

Hellgate Elementary Board of Trustees  
Special Meeting May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
12:00 p.m.

### **OPENING**

The Board of Trustees of Hellgate Elementary School District #4 met in special session on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. The meeting was held in person. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Tom McLaughlin. Trustees in attendance were: Tom McLaughlin, Rod Sharkey, Lori Christensen, and Rich Thornock. Trustees absent were Tom Cook, Kate Walker, and Diane Beck. Superintendent Molly Blakely and District Clerk Justine Reese were present for the meeting. District staff participating were Anne Maloney (HR Specialist) and Erin Ellis (Curriculum Coordinator). Kallie Gatzemeier and Jacquelyn Ryan were present at the meeting as incoming trustees. There were up to 11 total guests/participants in the meeting in-person.

### **CANVASS OF ELECTION RESULTS**

Three candidates filed for the two seats open for the May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 School Trustee Election. Current trustees and the Election Administrator/District Clerk reviewed and certified the Canvass of Votes and Declaration of Results presented by the Missoula County Elections office declaring Kallie Gatzemeier and Jacquelyn Ryan as the two candidates with the highest number of votes. Anne Maloney swore in the two trustees for their three year term.

Superintendent Blakely congratulated and welcomed the new trustees.

### **REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD – ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Superintendent Blakely called for nominations for Board Chairman. Rod Sharkey nominated Tom McLaughlin. The nomination was seconded by Rich Thornock. There were no other nominations. Mr. McLaughlin was declared elected as Board Chairman.

Superintendent Blakely called for nominations for Board Vice-Chairman. Rich Thornock nominated Jacquelyn Ryan. The nomination was seconded by Lori Christensen. There were no other nominations. Ms. Ryan was declared elected as Board Vice-Chairman.

A motion was made by Rich Thornock to approve the re-organization of the Hellgate Board of Trustees effective May 18, 2023. The motion was seconded by Lori Christensen. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Lori Christensen, Kallie Gatzemeier, and Jacquelyn Ryan. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Approve the Re-Hire of District Clerk/Business Manager:**

A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to approve the re-hire of Ms. Justine Reese as the Hellgate Elementary District Clerk/Business Manager for a one year term, effective May 18, 2023. The motion was seconded by Lori Christensen. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Lori Christensen, Kallie Gatzemeier, and Jacquelyn Ryan. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

### **CONSIDER SCHOOL ELECTION PROCESS:**

A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to adopt a resolution granting the Missoula County Elections Office authority to conduct Hellgate Elementary school elections. The motion was seconded by Kallie Gatzemeier. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Rod Sharkey, Rich Thornock, Lori Christensen, Kallie Gatzemeier, and Jacquelyn Ryan. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Superintendent Blakely reminded the Trustees of the upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation ceremony, June 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The majority of the Trustees plan on attending the graduation ceremony.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

The next regular meeting of the board will be June 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

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Tom McLaughlin, Board Chair

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Justine Reese, Business Manager/Clerk