

Hellgate Elementary Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting January 9th, 2023
6:00 p.m.

OPENING

The Board of Trustees of Hellgate Elementary School District #4 met in regular session on Monday, January 9th, 2023. The meeting was held in-person. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Tom McLaughlin. Trustees participating were: Tom McLaughlin, Tom Cook, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, Rod Sharkey, Kate Walker and Lori Christensen. Superintendent Molly Blakely and District Clerk Justine Reese were present for the meeting. District staff participating were Brent Heist (Assistant Principal for Building 3), Chris Clevenger (Building 3 Principal), Julie McCarthy-McLavery (Building 2 Principal), Erin Ellis (Curriculum Coordinator), Jonna Brandt (Director of Assessment) and Katy Reddy (8th grade teacher and HEEA representative). There were up to 15 total guests/participants in the meeting, in-person.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

HEEA

Katy Reddy represented the HEEA and provided a brief update.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS AND STAFF

There was a brief recognition of students participating with the Food Bank.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Trustees reviewed the monthly newsletter from OPI.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES-Regular Meeting

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

REVIEW OF THE WARRANTS

There was no discussion on the warrants. A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to approve the December 2022 claims. The motion was seconded by Lori Christensen. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, Tom Cook, Rod Sharkey, Kate Walker and Lori Christensen. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF BUDGET REPORTS

Trustees reviewed the budget reports for December 2022.

REVIEW OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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

APPROVE CERTIFIED EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE:

A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to approve the superintendent's recommendation to offer an early retirement incentive opportunity for certified staff in accordance with the district's Early Retirement Incentive offer (see attached in Board Packet). There was brief discussion on the topic. The motion was seconded by Kate Walker. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, Tom Cook, Rod Sharkey, Kate Walker and Lori Christensen. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE INTEGRATED STRATEGIC PLAN:

A motion was made by Lori Christensen to approve the superintendent's recommendation to adopt our current strategic plan as our Integrated Strategic Action Plan effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027. There was a brief discussion on the item. The motion was seconded by Rod Sharkey. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, Tom Cook, Rod Sharkey, Kate Walker and Lori Christensen. The motion carried unanimously.

SCHOOL LEVY AND TRUSTEE ELECTION:

A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to approve the superintendent's recommendation to adopt a resolution (enclosed in the board packet) to set the trustee and levy election date for Tuesday, May 2, 2023. The election, if needed, will be a mail-in ballot conducted by the Missoula City/County Elections Office. There was brief discussion on how many applicants will run. The motion was seconded by Rich Thornock. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, Tom Cook, Rod Sharkey, Kate Walker and Lori Christensen. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE CLASSIFIED STAFF RESIGNATION:

A motion was made by Rich Thornock to approve the superintendent's recommendation to approve the resignation of Warren Loving, paraprofessional, effective December 16, 2022. The motion was seconded by Rod Sharkey. There was a request to include letters of resignation to the Trustees for future resignations. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, Tom Cook, Rod Sharkey, Kate Walker and Lori Christensen. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Rich Thornock to approve the superintendent's recommendation to approve the resignation of Ms. Shara Blair effective January 20, 2023. The motion was seconded by Rod Sharkey. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, Tom Cook, Rod Sharkey, Kate Walker and Lori Christensen. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE HIRING OF COACHING STAFF:

A motion was made by Rich Thornock to approve the superintendent's recommendation to offer coaching contracts to the following:

Taylor Nordby and Bailey Vercruyssen Girls Head Basketball
Dale Asanovich and Angela Piazzola, Assistant Girls Basketball
Mike Plautz Head Coach Wrestling
Nick Weller, Jason Brunner, and Eric Forde Assistant Wrestling

The motion was seconded by Rod Sharkey. There was brief discussion on student participation and coaching ratio. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Rich Thornock, Diane Beck, Tom Cook, Rod Sharkey, Kate Walker and Lori Christensen. 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	Minckler, Kimberly
Keeling, Malia	Erskine, Sandra
Arlint, Elisabeth	Polanchek, David
Kerns, Drue	Finnerty, Ashley
Arnold, Fred	Powers, Desiree
Loyson, Shelley	Grados, Shelley
Coleman, Shirley	Smith, Gary "Scooter"
McLavery, Annie	Guga, Anna
Curry, Taina	Harper, Joshua
Merkley, Maria	Spletto, April
Deden, Alexis	Harper, Zachary
Mickel, Rebekah	Werner, Tara
Dennis, Sarah	Harris, Laurie
Miller, Michelle	Whitney, Kristen
Devlin, Sherry	Hitt, Heather
	Woods, Hilary
	Johnson, Candy
	Johnston, Lexi
	Kahle, Kim
	Kallas, Kayla

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

23-24 Calendar Committee: Superintendent Blakely provided the Trustees with a brief overview of the established 23-24 Calendar Committee. She anticipates the committee will be drafting multiple calendar options to present to the Trustees at an upcoming Board Meeting.

Stop the Bleed Kits: Superintendent Blakely informed the Trustees that Officer Rachael Hash had been granted 9 Stop the Bleed Kits for the district. Provided a brief description of what the kits contain as well as planning training district staff of how to use the kits.

Edulog App: Superintendent Blakely informed the Trustees that she and Brent Heist have been working on updating the Edulog App. (bus transportation app.) so parents are able to utilize it.

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-McLavery (Building 2), Chris Clevenger (Building 3), and Damian Droessler (Building 1).

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next regular meeting of the Board will be February 14th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Tom McLaughlin, Board Chair

Justine Reese, Business Manager/Clerk