

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**December 16, 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, Sheldon, Shellenbarger, Lynch, Reilly, & Olmstead (at 6:20 PM)  
Absent-Members: None Absent  
Guests in Attendance: 27

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

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

**V. Student Recognition:** Each student was recognized with Mr. Bowman presenting certificates of achievement while Mr. Yorke read teacher's comments

**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 informed the Board that he is wrapping up observations, and gave updates on the recent Christmas family night, upcoming exams.

**B. Business Manager's Report** Mr. Boensch gave a review of financials, final Title grant allocations & corresponding application amendments; budget update to be discussed later in the meeting.

**C. Superintendent's Report** Mr. Yorke reviewed his plan for upcoming class communications regarding the transition with Mr. Katterman & Mr. Bovee. He discussed general App notifications, and provided an update on next year's football plan. Mr. Yorke questioned the date for the Regular January meeting, as it is currently scheduled for 1/13; all Board members were in favor of moving the January regular meeting to 1/20, keeping with the third Monday of the month format, this will be posted by Mrs. Scholtz.

**D. MiCIP Team Report** Mrs. Nieman reviewed their recent MICIP conference participation; 3 sessions were attended and both she and Mrs. Blomquist got a lot out of it; some items will be addressed at the February Professional Development. She also informed the Board of the (March) Reading Month theme, which will be "The Magic of Reading".

**VIII. Action Items**

**A. Consent Agenda**

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Cryderman, supported by Shellenbarger to approve the consent agenda dated December 16, 2024 as presented.

**Roll call:** 6-Aye: Spaw, Cryderman, Sheldon, Shellenbarger, Lynch, Reilly; 0-No; 1 absent: Olmstead; Motion Carried

**B. NEOLA Vol.39, No.1 - 2nd Reading/Adopt**

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Sheldon, supported by Shellenbarger to consider as second reading and adopt the policy updates of Vol.39-1,

including: 3120.08, 5330.02, 5340, 8321, and the EDGAR UGG Update of 1130, 3110, 4110, 6110, 6111, 6112, 6114, 6325, 6550, 7310, & 7450. Discussion occurred.

**Roll call:** 7-Aye: Spaw, Cryderman, Sheldon, Shellenbarger, Lynch, Reilly, Olmstead;  
0 No; Motion carried

**C. Approve Budget Amendment**

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Cryderman, supported by Lynch to approve the budget amendment as presented. Discussion occurred.

**Roll call:** 7-Aye: Spaw, Cryderman, Sheldon, Shellenbarger, Lynch, Reilly, Olmstead;  
0 No; Motion carried

**D. Hire Paraprofessional**

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Lynch, supported by Reilly to approve the hire of Erica Bernard as a Paraprofessional at the 2024-25 probationary rate. Discussion occurred. **Roll call:** 6-Aye: Cryderman, Sheldon, Shellenbarger, Lynch, Reilly, Olmstead; 1-No: Spaw; Motion carried

**IX. Discussion**

**A. Playground & Old Admin Roof:** it was decided that we would obtain project bids for both the Playground and the roofing at the Old Administration Building to help guide decision making on both projects..

**X. Closed Session: Superintendent Mid-Year Progress Report Review**

At the request and recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Cryderman, supported by Shellenbarger to move into a closed session as is allowed for discussions related to his mid-year progress report review.

**Roll call:** 7-Aye: Spaw, Cryderman, Sheldon, Shellenbarger, Lynch, Reilly, Olmstead  
**Entered closed session at 6:51 pm**

Motion by Shellenbarger supported by Spaw to reconvene the regular meeting at 7:33 pm.

**Roll Call:** 7-Aye: Spaw, Cryderman, Sheldon, Shellenbarger, Lynch, Reilly, Olmstead; 0 No  
**Reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:33 pm**

**XI. Board Comments:** Shellenbarger reviewed & congratulated the recent graduates from SVSU; Cryderman and Lynch wished everyone a Merry Christmas & happy New Year, Sheldon had no comment. Spaw mentioned a suggestion/request that he was approached with regarding the modular building for first responder training.

**XII. Adjournment**

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

**Roll call:** 7-Aye: Spaw, Cryderman, Sheldon, Shellenbarger, Lynch, Reilly, Olmstead; 0 No

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:38 pm**



Cindy Sheldon, Secretary

**Hale Area Schools  
Consent Agenda  
December 16, 2024**

A. Approval of Minutes

- November 18, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of Bills

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| • General Fund     | \$402,092.35 |
| • Food Service     | \$ 35,031.27 |
| • Athletics        | \$ 1,618.99  |
| • Student Activity | \$ 499.45    |