

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**April 15, 2024**

**I. Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Hale Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Spaw at 6:00 pm

Present: Spaw, Cryderman, Shellenbarger, Olmstead, Sheldon, & Lynch  
Absent-Members: Reilly  
Guests in Attendance: 25

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

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

**V. Student Recognition:** Student names and achievements were read aloud by Mr. Yorke, while Mr. Bowman handed out certificates of recognition, and paused for photos.

**VI. Guest Comments - Members of the public may address the board at this time: None**

**VII. Reports to the Board**

**A. Principal's Report** Mr. Bowman updated the Board on the status & timeline of staff observations & final evaluations; he highlighted upcoming events, including prom, Academic Excellence, & incentive & senior trips, and gave details of the recent painting fundraiser. Next year's scheduling will include summer school considerations for 6-12.

**B. Business Manager's Report** Mr. Boensch provided a review of financial information, and an update that wood chips for the playground will be put in this week. He also provided some background information pertaining to the IRC Section 127 Plan.

**C. Superintendent's Report** Mr. Yorke gave information on recent and upcoming events including a presentation from Trooper Noble this Thursday, Kindergarten roundup, and a flagpole for outside athletic playing fields. He provided a culvert update, and reviewed the recent meeting with Mr. Lewis regarding child-care project concerns, the blight grant, walking trail, and parking lot seal coating at Eagle Pointe. Mr. Yorke indicated that he will try to meet with Mr. Lewis monthly.

**D. MiCIP Team Report** Mrs. Blomquist and Mrs. Shellenbarger provided a recap of the recent ELA Reading Month activities including a family night featuring board games, World of Music Assembly, and Readers are Leaders Magic Show, with the story book parade wrapping up the week. The next two Tuesdays are MiCIP meetings, where the focus will be digging into perception data.

**VIII. Action Items**

**A. Consent Agenda**

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Shellenbarger, supported by Sheldon, to accept the consent agenda dated April 15, 2024 as presented.

**Roll call:** 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent; motion carried

**B. NEOLA Policy Update - First Reading**

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Shellenbarger, supported by Olmstead to consider as first reading, the policy updates of Vol.38, No.2 including: 1240, 2410(rescind), 2414, 2418, 3220, 6320, 6321, 6325 6350, 6520, 8390. 8800, as well as 0122, 1420, 3131, 3142, 3220, from the November 2023 Special Update, not previously adopted. Discussion occurred. **Roll call:** 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent; motion carried

**C. Sinking Fund Millage Proposal**

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Spaw, supported by Cryderman to accept the Sinking Fund Millage proposal language as outlined, which would authorize the levy of an additional 2 mills over a period of five years (2025-2029) if approved. Discussion occurred; full resolution language read aloud and attached  
**Roll call:** 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent; motion carried

**D. IRC Section 127 Educational Assistance Plan Resolution**

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Sheldon, supported by Olmstead to approve the IRC, Section 127 Educational Assistance Plan as detailed, and to direct business office personnel to undertake all actions necessary to implement and administer the plan. **Roll call:** 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent; motion carried

**E. Memo of Understanding with HFT**

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Shellenbarger, supported by Spaw to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Hale Federation of Teachers regarding the Retirement Prep Plan. **Roll call:** 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent; motion carried

**IX. Discussion**

**A. Sinking Fund - Project Prioritization** listing reviewed & discussed.

**B. Walking Path** discussion occurred relating to past history; all members agreed we would be open to further discussion/information/proposal concerning not only the walking path, but also child-care and blight concerns from Mr. Yorke's report; there was not support indicated for the seal-coating of Eagle Pointe Plaza, however.

**X. Board Comments** Lynch commented on the upcoming PTO Glow Dance Friday, April 26. Sheldon stated her appreciation for Mr. Blomquist; Cryderman echoed this sentiment, and neither can imagine our school without him. Olmstead commented on the baseball fundraiser; he also invited attendance at the Parks & Recreation meetings that take place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Spaw commented on fall football, and further discussion occurred around season planning; Shellenbarger had no comment.

**XI. Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Sheldon, supported by Lynch that the meeting be adjourned.

**Roll call:** 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

Meeting Adjourned at 7:44 pm



Cindy Sheldon, Secretary

**Hale Area Schools  
Consent Agenda  
April 15, 2024**

A. Approval of Minutes

- March 18, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of Bills

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| • General Fund     | \$579,992.28 |
| • Food Service     | \$ 38,883.24 |
| • Athletics        | \$ 1,314.57  |
| • Student Activity | \$ 1,213.50  |



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**CERTIFICATION OF BALLOT PROPOSITION**

TO: Election Coordinator

In compliance with Public Act 116, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended (the "Act"), attached is a certified copy of the ballot proposition language approved by the Board of Education of Hale Area Schools to be placed before the voters at the election to be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024.

Pursuant to the Act, a summary of the ballot proposition and an address where the full text of the proposal may be obtained must be included in the registration and election notices. The notice language is included in Exhibit B of the attached resolution. Please contact us if you would like the ballot proposition and summary language in an unprotected Word format.

**Kindly provide us with a proof copy of the ballot proposition language prior to printing the ballots.**

Dated: April 15, 2024

By *Audry Sheldon*

Secretary, Board of Education

Resolution #1 – 5 years

Hale Area Schools, Iosco and Ogemaw Counties, Michigan (the “District”)

A regular meeting of the board of education of the District (the “Board”) was held in the Hale Area Schools Library, within the boundaries of the District, on the 15th day of April, 2024, at Six o’clock in the p.m. (the “Meeting”).

The Meeting was called to order by Jeremy Spaw, President.

Present: Members (6) Spaw, Shellenbarger, Cryderman, Sheldon, Lynch, & Olmstead

Absent: Members (1) Reilly

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Spaw and supported by Member Cryderman:

**WHEREAS:**

1. This Board intends to submit a proposition at a special election to be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024.
2. On or before 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, the Board shall certify any ballot proposition to be submitted to the voters at such election to the election coordinator or coordinators designated to conduct elections within the District (the “Election Coordinator”).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. A special election of the school electors of the District be called and held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024.
2. The proposition to be voted on at the special election shall be stated on the ballots in substantially the form as set forth in Exhibit A.
3. The Election Coordinator is requested to:
  - a. Utilize Iosco County Herald, a newspaper published or of general circulation within the District, for publication of notices in accordance with the election law requirements.
  - b. Utilize ballot proposition summary information, as prepared by legal counsel, in the forms of the notices of last day of registration and election in substantially the form as set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto.
  - c. Provide a proof copy of the ballot to the District and its legal counsel in sufficient time to allow the ballot to be proofread prior to printing.
4. The Secretary of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to file a copy of this resolution with the Election Coordinator and with any Election Clerk or clerks designated to conduct elections within the District by 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, May 14, 2024.

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5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: Members (6) Spaw, Shellenbarger, Cryderman, Sheldon, Lynch, & Olmstead

Nays: Members 0-Nays

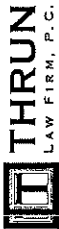
Resolution declared adopted.

  
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Secretary, Board of Education

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Hale Area Schools, Iosco and Ogemaw Counties, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at the Meeting, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the Meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Meetings Act" (Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended).

  
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Secretary, Board of Education

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**EXHIBIT A**

**HALE AREA SCHOOLS  
SINKING FUND MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Hale Area Schools, Iosco and Ogemaw Counties, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 2.00 mills (\$2.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 (five) years, 2025 to 2029, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the purchase of real estate for sites for, and the construction or repair of, school buildings; for school security improvements; for the acquisition or upgrading of technology; for the acquisition of student transportation vehicles; for the acquisition of parts, supplies, and equipment used for the maintenance of student transportation vehicles; for the acquisition of eligible trucks and vans used to carry parts, equipment, and personnel for or in the maintenance of school buildings; for the acquisition of parts, supplies, and equipment used to maintain such trucks and vans; and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2025 is approximately \$799,597?

Resolution #1 – 5 years

**EXHIBIT B**

**SUMMARY OF BALLOT PROPOSITION TO BE INSERTED IN THE  
NOTICES OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTION:**

HALE AREA SCHOOLS  
SINKING FUND MILLAGE PROPOSAL  
2 MILLS FOR 5 YEARS

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Hale Area Schools, 311 North Washington Street, Hale, Michigan 48739-9255, telephone: (989) 728-3551.



**HALE AREA SCHOOLS**  
**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT**  
**IRC SECTION 127 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PLAN**


**WHEREAS**, Hale Area School has determined that it would be in the best interests of its employees to adopt a "Section 127 Educational Assistance Plan" allowing for pre-taxed student loan relief benefits, so-called; be it known that a vote was taken, and all were in favor.

**RESOLVED**, that Hale Area Schools adopt a so-called "Section 127 Educational Assistance Plan," all in accordance with the specifications annexed hereto; and, be it known that the "Hale Area Schools Educational Assistance Plan" Document was executed April 15, 2024.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the Company undertake all actions necessary to implement and administer said plan.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have executed my name for the above named Company on April 15, 2024.

ATTEST:

By:   
Secretary, Board of Education

Date: 4-15-2024