A motion was made by Rich Thornock to approve the superintendent's recommendation to authorize the transfer of \$4,366.71 from Fund 121 (Compensated Absences Fund) into the General Fund 101 effective June 30, 2022. The motion was seconded by Rod Sharkey. Voting in favor of the motion were Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Lori Christensen, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, and Tom Cook. The motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT DISTRICT CLERK/BUSINESS MANAGER

A motion was made by Rich Thornock to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to officially appoint Ms. Justine Reese as the Hellgate Elementary District Clerk/Business Manager for the 2022-2023 school year. The motion was seconded by Rod Sharkey. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Lori Christensen, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, and Tom Cook. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFIED STAFF-HIRING SUMMER SCHOOL

A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to approve the superintendent's recommendation to offer employment contracts to the following individuals for the Hellgate Elementary Summer School Program. OFFICIAL LIST INCLUDED IN BOARD MINUTES. The motion was seconded by Lori Christensen. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Lori Christensen, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, and Tom Cook. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR STAFF HIRES

A motion was made by Tom Cook to approve the superintendent's recommendation to offer employment contracts to the following individuals for the Hellgate Elementary Special Education Extended School Year program (conducted during the month of August). OFFICIAL LIST INCLUDED IN BOARD MINUTES. The motion was seconded by Rod Sharkey. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Lori Christensen, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, and Tom Cook. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFIED STAFF HIRING-MENTORS

A motion was made by Kate Walker to approve the superintendent's recommendation to offer potential extra duty contracts to the following individuals to serve as Mentors for the 2022-2023 school year. OFFICIAL LIST INCLUDED IN BOARD MINUTES. There was a discussion on what a mentor was and how they are selected. The motion was seconded by Rod Sharkey. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Lori Christensen, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, and Tom Cook. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

CLASSIFIED STAFF RESIGNATIONS

A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to approve the superintendent's recommendation to accept the resignation of Ms. Kayla Couture, a Hellgate Elementary Special Education paraprofessional, effective June 29, 2022. The motion was seconded by Rich Thornock. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Lori Christensen, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, and Tom Cook. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFIED STAFF-HIRING

A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to approve the superintendent's recommendation to offer an employment contract to Ms. Kayla Couture to be a Hellgate Elementary Health/Physical Education Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. The motion was seconded by Lori Christensen. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Lori Christensen, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, and Tom Cook. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Rich Thornock to approve the superintendent's recommendation to offer an employment contract to Ms. Katie Matthews to be a Hellgate Elementary 6th Grade Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. The motion was seconded by Rod Sharkey. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Lori Christensen, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, and Tom Cook. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

SCHOOL BUS ROUTE MILEAGE

A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to approve the superintendent's recommendation to approve the adjusted Hellgate Transportation school bus route mileage for the 2022-2023 school year. COPY OF APPROVED ROUTES INCLUDED IN OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES. The motion was seconded by Lori Christensen. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Lori Christensen, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, and Tom Cook. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR STIPEND

A motion was made by Rich Thornock to approve the superintendent's recommendation to approve extra-curricular stipend categories and compensation amounts for the 2022-2023 school year. COPY OF STIPEND LIST INCLUDED IN OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES. There was discussion on the amount per stipend and how that was determined. The motion was seconded by Lori Christensen. Tom McLaughlin, Kate Walker, Lori Christensen, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, and Tom Cook. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no additional discussion items.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board Chair, Tom McLaughlin reported the Missoula County Transportation Committee would be meeting in July to approve preliminary bus routes for the 2021-2022 school year.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Superintendent Molly Blakely brought up summer school and there was a discussion on how it was going as well as the overall attendance.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next regular meeting of the board will be August 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no additional comments from the public. Rod Sharkey inquired about increasing food costs, there was a discussion that followed. Tom McLaughlin, in conjunction with Superintendent Molly Blakely, brought up the option of electronic School Board packets. There was discussion on the topic and majority were in favor of trialing it for the August School Board meeting. Rich Thornock brought up the original Hellgate sign; discussion followed.

about replacing it. Tom Cook inquired about the district's position on the lead content in water. There was discussion on faucets that were being replaced. Rich Thornock brought up safety protocols.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Tom McLaughlin, Board Chair

Justine Reese, Business Manager/Clerk