

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**February 8, 2024**

**I. Call to Order**

Special Meeting of the Hale Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Spaw at 6:02 pm.

Present: Spaw, Shellenbarger, Cryderman, Lynch, Sheldon, & Reilly  
Absent-Members: None - All Present  
Guests in Attendance: 20

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Mission, Vision and Belief Statement**

**IV. Guest Comments: None**

**V. Additions/deletions/corrections of agenda items: None**

**VI. Student Recognition for *January Students of the Month*: Mr. Yorke read teacher comments and presented certificates of recognition.**

**VII. Guest Comments: None**

**VIII. Board Vacancy Interviews** were conducted with Pete Scott, Bruce Egresics, & Paul Olmstead

**IX. Superintendent Evaluation Discussion**

Score comparisons, discussion, and full Board compilation occurred for each section throughout the MASB Evaluation Tool. Future goals were identified & noted on the final compilation sheet. Some comments included: Reilly appreciates that Mr. Yorke provides timely answers to questions and if he doesn't know the answer, will research and get back within 24 hours. Lynch commented that Mr. Yorke's participation & interactions illustrate how connected he is to the district and students. Shellenbarger thanked Mr. Yorke, stating that in all her years on the board, this is the easiest being on the Board has been. Cryderman appreciates Yorke's leadership and community-mindedness and shared that he is the first Superintendent that she has not heard a single negative comment from staff or community on. All stated appreciation for communication efforts, and participation/visibility.

**X. Action**

**A. Superintendent Evaluation**

Recommendation/motion made by Spaw, supported by Cryderman to find Superintendent Yorke to be **Highly Effective. Roll Call:** 6 yes, 0 no, 0 absent, 0 abstain; motion carried

**B. Board Appointment**

Recommendation/motion made by Cryderman, supported by Reilly to appoint Paul Olmstead as Board Trustee, to complete term ending December 31, 2024.

**Roll call:** 6 yes, 0 no, 0 absent, 0 abstain; motion carried

XI. **Board Comments** Sheldon & Lynch commented that it was nice to see the interest in the Board' vacancy. She also thanked Mr. Yorke for the job he is doing. Spaw and Cryderman talked about looking at the Superintendent contract now, in the areas of Term and Merit.

XII. **Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Spaw, supported by Lynch that the meeting be adjourned. **Roll call:** 6 yes, 0 no, 0 absent

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:43 pm**



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Cindy Sheldon, Secretary