

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**October 20, 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: Olmstead, Reilly, Shellenbarger, Spaw, Cryderman, Sheldon  
Absent-Members: 1 - Lynch  
Guests in Attendance: 53

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Mission, Vision and Belief Statement**

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

**V. Student Recognition** Mr. Yorke read teacher notes while Mrs. Griffin passed out certificates of recognition.

**VI. Auditor Report** presentation given by Cynthia Scott with Stephenson & Co. reviewing the 2025 year end audit.

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

**VIII. Reports to the Board**

**A. Principal's Report:** Mrs. Griffin reported on recent teacher professional development, homecoming week events, & is looking ahead to the halloween afternoon trick or treating event, and upcoming parent teacher conferences.

**B. Business Manager's Report:** Mr. Boensch reviewed budget information; federal carryover, and allocation amounts were reviewed. State revenue, though not completely clear yet, was also reviewed. November's state aid payment will create a clearer picture, and he expects a budget amendment for review/approval at the December meeting. Our current snow plowing contract with Wilsons is up; Mr. Reilly has agreed to another 2 years at current pricing; this will be an action item on the November agenda.

**C. Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Yorke provided information including the probable need to ask for a headlee election in August to allow us to continue to collect at the full 18 mils; this would be in lieu of a sinking fund request. Mr. Yorke shared information on some unintended lessons learned with regard to student planning groups & Homecoming. An update was given on current special-ed needs in the elementary, and some concerns were detailed with new 31aa school security language/requirements (opt-in deadline is Nov 12).

**D. MICIP:** Mrs. Blomquist reviewed progress being made in the program creating common practices.... promoting consistency and expectations building wide. They are also working towards compiling intervention documentation for the Munetrix hub.

**IX. Action Items**

**A. Consent Agenda**

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Shellenbarger, supported by Olmstead to approve the consent agenda dated October 20, 2025 as presented.

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

**B. Thrun Policy Purchase Approval**

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Reilly, supported by Cryderman to approve purchasing the Thrun Law Firm comprehensive Policy Manual series, including the Policy Manual, Administrative Guidelines & Forms, and Student & Employee Handbooks, and the annual Updates for a total price not to exceed \$16,750. Discussion occurred **Roll call:** 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent; motion carried

**C. Bus Sale Approval**

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Sheldon, supported by Shellenbarger to approve the sale of two buses to Big Bay De Noc School District for a total of \$25,000. Discussion occurred **Roll call:** 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent; motion carried

**X. Discussion**

**A. Policy Review Update** this was covered in action item B above.

**XI. Board Comments:** Olmstead & Shellenbarger had no comment; Spaw commented on the digital sign at the road; Sheldon noticed the ad boards at the football field & said they look great, and that Homecoming was really nice; Reilly agreed and thought there was more school spirit; Cryderman also commented that Homecoming was great; she also thanked the business office concerning the favorable audit report.

**XII. Adjournment**

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

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

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:16 pm**



Cindy Sheldon, Secretary

**Hale Area Schools  
Consent Agenda  
October 20, 2025**

A. Approval of Minutes

- September 15, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of Bills

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| • General Fund     | \$670,497.33 |
| • Food Service     | \$ 40,533.22 |
| • Athletics        | \$ 5,194.48  |
| • Student Activity | \$ 4,368.57  |