REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 15, 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, Shellenbarger, Cryderman, Reilly, Olmstead & Lynch
Absent-Members:	1 - Sheldon
Guests in Attendance:	25

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Mission, Vision and Belief Statement

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

V. Student Recognition: Mrs. Griffin handed out certificates of achievement to those present, while Mr. Yorke read the teacher's comments aloud.

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

VII. Reports to the Board

A. Principal's Report given by Mrs. Griffin including an update on testing that is underway, and college visits/post-secondary opportunities are being arranged at the high school end. She also noted that students absolutely love the new playground!

B. Business Manager's Report detailed by Mr. Boensch including ongoing budgeting concerns with the state, & the potential loss of funding; an update on facilities included facia project concerns with gable ends, which ended up being in good shape; a new water filter has been installed in the kitchen, making us current with the Filter First compliance. Gym lighting & door projects were also reviewed.

C. Superintendent's Report: Reviewed by Mr. Yorke including current student count, a review of high student needs, class size, and corresponding parapro needs; he will be meeting with IRESA special ed tomorrow. Mr. Yorke also updated the Board on our two foreign exchange students, transportation needs, the sound system upgrade in the gym, as well as the potential for an ELL student, & a review of corresponding requirements/needs.

VIII. 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 September 15, 2025 as presented. Discussion occurred **Roll call:** 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent; motion carried.

B. Hire Parapro - Melanie Gilbert

At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Reilly, supported by Lynch to hire Melanie Gilbert as a Paraprofessional at the 2025-26 probationary rate.
Roll call: 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent; motion carried.

C. **Hire Parapro - Jesse Kehl**
At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Shellenbarger, supported by Reilly to hire Jesse Kehl as a Paraprofessional at the 2025-26 probationary rate, pending background check and successful completion/passing of parapro testing. Discussion occurred. **Roll call:** 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent; motion carried.

D. **Hire Parapro - Kailee Shipley**
At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Lynch, supported by Olmstead to hire Kailee Shipley as a Paraprofessional at the 2025-26 probationary rate, pending background check and successful completion/passing of parapro testing. Discussion occurred. **Roll call:** 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent; motion carried.

E. **Superintendent Vacation Approval**
At the recommendation of Mr. Yorke, a motion was made by Lynch, supported by Reilly to approve the 6 day vacation, from October 21 through October 28, as requested. Discussion occurred. **Roll call:** 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent; motion carried.

F. **MASB Delegate Appointment w/Alternate**
This Board hereby appoints Cindy Sheldon as the representative of the Board, and Micheal Reilly as an alternate in the event the designated representative is unable to attend. Discussion occurred. **Roll call:** 6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent; motion carried.

IX. Discussion

A. **Thrun Policy** Mr. Yorke reviewed some new information obtained at a recent Thrun webinar detailing the process, potential timelines, and workload. After discussion, it was determined that we would move forward with transitioning from Neola to Thrun. A Policy Sub-Committee was established, made up of Shellenbarger, Cryderman, and Olmstead, to make selections on District-specific language.

X. Board Comments: Lynch stated thankfulness for the work that made the new playground a reality; Olmstead relayed some student displeasure with lunch items being served; Spaw commented concerns with EDUStaff as it relates to Athletics; mentioned he is happy that Mr. Yorke is still in communications with Mr. Colby, and asked about sign updates; Cryderman, Reilly, & Shellenbarger 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. All members were in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 pm

Cindy Sheldon

Cindy Sheldon, Secretary

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Consent Agenda
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A. Approval of Minutes

- August 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of Bills

General Fund	$509,593.88
Food Service	$ 11,298.44
Athletics	$ 1,127.00
Student Activity	$ 1,763.19