

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 24, 2025

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, Reilly, Lynch, Sheldon, Shellenbarger, Cryderman, & Olmstead
Absent-Members: 0 All present
Guests in Attendance: 41

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Mission, Vision and Belief Statement

IV. Additions/deletions/corrections of agenda items: Mr. Yorke suggested removing Discussion Item A - Schedule Spring Retreat; all members were in favor of deleting this item.

V. Student Recognition Mr. Bowman handed out certificates of achievement, while Mr. Yorke read acknowledgements noted by teachers.

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 reviewed information including a recent GAD Audit, and gave recognition to Leah Senseri as the IRESA Professional Student of the Month. He provided an update of days off, and upcoming events including Solo and Ensemble, and All Star Band. Mr. Bowman shared details of Mrs. Nowlin's recent travel to PA for professional development.

B. Business Manager's Report: Mr. Boensch reviewed the financials & budget; the roof project bids due at noon tomorrow, at which time they will be opened; he anticipates having details available for the March meeting.

C. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Yorke highlighted the firewall upgrade, and today's lockdown drill. He shared that the playground package goes out for bid tomorrow, and gave an update on the alarm system issues. Enrollment is at a slight increase from the fall, and IREADY growth data was reviewed; information can be viewed and drilled down to individual students' data trends.

D. MICIP: Toni & Melissa shared that they will be meeting with Michelle Goaley tomorrow; the shared information about parent surveys and PD needs assessment; there will be staff followup meetings looking at curriculum maps & they are currently working on a document outlining common teaching practices.

VIII. Action Items

A. Consent Agenda

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Shellenbarger, supported by Sheldon to approve the consent agenda dated February 17, 2025 as presented.

Roll call: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent; motion carried

B. MOU - Recruiting & Retaining New Staff

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Reilly, supported by Spaw to approve the Memo of Understanding as outlined, and effective July 1, 2025 in efforts of recruiting and retaining new staff. Discussion occurred

Roll call: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent; motion carried

IX. Discussion

A. 98b Goal Progress Report Mr. Yorke reviewed data; there was discussion about challenges and barriers.

B. Senior Trip Details were provided on this year's trip to Michigan Adventure.

X. Closed Session

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Cryderman, supported by Olmstead to move into a closed session to discuss personnel matters.

Roll call: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent; motion carried

Entered closed session at 6:41 pm

Motion by Shellenbarger, supported by Lynch to reconvene the Regular Meeting

Roll call: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent; motion carried

Reconvened regular meeting at 7:12 pm

XI. Superintendent Search

President Spaw Stated that the Board will proceed with a Superintendent search, having Mr. Yorke facilitate the search process; all board members were in favor of this approach.

XII. Board Comments: Olmstead commented on the protocol for school closures concerning after school events such as meetings, and athletic games & practices; Sheldon commented on graduation & senior trip requirements/concerns; Reilly, Lynch, Shellenbarger, & Cryderman had no comment; Spaw commented on the content of the recent parent survey.

XIII. Adjournment

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

Roll call: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 absent; motion carried

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 pm



Cindy Sheldon, Secretary

**Hale Area Schools
Consent Agenda
February 17, 2025**

A. Approval of Minutes

- January 20, 2025 Regular & Organizational Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of Bills

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| • General Fund | \$472,304.26 |
| • Food Service | \$ 31,245.80 |
| • Athletics | \$ 3,565.79 |
| • Student Activity | \$ 3,795.11 |