

Hellgate Elementary Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting January 8, 2024
6:00 p.m.

OPENING

The Board of Trustees of Hellgate Elementary School District #4 met in regular session on Monday, January 8th, 2024. The meeting was held in-person. The meeting was called to order by Board Member, Rich Thornock (filling in for Board Chair, Tom McLaughlin). Trustees participating were: Tom Cook, Kallie Gatzemeier, Jacquelyn Ryan, Rod Sharkey and Lori Christensen. Board Chair Tom McLaughlin was absent. Superintendent Molly Blakely was present for the meeting and District Clerk Justine Reese was absent. District staff participating were Erin Ellis (Curriculum Coordinator), Tiffany Hobbs (Building 3 Principal), Brendan Brown (Special Ed. Director), Jamie Courville (Building 4 Principal), Chris Clevenger (Building 1 Principal), Brent Heist (B3 Assistant Principal), and Anne Maloney (HR Administration). Community members present were: Josh Kinard (Harlow's Bus Service Director of Operations), Becky Mangun (Harlow's Bus Service), Kristen Guidoni (Employee), Sally Blakely (Community Member). There were up to 18 total guests/participants in the meeting, in-person.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Josh Kinard, Director of Operations of Harlow's Bus Service, Becky Mangun, Harlow's Bus Service attended the meeting and did a brief introduction and said they plan on a seamless transition.

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 12-11-23

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

REVIEW OF BUDGET REPORTS

Trustees reviewed the budget reports for December 2023.

REVIEW OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES

A motion was made by Lori Christensen to approve the December 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 Cook, Rich Thornock, Kallie Gatzemeier,, Jacquelyn Ryan, Lori Christensen and Rod Sharkey. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE HIRING CONSIDERATION

A motion was made by Lori Christensen to approve the hiring of Ms. Amber Hickethier to be a long term substitute for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. There was no discussion on the item. The motion was seconded by Rod Sharkey. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom Cook, Rich Thornock, Kallie Gatzemeier, Jacquelyn Ryan, Lori Christensen and Rod Sharkey. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

PARAPROFESSIONAL HIRING CONSIDERATION: A motion was made by Rod Sharkey to approve the hiring of Melissa Hand, Brande Newlon, and Ashely Finnerty as paraprofessionals for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. There was a brief discussion on if the hiring was for replacement or additional staff. The motion was seconded by Jacquelyn Ryan. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom Cook, Rich Thornock, Kallie Gatzemeier, Jacquelyn Ryan, Lori Christensen and Rod Sharkey. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

PARAPROFESSIONAL TERMINATION CONSIDERATION: A motion by Lori Christensen to approve the termination of Nickolas Waguet as a paraprofessional effective December 19, 2023. There was no discussion on the item. The motion was seconded by Rod Sharkey. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom Cook, Rich Thornock, Kallie Gatzemeier, Jacquelyn Ryan, Lori Christensen and Rod Sharkey. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

SCHOOL LEVY AND TRUSTEE ELECTION CONSIDERATION: A motion by Rod Sharkey to adopt a resolution (enclosed in your packet) to set the trustee and levy election date for Tuesday, May 7, 2024. The election, if needed, will be a mail-in ballot conducted by the Missoula City/County Elections Office. There was a brief discussion on whose term is up. Rich Thornock and Tom McLaughlin are up for re-election. The motion was seconded by Tom Cook. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom Cook, Rich Thornock, Kallie Gatzemeier, Jacquelyn Ryan, Lori Christensen and Rod Sharkey. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

GIRLS BASKETBALL COACHES HIRING CONSIDERATION

A motion was made by Lori Christensen to approve the hiring of the following staff to be coaches for girls' basketball for the 23-24 school year:

8th Grade Assistant Coach: Angela Piazzola

7th Grade Head Coach: Tyler Lind

7th Grade Assistant Coach: Dale Asanovich

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

MUSIC IN THE PARKS BAND FESTIVAL CONSIDERATION:

A motion was made by Lori Christensen to approve the 8th grade band students to travel to Idaho to participate in the Music in the Parks Band Festival on Saturday, June 1, 2024. There was a brief discussion presented by Kristen Guidoni describing the festival. Festival is a 1-day festival at Silverwood Theme park for 8th grade band students to celebrate their successes. One day to perform one last time all together and enjoy the park as a group. Discussion on the cost of the trip and the fundraising that has been done and more to come. Trip will cost \$2000 and \$1400 has been raised to this point. 35 students and instruments would go. The motion was seconded by Kellie Gatzemeier. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom Cook, Rich Thornock, Kallie Gatzemeier, Jacquelyn Ryan, Lori Christensen and Rod Sharkey. Voting against the motion were none. 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 (total of 42) (full list available in board packet). There was a brief discussion on the how the pay increase and change to hourly was working out. The motion was seconded by Jacquelyn Ryan. Voting in favor of the motion were: Tom Cook, Rich Thornock, Kallie Gatzemeier, Jacquelyn Ryan, Lori Christensen and Rod Sharkey. Voting against the motion were none. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Hellgate Transportation Buyout-Harlow's: Met in December, contract signed before end of year. Announcement was sent to parents. Smooth transition.

Solar Panel update: Brief discussion on cost. \$180,000-200,000 for 108 panels. Hellgate Elementary is in the flight path, so there would be some restrictions. \$7,000-9,000 savings per year.

Comprehensive Needs Assessment: Discussion was held stating that data is in from OPI. Data shows strengths and weaknesses. GAP analysis was completed by leadership team. This report will be shared at the February Board meeting.

Donation from Merrill Lynch: Donation received for playground.

Testing: Brief discussion on January testing. MAPS, Dibels, MAST. January is a heavy testing month.

Washington DC trip: Brief discussion on how fundraising is going and that there will be around 40 kids going.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports at this meeting.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Building 1: Chris Clevenger noted that his building is shifting gears to assessments. Busy testing month.

Building 2: Absent

Building 3: Tiffany Hobbs noted that Robotics is looking for volunteers to judge the state qualifying event.

Building 4: Jamie Courville informed the Trustees that the Toys for Tots dodgeball tournament raised \$1600. Student/Staff basketball fundraiser for Hellgate Gardens.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next regular meeting of the Board will be February 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Tom McLaughlin, Board Chair

Justine Reese, Business Manager/Clerk