

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 21, 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, Cryderman, Shellenbarger, Sheldon, Lynch, & Olmstead
Absent-Members: 0 - All Present
Guests in Attendance: 28

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Mission, Vision and Belief Statement

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

V. Student Recognition: Student names were read aloud by Mr. Yorke, while Mr. Bowman handed out certificates of achievement.

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 gave a review of upcoming events including Kindergarten Roundup, blood drive, incentive trip to a Loons game, and the 8th grade Mackinac Island trip; Academic Excellence at Eagle Pointe Plaza; an update on observations, & final evaluations/data were also discussed.
- B. Business Manager's Report:** Mr. Boensch gave a review of financials, and budget update including settlements received from both Ogemaw & Iosco counties, and April state aid payments that include school safety grant funding (restricted use). He also provided an update on the need to change financial software, sharing that we, and IRESA, among others, will be moving to Skyward; the pricing structure / schedule was given, and will be presented for action/approval in May. Mr. Boensch concluded by giving roof replacement and burglar alarm system monitoring updates, as well as sharing information on the bids that were received for the playground project.
- C. Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Yorke shared information about "Develop Iosco" district membership opportunities. He shared information concerning the current tech millage, which expires December of 2026, and gave a review of the logic behind the recent elementary & special education postings, including review of anticipated enrollment numbers for next year. Mr. Yorke shared that our MSTEP testing process will be observed by MDE in the coming days, and some results/information from a recent study put out by the Mackinac Center, with Hale finishing high on the list for middle & elementary levels.
- D. MICIP:** Mrs. Blomquist & Mrs. Nieman reviewed group progress to date including a review of upcoming professional development; their next meeting is Friday the 2nd. They also shared that there will be a Science, Art & Engineering Expo, in coordination with the spring band concert on May 20.

VIII. Action Items

A. Consent Agenda

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Shellenbarger, supported by Olmstead to accept the consent agenda dated April 21, 2025 as presented.

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

B. NEOLA Update; Volume 39-2 - First Reading

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Cryderman, supported by Reilly to review and consider as first reading policies 0131.1, 5320, 5330, 5330.01, 5350, 8320, & 8510 from the February NEOLA Volume 39-2 update. Discussion occurred

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

C. Accept Playground Bid

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Sheldon, supported by Lynch to accept the bid as presented from Sinclair Recreation in the amount of \$425,000.

Roll call: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 absent, 1 abstain (Reilly); motion carried

D. Approval of 2025-26 Contracts

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Shellenbarger, supported by Sheldon to approve the contracts for the 2025-26 school year.

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

E. Approval of 2025-26 Technology Coordinator Contract

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Cryderman, supported by Lynch to approve the Technology Coordinator contract for the 2025-26 school year.

Roll call: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 absent, 1 abstain (Shellenbarger); motion carried

F. IRESA Biennial Election Delegate Selection

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Sheldon, supported by Cryderman to appoint Shellenbarger and Sheldon as an alternate, to vote for Helen & Tana at the upcoming Biennial Election at 4 pm at IRESA

Roll call: 5 yes, 0 no, 0 absent, 2 abstain (Olmstead & Reilly); motion carried

G. Hire Food Service Worker

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Reilly, supported by Olmstead to approve the hire of Autumn Driscoll as a food service worker at the probationary rate, pending favorable criminal history results.

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

H. Approve Custodial Contract

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Sheldon, supported by Cryderman to approve the contract with 4M Building Solutions, LLC to provide custodial services for the period beginning July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028. Contract cost will be \$16,395 per month for the first two years of the contract and will not exceed \$16,886 per month for the third year. Healthcare costs, if any, will be billed as a line item on each monthly invoice. **Roll call:** 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Spaw); motion carried

I. Approval of 2025-26 and 2026-27 School Calendars

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Shellenbarger, supported by Olmstead to approve the 2025-26 and 2026-27 School Calendars as presented. Discussion occurred **Roll call:** 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent (Spaw); motion carried

Motion by Cryderman to take a 5 minute recess, supported by Reilly; all in favor

IX. Prospective Superintendent Candidate Review - Closed Session

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Shellenbarger, supported by Olmstead to move into closed session after the conclusion of the 5 minute recess

Roll call: 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

Entered Closed Session at 7:10 pm

Recommendation/Motion by Reilly, supported by Cryderman to reconvene the regular meeting at 7:48 pm **Roll call:** 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

Reconvene regular meeting at 7:48 pm

X. Candidate Review / Interview Selection

Discussion occurred, with each expressing their individual thoughts and vetting methodology. Desired characteristics and qualities discussed included a strong focus, with several mentions concerning community-mindedness/community involvement/longevity in the community etc..., someone who is present at events, & who has credentials for student achievement.

All members ultimately agreed on candidates 5 and 7 to be the best fit, both on paper with strong references, and overall.

Motion by Cryderman, supported by Shellenbarger to direct Mr. Yorke to contact candidates 5 and 7 for interviews this evening; names with interview times & current positions/locations will be released tomorrow, or after the interview is accepted.. **Roll call:** 6 yes, 0 no; 1 absent

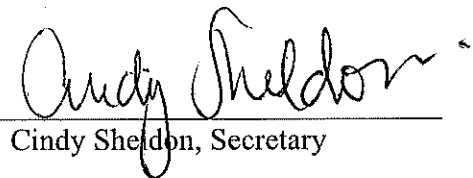
XI. Board Comments: Lynch hopes the Mackinac Center publication gets some fuel behind it to get out there. Cryderman reiterated candidates 5 & 7; Sheldon, Shellenbarger, Reilly, & Olmstead had no comment

XII. Adjournment

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

Roll call: 6 yes 0 no 1 absent

Meeting Adjourned at 7:57 pm


Cindy Sheldon, Secretary

**Hale Area Schools
Consent Agenda
April 21, 2025**

A. Approval of Minutes

- March 17, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of Bills

• General Fund	\$355,200.94
• Food Service	\$ 30,666.98
• Athletics	\$ 829.00
• Student Activity	\$ 723.01