

Hellgate Elementary Board of Trustees
Special Meeting May 15th, 2023
12:00 p.m.

OPENING

The Board of Trustees of Hellgate Elementary School District #4 met in special session on Monday, May 15th, 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, Rod Sharkey, Lori Christensen and Diane Beck. Kate Walker and Rich Thornock were absent for the meeting. Superintendent Molly Blakely and District Clerk Justine Reese were present for the meeting. District staff participating were Chris Clevenger (Building 3 Principal) and Joanna Johnson (Bldg. 3 counselor). District representation, Elizabeth Kaleva, was also present. Guests in attendance were Student A, and the parent of Student A. There were up to 10 total guests/participants in the meeting, in-person.

EXPULSION HEARING

The purpose of the meeting was to consider the expulsion of Student A. Deeming the rights of the individual outweigh the right of the public to know, Board Chair Tom McLaughlin called for an executive session of the Board, "The matter before the Board today is a hearing on the recommendation to expel a student. I will now close the public portion of this meeting to convene in executive session because I have determined that the demands of individual privacy clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure." The meeting was closed at 12:02 p.m. All members of the audience remained in the meeting.

Executive Session

The board came out of executive session at 12:28 p.m.

A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to permanently expel Student A, effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Diane Beck. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Tom McLaughlin, Board Chair

Justine Reese, Business Manager/Clerk