

Minutes-Special Meeting Wednesday, March 27th, 2024

The special meeting of the board of trustees of Hysham Public School was called to order beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 7:00pm. Board members present were Marc Baue, Chad Fink, Clark Pinkerton, Chuck Hopf, and Tennyson Williams. Superintendent Thibault and District Clerk Weinmeister were also present. Public in attendance were: Glenda Skillen.

PUBLIC COMMENT-None

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Football Co-Op Agreement-**The Football Co-Op of Custer-Hysham-Melstone voted to continue for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years. There were minimal changes to the numbering and coach hiring sections of the Interlocal agreement that were in question. Superintendent Thibault reached out to Custer Clerk Marynell Perrin for clarification but didn't receive a quick response. Chad Fink moved to table the Football Co-Op Agreement until later. Tennyson Williams seconded and the motion passed 5-0. The MHSAA Renewal Agreement for football was presented. Chuck Hopf moved to approve the Cooperative Sponsorship of Activities Renewal Agreement between Custer, Hysham, and Melstone for football for the next two years. Chad Fink seconded and the motion passed 5-0. At this time we received a call from Custer Clerk Marynell Perrin regarding the CHM Football agreement. She said that the hiring section was brought in line with the Custer-Hysham Co-Op agreement and that the numbering was fixed. Chuck Hopf moved to un-table the Custer-Hysham-Melstone Football Co-Op Agreement. Chad Fink seconded and the motion passed 5-0. With the clarification, Chuck Hopf moved to approve the Custer-Hysham-Melstone Football Co-Op Agreement as presented. Tennyson Williams seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
- 2. SPED Interlocal Agreement-**This is to approve participation and who will be the Hysham representative for the Eastern Yellowstone Special Education Co-Op for the next school year. Superintendent Thibault said that we will just note that the superintendent will be the representative. Chuck Hopf moved to approve the Interlocal agreement with Eastern Yellowstone Special Education Co-Op. Chad Fink seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
- 3. Open Paraprofessional Position-**We may be in search of a paraprofessional to fill the position vacated by Brooke Mitchell when she accepted the Elementary Teacher position. If numbers stay the same, there will be around 18 kids in a two grade combination classroom. It would be beneficial to advertise for this position. Chuck Hopf moved to open a paraprofessional position for the 2024-2025 school year. Clark Pinkerton seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
- 4. HB 307 Resolution-**The District Clerk increased the Tuition permissive levy to \$50,000 per board request. She left the permissive levies of Transportation, Technology, and

Building Reserve the same. Trustees had questions on why the amounts levied in the General Fund Base and Overbase categories were less than the previous year when our projected budget appears to be about \$34,000 more than last years' General Fund budget. The District Clerk said that she didn't know why it was less but it would be good to know the answer to that. She walked the board through the steps that she went through to arrive at those numbers using a General Fund budget spreadsheet that is created by OPI for this purpose. Using numbers from the Preliminary Budget Data Sheet and county numbers, the worksheet populates this HB307 Resolution. The HB307 Resolution is a notice to the taxpayers that shows how much the school plans to levy in the Permissive Funds. Overall, the number of mills levied is estimated to be lower than last years' mills. Trustees also discussed presenting a Voted Levy in Building Reserve to the voters. Because of improvements needed to the school building, they would like to propose asking the voters for \$25,000.00 each year for the next five years. After some discussion, trustees requested follow-up information on the General Fund Base & Overbase funds. Chuck Hopf moved to approve the SB307 Resolution as presented. Clark Pinkerton seconded and the motion passed 5-0. Chuck Hopf moved to approve a Building Reserve voted levy for \$25,000.00 per year for the next five years. Tennyson Williams seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

5. **Clerk Evaluation**-Chairman Baue created a form on google docs for the yearly clerk evaluation. All board members and the clerk were given copies of the evaluation. All agreed the questions seemed reasonable. No motion was needed for this item.

ADJOURNMENT

Chuck Hopf moved to adjourn at 8:19 pm. Tennyson Williams seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

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Board Chairperson

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District Clerk