

## **Minutes-Regular Meeting June 12, 2024**

The regular monthly meeting of the Hysham School Board was called to order at 7:00 pm on Monday, June 12, 2024, beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Marc Baue, Chad Fink, Chuck Hopf, Rich Kimball, and Clark Pinkerton. District Clerk Weinmeister, Superintendent Thibault, and Principal Prongua were also present. Public in attendance were: Jessie Walter, Olive Vetch, Kerry Roberts, Bob Keele, Dale & Renee Zent, and Patty Duncan.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**-none

**BUILDING WALK THROUGH**-Board members, the clerk, Bob Keele, and a few patrons toured the school building beginning with the elementary wing. Board members saw for themselves the cracks/fissures in the elementary floors, walls, and windows due to the settling of the ground beneath the construction. This is the reason the District is pursuing professional help & working to obtain grant funds. They also toured the music room, Ag room & shop, junior high/high school wings, the kitchen, multipurpose room, locker rooms, and gym. The kitchen is slated for a new garbage disposal unit and the locker rooms still need the finishing touches.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chad Fink moved to approve the special meeting minutes of May 23, 2024 as presented. Chuck Hopf seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

Chuck Hopf moved to approve claim numbers 32374-32409 as presented. Clark Pinkerton seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

### **REPORTS**

**Building & Grounds**-Irrigation and mowing has become a constant task with summer here in earnest. One of the hydrants on the playground is unusable and will need to be dug up and replaced. Bob has reached out to Big Sky Irrigation for a quote on getting the playground set up with the same system as at the football field. Inside the building, summer cleaning and grade relocation has begun. The elementary grades will all occupy different classrooms come fall. Along with the SPED room relocating to the old computer lab, the elementary library will merge with the high school library and board meetings, conferences, & interviews will be held in room #4 just past the Science room. After repairing the roof along the seam, we have not experienced any more leaks. The boiler replacement is progressing slowly; we are awaiting the return of technicians to finish the re-installation. The

HRV unit in the locker rooms has been mechanically repaired but it is still waiting for the actuator to be installed. Work in the two water damaged classrooms is progressing as well. Bob will attend the Coal Board meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> to provide testimony in support of our application. We have received word the our CDBG grant application has been approved and we have been awarded \$50,000 toward the Preliminary Architectural Report. The report will determine how we move forward with this project. Bob has reached out to a couple local contractors about finishing the locker rooms but hasn't received any bids so far.

**Activities Director**-Three Rebel tracksters participated at the State Track meet in Great Falls. One javelin thrower brought home a 5th place medal while the other two didn't quite make finals in their three events. Kerry ordered the volleyball trophy from divisional volleyball. Rebel Records have been compiled and are ready to take to the Co-Op Board. Kerry also attended the Class C Summer meeting last week. Items to watch are realignment to have volleyball, basketball, and track in the same divisions. There are a couple different options but we would stay in the South either way. There was discussion on State Volleyball in Bozeman that addressed the high cost of motel rooms. Other options for this would be moving the tournament or having one or two class tournaments at different locations (similar to track). Wrestling will go to a 3-day State tournament starting on Thursday and having the championships Saturday afternoon.

**Principal/Superintendent Report**-Superintendent Thibault talked to Ed Johnson and said to expect delivery of the buses after July 4<sup>th</sup>. The check from Stockman Bank is ready to go. There is currently about \$15,000 remaining in the transportation budget. We are waiting on the reimbursement from the State. There is a family moving in from Missouri with three kids. The mother will be interviewed for the SPED para position once they get settled in. Drivers Ed is nearly finished, just waiting on two students to finish their behind the wheel testing. The old suburban sold for \$433.00. Principal Prongua noted that the new chromebooks are checked in and ready to go. The iPads have all arrived but John needs to install the licenses.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. MSSA Renewal**-After visiting with the teachers and refiguring the numbers, the cost for the NWEA testing will be \$1365.50. This includes MAP Growth for K-12 and MAP Science for 3-12. Chuck Hopf moved to approve the MSSA renewal for \$1,365.50. Chad Fink seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. **Early Literature Parameters**-The new program will still see Early K starting at twice a week, but moving to three and four days sooner than in the past. The increase in days are needed to meet the hour requirement from OPI. Five kids are signed up and will start after Labor Day.
2. **Open SPED Paraprofessional Position**-Chad Fink moved to open the SPED Paraprofessional position. Clark Pinkerton seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
3. **Cleaning Bids for Superintendent House**-The board would like Superintendent Thibault to gather bids to clean the house once it is vacated by Ms. Prongua. They would like the air ducts, carpets, and windows cleaned, and the floors mopped. Chuck Hopf moved to open bids for cleaning the superintendent house. Rich Kimball seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
4. **DEAP Room Use**-DEAP would like to continue using the old principal room to serve children in the area. Mrs. Walter commented that they should have a space separate from the teacher's workroom. Chuck Hopf moved to approve DEAP using a room in the school for next year. Chad Fink seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
5. **Agility Mats**-Kerry has found some portable agility mats with a cart that could be used instead of painting dots/ladders on the gym floor. There was no quotes available. Chuck Hopf moved to table the agility mats until the next regular meeting. Clark Pinkerton seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
6. **Technology Needs**-Superintendent Thibault can get the 2-for-1 Promethean deal for \$4,146.00. One of these would be installed in the combined library. Clark Pinkerton moved to purchase the two Prometheans for \$4,146.00. Chuck Hopf seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
7. **Audit Contract**-Strom & Associates would like to continue to be our school auditors. They submitted a 3-year proposal in the amount of \$12,250.00 per year audited. The board would like to know how much the previous contract was for. Chuck Hopf tabled the Audit Contract until the next meeting. Clark Pinkerton seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
8. **Property Insurance**-MSGIA submitted a renewal for \$65,921.00. This is up about \$20,000.00 from the previous year. Superintendent Thibault reached out to Payne West (aka MSPLIP) and received a quote from them for \$47,718.00. Chuck Hopf moved to let MSGIA go the for the

2024-25 school year and pick up MSPLIP for the 2024-25 school year. Chad Fink seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

9. **Out of District Attendance**-The school received three requests from one family to allow their children enrollment in the district. Chad Fink moved to approve the Out of District Attendance Students as presented. Clark Pinkerton seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
10. **Hire District Clerk/Business Manager**-The board recommended hiring Angie Stahl for the position. Chuck Hopf moved to offer the clerk position to Angie Stahl in the amount of \$38,000. Rich Kimball seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

1. **Bus Purchase**-no new information.
2. **Electric Bus Update**-The school did not receive any grants from the first round and has been placed on a waiting list. If they want to pursue electric buses in the future, they will probably need to reapply.
3. **Bus Routes**-There are a couple new families at the end of the Sarpy Route. The board asked the clerk to reach out to those families about the one hour time limit. This item was information only.
4. **Individual Transportation Contracts**-The clerk passed out around three applications, two of which requested the isolation rate. Clark Pinkerton moved to approve the Individual Transportation Contracts as presented. Chuck Hopf seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

### **BUDGET and FINANCE**-None

### **ADJOURN MEETING**

Chad Fink moved to adjourn at 10:16pm. Chuck Hopf seconded and the motion passed 5-0. The next regular board meeting is July 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Minutes were approved \_\_\_\_\_ as is or \_\_\_\_\_ with corrections at a Regular Board Meeting on July 15, 2024.

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Board Chairperson

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District Clerk