

Minutes-Regular Meeting March 11, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Hysham School Board was called to order at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 11, 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: Jessie Walter, Kerry Roberts, Bob Keele, Ethan Weinmeister, Brooke Mitchell, and Glenda Skillen.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chad Fink moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 12, 2024 with a correction. The correction was made that the vote for approval of the February 1, 2024 special meeting minutes was 5-0, not 4-0. Clark Pinkerton seconded and the motion passed 5-0. Chad Fink moved to approve the special meeting minutes of February 19, 2024 as presented. Chuck Hopf seconded and the motion passed 5-0. Chuck Hopf moved to approve the special meeting minutes of February 22, 2024 as presented. Clark Pinkerton seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Chad Fink moved to approve claim numbers 32289-32317 as presented. Tennyson Williams seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

REPORTS

Building & Grounds-We continue to operate with a temporary boiler while waiting for replacement parts for the warranty repairs from LONG Building Systems. To date, Bob has not received any quotes for the room ventilator units in the locker rooms or for a SCADA system upgrade. We have not yet received materials for the HRV unit that malfunctioned during the cold weather. We are due for a boiler inspection, but the underwriter will wait until our units have been replaced and are functioning properly. A new valve has been installed in the pipe above the water damaged classrooms. Work continues in those classrooms as the contractor has space in his schedule. General maintenance includes replacing broken switch covers, the faucet in the ladies' lobby restroom, removal of graffiti in the men's lobby restroom, as well as replacement and rewiring of light fixtures as needed. With warmer weather, outside clean up and prep for the summer maintenance begins. For the kitchen, we have found a company that sells the same dishwashing washing detergent for less and will also maintain the equipment at no additional cost.

Activities Director-High School Basketball did well with the girls placing 2nd at Districts and 3rd at Divisionals after a challenge game with Roberts. The boys placed 3rd at Districts and made it to the Friday game ending their season with a 1-2 Divisional record. High School Track started today; Junior High Track will start next Monday. The schedules are fairly complete with a good amount of meets. The high school slicks and

warm ups will be dropped off for number embroidery for easier inventory and will be finished before the first track meet. The 5-C basketball meeting was last Wednesday to set basketball games for next season. Chad Fink asked if there was discussion about redistricting but Kerry hadn't heard anything along those lines. She will make some inquiries.

Principal/Superintendent Report-Superintendent Thibault reported that eight people showed up for the State of the School meeting on March 7th. Discussion included building and grounds maintenance improvement projects, security cameras, transportation, Profile of a Graduate (state required), HB 203 (Tuition Bill), and the block grant. He would like to discuss the option to purchase buses from Roy Clifton and has talked to Valley and the Friendly about fuel for the buses. Valley sells non-taxed dyed diesel which school districts are allowed to use in their buses. Since the Friendly doesn't sell dyed diesel, they would give us a \$.52 per gallon discount if we purchased fuel there. Valley is able to install a 1000 gallon fuel tank on the school property to allow after hours fueling. Superintendent Thibault handed out two school calendars for perusal and noted that he will start Drivers Ed classes on Friday, March 15th. Drivers Ed will work around all school related activities. Bob also mentioned that we are getting smoke detectors for the bathrooms that will detect vaping odors. They will not be installed in the locker rooms because students have limited access to those areas. Principal Prongua elaborated on the Profile of a Graduate noting that this is a requirement from the State to be in place by 2025. The idea is that this is what makes up a graduate of Hysham Public Schools. Once completed, it will be posted throughout the school building and on the website. She plans to complete this before her tenure here is finished.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **MTSBA Policy 8205 Meal Charge Policy 2 of 3 Readings**-Since there were no additional changes, Chuck Hopf moved to adopt MTSBA Policy 8205 as presented. Chad Fink seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
2. **MTSBA Policy 2510 School Wellness Policy 2 of 3 Readings**-With no additional changes, Chuck Hopf moved to adopt MTSBA Policy 2510 as presented. Tennyson Williams seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
3. **MTSBA Form FP 14.1 Student Attendance Agreement 2 of 3 Readings**-With no additional changes, Chad Fink moved to adopt form FP 14.1. Clark Pinkerton seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Contribution to FFA for State Convention**-Ethan Weinmeister, representing the FFA chapter, requested the board approve a contribution to the chapter to help with State Convention meals. At this time, the chapter balance is low due to the trip to National Convention and an increase in the number of teams qualifying for the State Convention, which is in Billings this year. The chapter is not staying in Billings overnight. They are planning to ask some businesses to sponsor individual team registrations and are waiting on repayment from Wibaux for motel rooms during JDAE in November. They are projecting meals for the entire week to cost around \$1,770.00. After some discussion, Chairman Baue asked the chapter to see how much

the sponsorships bring in and, if needed, a special meeting can be set up to discuss a contribution. There was no motion needed.

2. **Generator Update**-No information at this time.
3. **Construction Update**-No new conversations, all letters have been mailed.
4. **Website Update**-Jessie Walter has been busy updating our website and is really impressed with School Insites, their customer service, and what the website is able to do. The website will cost about \$900.00 per year but she feels it is well worth the cost. While conversing with customer service, she has learned that our website can be connected to Infinite Campus, which is our student information platform. She is also working on the In-Touch notification application and is hoping to get it working to send out a reminder for the upcoming parent teacher conferences.
5. **Accept Superintendent Contract**-Chad Fink moved to accept the Superintendent Contract for Bill Colter as presented. Tennyson Williams seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
6. **Possible Hire-Elementary Teacher Position**-The hiring committee interviewed Brooke Mitchell for the open Elementary Teacher position. Superintendent Thibault recommended her for the 2024-2025 position pending graduation. Chuck Hopf moved to hire Brooke Mitchell as an elementary teacher for the 2024-2025 school year pending graduation. Tennyson Williams seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
7. **Eastern Yellowstone Special Education Co-Op**-Superintendent Thibault stated that the state is trying to force Wyola to become part of our SPED Co-Op as they don't have enough people on staff at their school to meet the state requirements. There are conflicting thoughts around this as it has been noted they haven't followed Co-Op bylaws in the past. No motion is needed on this item.
8. **Wrestling Banner**-Nothing
9. **Driver's Education Hourly Wage**-Superintendent Thibault is requesting \$25.00 per hour for this service. He also mentioned that he has not been able to find a place that will rent a car for student driving and will likely end up using the suburban. Chuck Hopf moved to pay \$25.00 per hour for the Driver's Education Instructor. Clark Pinkerton seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

TRANSPORTATION

1. **Extracurricular Bussing-Driver Wages**-Discussion was held on wages for driving non-route events. Some schools pay per hour all the while the trip is out, some places pay just mileage and some pay a combination of both. The board felt they didn't want to undervalue their drivers and thought the combination option would work for the remainder of the school year. Chuck Hopf moved to approve pay at \$.50 per mile and minimum wage for downtime between arrival and departure at the event. Chad Fink seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

BUDGET and FINANCE

1. **Preliminary Budget Data Sheet**-The General Fund budget with a vote and without a vote amounts are equal meaning the school does not have the option to run a voted levy in that account. The General Fund budget increased approximately \$34,000.00. No other discussion was held.

ADJOURN MEETING

Tennyson Williams moved to adjourn at 8:40pm. Chuck Hopf seconded and the motion passed 5-0. The next regular board meeting is April 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

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Board Chairperson

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District Clerk