

**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
APRIL 9, 2012**

Regular meeting of the Hale Area Schools Board of Education called to order by President Brandt at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call: Present – Members: Bovee, Brandt, Braun, Cryderman, Heuss, McKulsky, Shellenbarger

Absent-Members: None

Guests in Attendance: 2

Mission & Belief statements read.

Additions/deletions/corrections to the agenda: Kraft-would like to set a date for an expulsion hearing-added as VI. M.

Motion by McKulsky, supported by Cryderman to approve items listed on the consent agenda dated April 9, 2012. Motion Carried. (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by Cryderman, supported by Shellenbarger to approve the revenue and expenditure reports as presented. Motion Carried (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by McKulsky, supported by Heuss to endorse the Month of May as Social Host Liability Awareness Month (**Resolution 12-14**). Motion Carried (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by McKulsky, supported by Shellenbarger to hire Nelson Wood for the bus driver position effective March 20, 2012. Motion Carried (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by Cryderman, supported by Braun to open up board officer positions for nominations. Motion Carried (7 Yes, 0 No).

Cryderman to nominate Brandt as President.

Shellenbarger to nominate Cryderman as Vice-President.

McKulsky to nominate Heuss as Secretary.

McKulsky to nominate Braun as Treasurer.

All nominations were unopposed.

Motion by McKulsky, supported by Shellenbarger to approve the discussed officer nominations. Motion Carried (7 Yes, 0 No).

2011-2012 Budget- Boensch discussed MDE visit in January. MDE shared information about last year's 31-A money and how it was spent. The expenses relating to Cyber School that were paid with 31-A funds were not allowable. Therefore, the funds from last year would have to be carried over for future years. Because of that, we can't count the revenue. It takes us to \$743,738 in the red at the end of last year. Kraft-there was a letter provided to my predecessor indicating how those monies could be spent. I have requested another year for the deficit elimination plan and that would give us three years. I will have discussion with our attorney regarding recouping that money due to hardship. I am excited to move forward with the iPads and the apps that go along with the math/science subjects. I think we still need more licensed professional counseling services in our district. Boensch-we budgeted for 586 students. Declining enrollment was discussed. It is allowable and it never got put in the budget. We are getting paid on 604.23 students which means \$113,000 additional revenue that is not in the budget. Follow-up to the finance committee, we will expect to be approximately 200,000 in the red at the end of this year. We will still have to borrow about a quarter million dollars for about 90 days. Boensch will begin that process.

2012-2013 Budget-the budgeting process is in the works. Mr. Boensch will utilize the software program to put some figures together.

Recap of discussion with the Michigan Department of Education on March 29, 2012.- Conversation was discussed and noted under the 2011-2012 budget category.

Consolidated Service Plan Schedule- Update was provided on the progress of the plan.

Math Mastery Report-Mr. Reilly discussed the math mastery results. The numbers have increased. Reilly discussed spiraling to increase our scores. Student graphing of their own results was inquired upon by the board. Reilly-some teachers are doing it and we are encouraging it.

English/Language Arts Mastery Items Schedule-Reilly-we are working on it. ELA is going to be tied to the common core. Reading skills were discussed.

District School Improvement-Brandt inquired about the survey. Kraft would like to put out one more fan out call requesting parents to do that.

Summer School-Kraft is still working on it. We may have to hire staff from the outside to work it because there are not a lot of on-staff people interested in working it.

Date for Superintendent Evaluation-Bovee disagrees with the MASB evaluation format as 25% of it ties to student achievement data and our superintendent has not been on staff long enough to evaluate. Shellenbarger is waiting on the remaining summary from Superintendent Kraft and also the results from the parent survey. Brandt would like all information requested by the end of this week so that we can have the evaluation meeting on Monday night.

CBA Class Registration-Brandt-we all received an email that there were not enough registrants for the 298 class. Mark has been really working hard to get the classes in our area. I would hope that our board would support that by registering for those.

Update for IRESA Millage-Brandt discussed millage update. He has requested email addresses to get information sent out. A date will be set for a public forum.

Former High School Building-Kraft-it's my opinion that if a staff member doesn't have what they need out of there, then they don't need it. Auctioneer was discussed.

Set date for expulsion hearing-We can add that to the agenda for 4/16/12.

Motion by Shellenbarger, supported by McKulsky to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations at 9:13 p.m. Motion Carried (7 Yes, 0 No).

Motion by Cryderman, supported by Braun to reconvene the regular April 9, 2012 board meeting at 9:22 p.m. Motion Carried. (6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent-Heuss).

Visitor Comments-Scherer inquired about the IRESA millage. Brandt-it will help our district because the millage will pay for our tuition, roughly 60,000 that would be coming back into our general fund. It will create a sustainable revenue source for a ten year period to maintain what they currently have. Mr. McGrew is trying very hard to get college presence in Iosco County. He wants students to start working for credits towards associate degrees and the students would not have to fund this themselves. Mr. McGrew has been working with Ferris State University and also Delta College. This could provide continuing education to adults in the community and, in turn, it provides a more educated work force. Reilly- I was asked to inform you that a neighboring school district is moving towards consolidation. They are voting to consolidate athletics. If all goes well with Fall sports, they will move in that direction for the Winter sports.

Board Comments-Shellenbarger-is CASBA meeting April 30<sup>th</sup>? Kraft will inquire tomorrow.

Motion by Shellenbarger, supported by McKulsky to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. Motion Carried (7 Yes, 0 No).



Sarah Heuss, Secretary