

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 17, 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
Absent-Members: 1 - Olmstead
Guests in Attendance: 44

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Mission, Vision and Belief Statement

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

V. Student Recognition

The Middle School robotics team gave a brief demonstration of their robot, followed by the monthly student recognition; Mr. Bowman handed out certificates while Mr. Yorke read teacher comments.

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's update included observation progress, initial details of a new IRESA class for next year utilizing drones, and that spring sports are starting up. He also shared that the recent 8th grade fundraiser did quite well.
- B. **Business Manager's Report:** Mr. Boensch provided a financial review, & an update on additional ESSER reporting, and alarm system repairs. Twelve bids were received for the old admin. bldg. roof replacement, with Kawkawlin Roofing being the lowest bidder; we also had representatives for 6 bidders for the playground replacement project stop last week; bids are due this Friday; a recommendation is expected to be presented at the April meeting. Mr. Boensch shared that our custodial contract will expire at the end of the year & highlighted details of their proposal.
- C. **Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Yorke gave an update on spring athletics; getting a 2-year calendar in place for a new administrative team. Mr Yorke shared that there are currently 23 students signed up for Kindergarten Round-Up, that classroom visits will take place this week, and reviewed the recent secondary presentation on sexting and sextortion; the State Police crime unit will follow up on the same topic in May.
- D. **MICIP:** Mrs. Nieman and Mrs. Blomquist gave an update of their progress including review & explanation of surveys, and outlined upcoming professional development on August 20 - Effective Classroom Management.

VIII. Action Items

A. Consent Agenda

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Spaw, supported by Lynch to approve the consent agenda dated March 17, 2025 as presented.

Roll call: 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent; motion carried

B. Accept Roofing Bid

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Reilly, supported by Shellenbarger to accept the roofing bid as provided by Kawkawlin Roofing, in the amount of \$45,430 for the old administration building.

Roll call: 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent; motion carried

C. Middle School Overnight Robotics Trip Approval

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Spaw, supported by Lynch to formally approve the middle school overnight trip to Monroe Community College for robotics team competition as outlined from March 7 through March 9. Discussion

Roll call: 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent; motion carried

IX. Discussion

A. Superintendent Search Update Mr. Yorke highlighted next steps including question development from survey results, & open vs. closed session. He will have a folder of candidates before the April meeting; all information must remain confidential, including the vote which will be by number; names will not become public until acceptance of the interview. The timeline was also discussed.

B. Review of Admin. & Contracts Staff contract framework will be provided for consideration at the April meeting for next school year

X. Board Comments: Sheldon shared that the high school robotics team placed 2nd in Escanaba, would like link to watch live feed for next competition; Lynch, Reilly, Shellenbarger, Cryderman & Spaw had no comment.

XI. Adjournment

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

Roll call: 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent; motion carried

Meeting Adjourned at 7:24 pm



Cindy Sheldon, Secretary

Hale Area Schools Consent Agenda March 17, 2025

A. Approval of Minutes

- February 24, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
- February 24, 2025 Closed Session Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of Bills

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| ● General Fund | \$429,245.73 |
| ● Food Service | \$ 26,852.85 |
| ● Athletics | \$ 2,912.00 |
| ● Student Activity | \$ 1,420.21 |