

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

OPENING

The Board of Trustees of Hellgate Elementary School District #4 met in regular session on Monday, October 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, Kallie Gatzemeier, Rich Thornock, Jacquelyn Ryan and Rod Sharkey. Trustee Lori Christensen was 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), Chris Clevenger (Building 1 Principal), Tiffany Hobbs (Building 3 Principal), Jamie Courville (Building 4 Principal), Julia McCarthy-McClaverty (Building 2 Principal) and Brendan Brown (Special Ed. Director). There were no community members in attendance. There were up to 15 total guests/participants in the meeting, in-person.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this meeting.

HEEA

Katy Reddy was unable to attend the meeting in person, but provided Board chairman Tom McLaughlin with an email correspondence update. She stated that teachers were very appreciative of the PIR days. The HEEA was appreciative to the PTA for raising money for the Building 3 and 4 playground; and is hopeful the board will consider the pay increase for substitutes.

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 9-11-23

A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to approve the minutes with corrections from the September 11th, 2023 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Rich Thornock. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Tom Cook, Rich Thornock, Kallie Gatzemeier, Jacquelyn Ryan and Rod Sharkey. 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 September 2023 claims. The motion was seconded by Jacquelyn Ryan. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Tom Cook, Rich Thornock, Kallie Gatzemeier, Jacquelyn Ryan and Rod Sharkey. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF BUDGET REPORTS

Trustees reviewed the budget reports for September 2023.

REVIEW OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

A motion was made by Rich Thornock to approve the September 2023 Student Activities Report. There was no discussion on the item. The motion was seconded by Tom Cook. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Tom Cook, Rich Thornock, Kallie Gatzemeier, Jacquelyn Ryan and Rod Sharkey. 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 Bob Toshoff and Stephanie Potter: paraprofessionals; and Rose Comstock: Foodservice, for the 2023-2024 school year. There was no discussion between the Trustees on the item. The motion was seconded by Kallie Gatzemeier. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Tom Cook, Rich Thornock, Kallie Gatzemeier and Jacquelyn Ryan. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE CLASSIFIED STAFF RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to accept the resignation of Mr. Michael Bremmer, as a paraprofessional, effective September 20, 2023. There was no discussion on the topic. The motion was seconded by Kallie Gatzemeier. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Tom Cook, Rich Thornock, Kallie Gatzemeier and Jacquelyn Ryan. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER FALL COACHING RECOMMENDATIONS

A motion was made by Tom Cook to accept the recommendation to hire the following coaches for gymnastics:

- Head Coach: Claire Walde
- Assistant Coaches: Paige Walde, Emily Botkin, Addison Chamberlain

There was no discussion between the Trustees on the item. The motion was seconded by Jacquelyn Ryan. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Tom Cook, Rich Thornock, Kallie Gatzemeier and Jacquelyn Ryan. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

SPORTS OFFICIALS RECOMMENDATIONS

A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to accept the recommendation to hire Grace Zitzer Ori and Abigail Jones (non MOA) to be officials for sporting events 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, Rich Thornock, Kallie Gatzemeier and Jacquelyn Ryan. The motion carried unanimously.

INCREASE IN HOURLY SUBSTITUTE PAY RATE CONSIDERATION

A motion was made by Tom Cook to approve an increase in the hourly rate for substitutes from \$12.50 with an amended amount of \$15.00 an hour. Substitutes will now be paid per hour, instead of half-day or full-day intervals. The original agenda item was \$12.50 to \$14.50 per hour; after a discussion between the trustees an amendment was presented by Board Chairman, Tom McLaughlin, to increase the new substitute hourly rate to \$15.00. The motion was seconded by Kallie Gatzemeier. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Tom Cook, Rich Thornock, Kallie Gatzemeier and Jacquelyn Ryan. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE SCHOOL SUBSTITUTE LIST

A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to approve the following to be substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year (full list available in board packet). There was no discussion on the item. The motion was seconded by Rich Thornock. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Tom Cook, Rich Thornock, Kallie Gatzemeier and Jacquelyn Ryan. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE HELLGATE TRANSPORTATION SCHOOL BUS ROUTE MILEAGE:

A motion was made by Rich Thornock to approve the adjusted Hellgate Transportation school bus route mileage for the 2023-2024 school year (see attached for full detail). 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, Rich Thornock, Kallie Gatzemeier and Jacquelyn Ryan. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Recycle MT grant, \$500.00: Superintendent Blakely informed the Trustees the district had received a grant for \$500 to purchase recycling equipment for the district. Building 3 will be the first building to implement the recycling program.

First PD Day (September 25, 2023): The first teacher professional development session occurred on September 25, 2023. Overall, Superintendent Blakely received good feedback from staff.

Griz Kids, November 4th (47 tickets): 47 Griz football tickets were gifted to Hellgate Elementary for the November 4, 2023 game.

Printer/Copier Consolidation District Wide: Over the past few months, Superintendent Blakely has been reviewing the district's printer/copier current situation. Kelley Connect has provided a report of all printers/copiers district wide. The district will begin consolidating the current printers/copiers across campus, to create a streamlined and efficient system.

2022-2023 SBAC Scores: Erin Ellis, Curriculum Coordinator, presented to the board last school year's Hellgate Elementary SBAC testing scores in relation to the statewide scores. Full presentation is available in the board packet. She informed the Trustees that the only remaining SBAC test this school year is Science for 7th and 8th grade. The district has agreed to pilot MAST for both math and reading.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports at this meeting.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Building 1: Chris Clevenger provided an update to the Trustees and elaborated on the Principal Report in the board packet.

Building 2: Julie McCarthy-McLaverty provided an update to the Trustees. She mentioned that October is an exciting month and gymnastics has started and students are excited to participate.

Building 3: Tiffany Hobbs reported choir, band and orchestra concert season has begun. Robotics also began this month, with a great turn out. Tiffany gave a shout-out to Mr. Straw for doing a great job supporting the new 6th grade teachers in the building.

Building 4: Jamie Courville provided an update to the board. He noted the enrollment in his building is small compared to past years, but the climate is good.

Special Education: Brendan Brown provided a brief update of the Special Education Department. He expressed his appreciation for the SPED staff and noted that student SPED counts are increasing regardless of the district wide enrollment decrease.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next regular meeting of the Board will be November 13th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Tom McLaughlin, Board Chair

Justine Reese, Business Manager/Clerk