Minutes-Special Meeting Thursday, January 25th, 2024

The special meeting of the board of trustees of Hysham Public School was called to order beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 7:00pm. Board members present were Marc Baue, Clark Pinkerton, Tennyson Williams, and Chuck Hopf. Superintendent Thibault, Principal Prongua, and District Clerk Weinmeister were also present. Public in attendance were: Jessie Walter and Durward Sobek.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**-None

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Locker Room Construction-**The meeting took a quick recess from 7:16-7:34 to allow the construction committee, board members, and Durward to look at the adjustments Cucancic made in the locker rooms over Christmas break. Once we were back in session, Durward gave a quick rundown of the project. He felt that even though Cucancic didn’t complete all the work required, the school could be liable to pay a portion of what was left on the contract. He felt that holding 10% and paying the rest, approximately $60,502 on the tile portion, would be adequate. Board members were not inclined to give Cucancic any more money as they missed completion dates by over two years. It was agreed that the school would look into hiring a lawyer to review the contract.
2. **Suburban-**Over the incredibly cold temperatures, the suburban started throwing a low oil pressure code and low oil code. Wes Gamble checked it out and changed oil. That seems to have fixed the issues. It may be time to start looking for a replacement vehicle. Some members would like to look into a transit van. They all agreed it should be 4WD.
3. **Plentywood Bus-**Plentywood has a 1997 VanHool cruiser for sale. It has less than 220,000 miles on a new M11 Cummins engine and Allison transmission. It seats 57 passengers and has good tires. The tie rod ends have been replaced. Chuck Hopf moved to purchase the VanHool bus from Plentywood for $8000.00. Tennyson Williams seconded and the motion passed 4-0.
4. **Electric Bus-**We have been working on completing the requirements for an electric bus grant through Lyon Electric. Part of completing the grant requires providing information on your existing fleet. We received confirmation that we could use buses from REC Bus Lines as long as there are some that would qualify to be taken out of service. Once/if we are awarded the grant, we have 18-24 months to turn down or accept the money. No motion was needed at this time.
5. **Other Bus Information-**Superintendent Thibault has reached out to Forman’s Bus Sales in South Dakota as another avenue to purchase buses.
6. **Superintendent Search-**Brian Rayburn declined the offer given to him and retracted his interest in the position. The board has also interviewed Angie Richardson, the current principal at Dodson. There has also been interest from a lady at Opheim and a lady at Terry. Chuck Hopf moved to offer Angie Richards the superintendent position with a salary of $75,000, the health plan provided by the school, up to $1,500.00 moving expense with receipts, full housing that includes the district paying for water, electric, and propane, with an acceptance by 2/1/2024. Clark Pinkerton seconded and the motion passed 4-0.
7. **MASBO Contract-**Because the clerk is struggling to reconcile the 2022-23 books, which has also thrown off the 23-24 books, she would like to get assistance from Donnie McVee at MASBO. MASBO charges $75.00 per hour for this kind of assistance. Chuck Hopf moved to approve up to 40 hours ($3000) for the MASBO contract to troubleshoot the accounting books. Clark Pinkerton seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Clark Pinkerton moved to adjourn at 8:43pm. Chuck Hopf seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

