

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 23, 2025

### I. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Hale Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by Valerie Cryderman at 6:00 pm

Present: Cryderman, Shellenbarger, Lynch, Sheldon, & Olmstead  
Absent-Members: 2 - Spaw, & Reilly  
Guests in Attendance: 2

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

### III. Mission, Vision and Belief Statement

### IV. Additions/deletions/corrections of agenda items:

### V. Retirement Recognition - Mike Bowman

A plaque was presented to Mr. Bowman, with comments of thanks, appreciation, and remembrance

### VI. Break - refreshments in honor of Mr. Bowman

### VII. Guest Comments - Members of the public may address the board at this time: None

### VIII. Budget Hearing at

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Lynch, supported by Shellenbarger to open the Budget Hearing.

**Roll call:** 5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent, motion carried

### Entered Budget Hearing at 6:27 pm

Mr. Boensch reviewed final 2024-25 budgets for the General Fund, Athletic, Food Service, and Student Activity accounts, as well as initial FY 2025-26 budgets for the same, highlighting anticipated staffing additions/changes, playground project expenses as well as other operational, maintenance, transportation, and technology expenses for upgrades or changes. Revenue sources and projections were also reviewed. 18 mills to non-homestead property owners is necessary to carry out this budget, and will follow as action.

Motion by Cryderman, supported by Olmstead to reconvene the Regular Meeting

**Roll call:** 5 yes, 0 no, motion carried

### Reconvened Regular Meeting at 6:44 pm

### IX. Reports to the Board

- A. **Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Yorke reviewed current staffing needs, and potential strategies to address them. He also touched on updated guidelines for English Language Learners (ELL), including implementation restrictions; although we currently have no ELL students, this is something to be aware of.

### Retirement Recognition - Jane Millard

A plaque was presented to Ms. Millard, with thanks & gratitude for her years of service; a short break followed

- B. Business Manager's Report:** Mr. Boensch reviewed facilities information including the completion of summer HVAC maintenance by Control Solutions, and seal coating needs and estimates.

**X. Action Items**

**A. Consent Agenda**

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Sheldon, Supported by Olmstead to approve the consent agenda dated June 23, 2025 as presented.

**Roll call:** 5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent; motion carried

**B. Final Amendments to the 2024-2025 Budgets**

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Lynch, supported by Sheldon to approve the final amendments to the 2024-2025 budgets including General Fund, Food Service, Athletic, and Student Activity Fund as presented and discussed.

**Roll call:** 5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent; motion carried

**C. 2024-2025 Fund Balance Commitments**

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Shellenbarger, supported by Lynch to name the following funding commitments from the 2024-2025 General Fund, fund balance for Transportation and Track Upgrades; amounts will be determined at a later date. Discussion occurred. **Roll call:** 5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent; motion carried

**D. 2025-2026 Budget Approval**

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Olmstead, supported by Lynch to approve the proposed 2025-2026 budgets including General Fund, Food Service, Athletic, and Student Activity Fund as presented.

**Roll call:** 5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent; motion carried

**E. Tax Levy Certification**

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Shellenbarger, supported by Lynch to approve the 2025 summer tax levy certification at 18.0000 mills for General Fund Operating. **Roll call:** 5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent; motion carried

**F. Fourth Grade Teacher - Taylor Marine**

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Sheldon, supported by Shellenbarger to approve the hire of Taylor Marine for the Fourth Grade Teaching vacancy at a BA-Step 1, at a salary of \$40,668. Discussion occurred.

**Roll call:** 5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent; motion carried

**G. Parking Lot Seal Coating Project Approval**

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Sheldon, supported by Olmstead to approve the parking lot seal coating estimate not to exceed \$27,200 with the contractor to be determined at a later date by Mr. Yorke and Mr. Boensch. Discussion occurred. **Roll call:** 5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent; motion carried

**H. Track Scoring Booth Project Approval**

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Shellenbarger, supported by Lynch to approve the construction of a scoring booth at the High School track at a cost not to exceed \$14,750; Kimmerer Construction will oversee the project. Discussion occurred.

**Roll call:** 5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent; motion carried

**I. Superintendent Evaluation Rating Revision**

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Shellenbarger, supported by Lynch to make a note of revision to the Superintendent Evaluation score and percentage due to the discovery of a calculation error, from 2.735 / 91% to **2.780 / 93%**; the rating is unchanged at **Effective**. Discussion occurred.

**Roll call:** 5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent; motion carried

**J. Designation/Authorization of Signatories for School Funds**

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Cryderman, supported by Lynch to approve Superintendent Jeffrey Yorke, Business Manager Michael Boensch, Principal Sara Griffin, Assistant Business Manager Jennifer Scholtz, Treasurer Tara Lynch, Secretary Cindy Sheldon, and President Jeremy Spaw as authorized signatories at Mercantile Bank, and Huntington Bank for the General Fund, and at Huntington Bank for the Student Activity, Athletic, and Food Service Accounts. Any person not specifically listed shall be removed as signatories from these accounts. A minimum of two signatures are required and out of those two signatures, one must come from the District office. Discussion occurred. **Roll call:** 5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent; motion carried

**K. 2025-26 MHSAA Agreement**

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Sheldon, supported by Olmstead to approve the routine MHSAA Membership Resolution **#25-4** required for postseason tournament participation for 2025-26. Discussion occurred.

**Roll call:** 5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent; motion carried


**XI. Board Comments:** Mr. Yorke made a comment regarding the graduation ceremony being very nice, and that he will be working with Ms. Griffin on any thoughts for future enhancements. Olmstead, Lynch, Sheldon had no comments; Shellenbarger asked for, and received football coaching clarification for the upcoming year, and Cryderman commented her hopes for everyone to enjoy a nice summer.

**XII. Adjournment**

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

**Roll call:** 5 yes, 0 no, 2 absent; motion carried

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:25**

  
Cindy Sheldon, Secretary

**Hale Area Schools  
Consent Agenda  
June 23, 2025**

A. Approval of Minutes

- May 5, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes
- May 19, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of Bills

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| • General Fund     | \$534,029.51 |
| • Food Service     | \$ 35,179.40 |
| • Athletics        | \$ 8,572.19  |
| • Student Activity | \$ 4,902.41  |