

Hellgate Elementary Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting June 10, 2024
6:00 p.m.

OPENING

The Board of Trustees of Hellgate Elementary School District #4 met in regular session on Monday, June 10th, 2024. The meeting was held in-person. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Tom McLaughlin. Trustees participating were: Tom McLaughlin, Rich Thornock, Kallie Gatzemeier, Lori Christensen, Tom Cook and Jacquelyn Ryan. Trustee Rod Sharkey and District Clerk Justine Reese were absent. Superintendent Molly Blakely was present for the meeting. District staff participating was Kelsey Salmela (Payroll Clerk) and Erin Ellis (Curriculum Coordinator). There were up to 9 total guests/participants in the meeting, in-person.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at the meeting.

HEEA

There was no representation from the HEEA at the meeting.

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 5-13-2024

A motion was made by Tom Cook to approve the minutes from the May 13th, 2024 regular meeting. There was no discussion on the topic. The motion was seconded by Rich Thornock. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Lori Christensen, Rich Thornock, Tom Cook, Jacquelyn Ryan and Kallie Gatzemeier. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF THE WARRANTS-MAY 2024

A motion was made by Rich Thornock to approve the May 2024 claims. The motion was seconded by Lori Christensen. There was no discussion on the topic. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Lori Christensen, Rich Thornock, Tom Cook, Jacquelyn Ryan and Kallie Gatzemeier. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF BUDGET REPORTS

Trustees reviewed the budget reports for May 2024.

REVIEW OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

A motion was made by Lori Christensen to approve the May 2024 Student Activities Report. There was no discussion on the item. The motion was seconded by Rich Thornock. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Lori Christensen, Rich Thornock, Tom Cook, Jacquelyn Ryan and Kallie Gatzemeier. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFIED STAFF HIRING CONSIDERATION:

A motion was made by Rich Thornock to approve the hiring of the following certified staff for the 2024-2025 school year:

- Ms. Andria Donovan: 7th/8th Grade ELA Teacher
- Ms. Peyton Smith: Fourth Grade Teacher (One Year Contract)
- Ms. Molly Jungwirth: Sixth Grade Teacher
- Ms. Amber Hickitheir: First Grade Teacher
- Ms. Ava Bermister: Sixth Grade Teacher

There was brief discussion on the item. The motion was seconded by Jacquelyn Ryan. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Lori Christensen, Rich Thornock, Tom Cook, Jacquelyn Ryan and Kallie Gatzemeier. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

CLASSIFIED STAFF RESIGNATION APPROVAL:

A motion was made by Lori Christensen to approve the resignation of Brylea Beya, paraprofessional, effective May 22, 2024 (letter available in board packet). There was no discussion on the item. The motion was seconded by Kallie Gatzemeier. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Lori Christensen, Rich Thornock, Tom Cook, Jacquelyn Ryan and Kallie Gatzemeier. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

CLASSIFIED STAFF HIRING CONSIDERATION:

A motion was made by Rich Thornock to approve the hiring of the following:

- Christopher Swartz, food service department, effective August 26, 2024
- Ann Kramer, as a custodian, effective May 13, 2024
- Julian DeFelice, as a paraprofessional, effective August 26, 2024.

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

CERTIFIED STAFF HIRING CONSIDERATION:

A motion was made by Rich Thornock to approve the hiring of Ms. Deb Westrom and Ms. Peggy Racicot to be librarians for the 2023-2024 summer school program. There was brief discussion on the item. The motion was seconded by Lori Christensen. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Lori Christensen, Rich Thornock, Tom Cook, Jacquelyn Ryan and Kallie Gatzemeier. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF K-6 SCIENCE CURRICULUM ADOPTION CONSIDERATION:

A motion was made by Lori Christensen to approve the adoption of a new K-6 Science Curriculum (TWIG). Erin Ellis provided a brief overview of the curriculum and Superintendent Blakely provided a review of the curriculum selection process. The motion was seconded by Jacquelyn Ryan. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Lori Christensen, Rich Thornock, Tom Cook, Jacquelyn Ryan and Kallie Gatzemeier. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF REVISION TO SCHOOL BOARD POLICY 1420:

A motion was made by Lori Christensen to approve the revision of school board policy 1420 (see policy in board packet). There was no discussion on the item. The motion was seconded by Kallie Gatzemeier. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Lori Christensen, Rich Thornock, Tom Cook, Jacquelyn Ryan and Kallie Gatzemeier. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF 2024-2025 SCHOOL BUS MILEAGE ROUTES:

A motion was made by Rich Thornock to approve the Hellgate Transportation school bus route mileage for the 2024-2025 school year. There was brief discussion on the item. The motion was seconded by Kallie Gatzemeier. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom McLaughlin, Lori Christensen, Rich Thornock, Tom Cook, Jacquelyn Ryan and Kallie Gatzemeier. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

ESSER EXPENDITURE CONSIDERATIONS:

A motion was made by Rich Thornock to approve the utilization of ESSER funding to purchase the following:

- Building 3 Entryway Renovation \$19,000.00

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Superintendent Blakely provided the Trustees with an update on the following topics: SRO contract for the upcoming school year, 8th grade Washington DC Trip, and 8th grade graduation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no committee reports at this meeting.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Curriculum and Assessment: Erin Ellis provided the Trustees with an update of the district's MAST testing progress.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next regular meeting of the Board will be July 8th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Tom McLaughlin, Board Chair

Justine Reese, Business Manager/Clerk