**Minutes-Regular Meeting January 8, 2024**

The regular monthly meeting of the Hysham School Board was called to order at 7:00 pm on Monday, January 8, 2024, beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Marc Baue, Chad Fink, Tennyson Williams, Chuck Hopf, and Clark Pinkerton. District Clerk Weinmeister, Superintendent Thibault, and Principal Prongua were also present. Public in attendance were: Kerry Roberts, Bob Keele, and Glenda Skillen.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**-none

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chad Fink moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 11, 2023 with a correction made to change Chuck to Andrea Jo Hopf under the Purchase Pickup item. Clark Pinkerton seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

Chuck Hopf moved to approve claim numbers 32237-32257 as presented. Chad Fink seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

**REPORTS**

**Building & Grounds**

Bob Keele reported that both new boilers ended up failing, one in October and the other on Christmas day. To keep the building from freezing, Bob introduced the domestic hot water into the boiler supply loop. Fortunately, temperatures were mild and the building was not occupied. LONG Building Systems secured a temporary boiler in Colorado, which has since been installed. There was some difficulty programming but it is producing adequate hot water to heat the building. A permanent solution is in the works. The kitchen freezer upgrade has been rescheduled to January 12th. Windows have been installed in the Home Ec Room to replace the old accordion screen. The windows add a layer of security to the room. The locker room remodel project has wrapped up incomplete. Cucancic did not utilize the extra time given over Christmas break to complete the final requirements of the project. They did fix the drain in the boys’ locker room but did not acid wash the tiles before sealing and did nothing in the girls’ locker room. To date, we are still waiting for the as-built documents.

**Activities Director**-Kerry Roberts reported that the high school boys’ basketball is undefeated while the girls have only lost to Roberts twice. The wrestlers are doing well and are looking forward to Divisionals in Wolf Point. Kerry attended the SCAD meeting in Billings where they discussed track and wrestling. She is planning to attend the annual MHSA meeting Bozeman this coming week. Included in your packet was the MHSA proposals that will be voted on at the meeting.

**Principal/Superintendent Report-**Superintendent Thibault did not have anything to report but Principal Prongua noted that school has been back in session even though it is chilly in the building. She also noted that NWEA Winter testing has been completed. MAST testing will start in February.

**OLD BUSINESS**-None

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Resignation of Haley Sand-**Teacher Haley Sand turned in a letter of resignation for the end of the 23-24 school year. Chuck Hopf moved to accept the resignation of Haley Sand. Clark Pinkerton seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
2. **Construction Project-**As noted in the maintenance report, Cucancic did not finish the project within the given parameters. The board would like to engage a lawyer to help with the next steps and have Durward reach out to MTSBA for further guidance. Chad Fink moved to terminate the contract with Cucancic. Tennyson Williams seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
3. **Electric Bus/Grant-**Marc Baue, Chad Fink, and Superintendent Thibault have been meeting with a representative from Lion Electric. This company wishes to help school districts apply for electric bus grants which will help reduce emissions by adding electric buses to a districts’ fleet. The buses Lion Electric has access to have a 110 mile range on a full charge and can be as large as a 72-passenger bus. This would work good for a couple of our routes. These buses generally cost around $300,000.00, depending on size, model, year, etc. The grant would allow us to purchase these at a fraction of the cost, somewhere between $40,000 and $60,000. Electric buses would cost, to run, about 10% of what it costs to run a diesel or gas bus. Included with the grant is the money to put in a charging station, which would have to be overseen/installed by the electric company. In order to qualify for this grant, we have to have some buses that we are willing to destroy that are pre-DEF regulations. This bus committee has met with bus contractor Roy Clifton and inquired about the possibility of purchasing some of his buses at the beginning of the new school year. If we are awarded the grant, in April or May, we have 18-24 months to decide to accept or deny the money. Chuck Hopf moved to acknowledge the school district is looking into the Lion Electric bus grant. Tennyson Williams seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
4. **Out of District Student Attendance Acknowledgement-**The school district received an Out of District Student Attendance Agreement from Huntley Project for three of our former students. The board just needs to officially acknowledge the district received the agreement. Chuck Hopf moved to acknowledge the receipt of the Out of District Student Attendance Agreement for three former students. Chad Fink seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
5. **MTSBA Policies-Mandatory Updates-2 of 3 Readings (1400, 1420, 1511, 1610, 2151F, 2320, 3141, 3305, 3310P1, 3410, 3410F, 3431, 3600F1, 3600F2, 3600P, 5121, 5223, 5330, 7320, 8110, 8125, 8132, 8210)-**With no new changes discussed, Chad Fink moved to adopt policies 1400, 1420, 1511, 1610, 2151F, 2320, 3141, 3305, 3310P1, 3410, 3410F, 3431, 3600F1, 3600F2, 3600P, 5121, 5223, 5330, 7320, 8110, 8125, 8132, and 8210. Chuck Hopf seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
6. **MTSBA Policies**-**Recommended Updates-2 of 3 Readings (1240, 1520, 3310P2, 5231)-**With no new changes discussed, Chad Fink moved to adopt policies 1240, 1520, 3310P2, and 5231. Clark Pinkerton seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
7. **MTSBA Form**-FP 14.1 Student Attendance Agreement 1 of 3 Readings-Because this isn’t relevant at this time, Chuck Hopf moved to table this item until the next meeting. Tennyson Williams seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

**TRANSPORTATION-None**

**BUDGET and FINANCE**

1. **Possibility of a Budget Amendment-**According to OPI, the school district is eligible for a budget increase in the amount of $14,695.20 due to our enrollment being significantly higher at the October 2023 count date than in February 2023. The process to accept these dollars is to approve a proclamation noticing taxpayers that we are intending to proceed with a budget amendment and then actually approve the budget amendment at the next regular board meeting. Chuck Hopf moved to approve the budget amendment proclamation. Tennyson Williams seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
2. **HB 307 Resolution-**The HB 307 Resolution wasn’t quite ready to be presented to the board. Chuck Hopf moved to table the HB 307 Resolution. Chad Fink seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

**ADJOURN MEETING**

Chad Fink moved to adjourn at 8:02pm. Clark Pinkerton seconded and the motion passed 5-0. The next regular board meeting is February 12, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

