

Hellgate Elementary Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting July 10th, 2023
6:00 p.m.

OPENING

The Board of Trustees of Hellgate Elementary School District #4 met in regular session on Monday, July 10th, 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, Kallie Gatzemeier, and Jacquelyn Ryan. Trustee Rich Thornock and Lori Christensen were absent for the meeting. Superintendent Molly Blakely and District Clerk Justine Reese were present for the meeting. District staff participating were Erin Ellis (Curriculum Coordinator) and Kristen Guidoni (teacher and HEEA Treasurer). There were no additional community members present. There were up to 9 total guests/participants in the meeting, in-person.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this meeting.

HEEA

Kristin Guidoni provided a brief update to the Trustees. The HEEA is looking forward to Launch and the start of the new school year.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS AND STAFF

There was no Recognition at this meeting.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Trustees reviewed the monthly newsletter from OPI.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES-Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to approve the minutes from the June 12th, 2023 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Jacquelyn Ryan. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Tom Cook, Rod Sharkey, Kallie Gatzemeier and Jacquelyn Ryan. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF THE WARRANTS

There was brief discussion about the warrants and a few clarifying questions. A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to approve the June 2023 claims. The motion was seconded by Jacquelyn Ryan. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Tom Cook, Rod Sharkey, Kallie Gatzemeier and Jacquelyn Ryan. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF BUDGET REPORTS

Trustees reviewed the budget reports for June 2023.

REVIEW OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to approve the June 2023 Student Activities Report. There was no discussion on the item. The motion was seconded by Kallie Gatzemeier. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Tom Cook, Rod Sharkey, Kallie Gatzemeier and Jacquelyn Ryan. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE HIRING CLASSIFIED STAFF:

A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to approve the hiring of Miguel Bravo to work in the custodial department for the 2023-2024 school year. There was no discussion on the item. The motion was seconded by Jacquelyn Ryan. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Tom Cook, Rod Sharkey, Kallie Gatzemeier and Jacquelyn Ryan. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER COMPENSATED ABSENCES FUND TRANSFER:

A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to authorize the transfer of \$66,888.41 to Fund #121 (Compensated Absences Fund) from the General Fund #101 effective June 30, 2023. There was brief discussion on the item

that included a description and background of the fund and transfer amount history. The motion was seconded by Kallie Gatzemeier. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Tom Cook, Rod Sharkey, Kallie Gatzemeier and Jacquelyn Ryan. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE NOVELS GRADES 6-8

A motion was made by Tom Cook to approve the novels for grades 6-8 for the 2023-2024 school year. These novels comprise the core curriculum for these grade levels (see attached novel descriptions in complete Board Packet). There was brief discussion on the item that included a description and background of the fund and transfer amount history. The motion was seconded by Kallie Gatzemeier. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Tom Cook, Rod Sharkey, Kallie Gatzemeier and Jacquelyn Ryan. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Camp Paxson Update: Superintendent Blakely informed the Board that the original Camp Paxson plan will be postponed until a further date at this point. She provided a variety of reasons to justify the decision. There was discussion of a day trip rather than an overnight stay.

School Board Policy Numbers and Student and Staff Handbooks: Superintendent Blakely discussed with the Trustees the need to align the district's current School Board Policy numerical system to MTSBA's numerical system. She expressed the inefficiency and inconsistencies with the current structure. The Board was supportive of the decision.

District "Wins": Superintendent Blakely reviewed the district "Wins" of the year. The Trustees were appreciative of the reflection. There was discussion of the timeline of Building Three's playground. Per Superintendent Blakely, the goal is to have the project begin in the spring of 2024.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tom McLaughlin noted that he would be attending a County Transportation meeting in the upcoming weeks.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

There were no Principal Reports at this meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Tom McLaughlin, Board Chair

Justine Reese, Business Manager/Clerk