

## **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**April 28, 2025**

### **I. Call to Order**

The Special Meeting of the Hale Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Spaw at 6:04 PM

Present: V. Cryderman, P. Olmstead, T. Lynch, K. Shellenbarger, C. Sheldon, J. Spaw, M. Reilly

Absent Members: None

Guests in Attendance: 27

### **II. Pledge of Allegiance**

### **III. Guest Comments - None**

### **IV. Additions/deletions/corrections of agenda items:** Introduced the IRESA superintendent, James Cain

### **V. Superintendent Interviews**

6:00 pm - Jason Wolf- Recess: 7:10 Resume 7:30

7:30 pm - John Herbert- Recess: 8:50 Resume: 9:08

A discussion was held with feedback from staff and board members. Many opinions and comments were expressed.. Second-round interviews are scheduled for Monday, the 6th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Specific questions will be provided by Mr. Yorke.

### **VI. Visitor Comments:** Comments were shared by several individuals regarding the long-term goals and effectiveness. Topics included the perception of the school as a transitional step, the need to better prepare students for the future, and ensuring consistent understanding of Special Education practices. A general discussion followed.

### **VII. Board Comments:** The group agreed on the importance of incorporating more individualized questions. The next meeting's time and date were confirmed. Concerns were raised about factors drawing individuals to the area. The board decided on a meet-and-greet format and directed Mr. Yorke to contact Jason Wolf for a second interview.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Spaw, supported by Cryderman, that the meeting be adjourned. All board members were in favor.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:28**

  
Cindy Sheldon, Secretary