

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31-1 WAS HELD APRIL 6, 2020 AT 5:30 P.M. VIA TELECONFERENCE.

Members Present: Jesse Glines, Carmen Gilbert, Randy Routier, Will Meyer, Laura Johnson.  
 Administration Present: Superintendent Josh Page, Business Manager Elizabeth Henderson, Principal/AD Kelly Messmer.

President Glines called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.  
 Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Unless otherwise noted, all Board action was by unanimous decision.

**20-131 Consent Agenda.** Motion by Gilbert, second by Routier to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Approve Agenda
- Approve minutes of March 9, 2020 Regular Meeting
- Approve Financial Report.

Vote: Gilbert – Aye, Johnson – Aye, Routier – Aye, Meyer- Ayes, Glines - Aye. Motion carried.

	GENERAL	CAPITAL OUT.	SPECIAL ED	BOND RED.	FOOD SERV.
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>(547,462.18)</b>	<b>913,818.59</b>	<b>90,925.40</b>	<b>844,872.66</b>	<b>(12,052.19)</b>
Receipts:					
Local sources	37,647.19	366,739.07	12419.52	10,849.20	5,133.64
County sources	9,803.26	9,601.90	3,260.34	2,751.57	
State sources	23,205.00				
Federal sources	8,588.28				2,354.41
Accounts Receivable					
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>79,243.73</b>	<b>46,340.97</b>	<b>15,679.86</b>	<b>13,600.77</b>	<b>7,488.05</b>
Disbursements	237,591.11	2,264.43	24,227.67		9,011.02
Accounts Payable					
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>237,591.11</b>	<b>2,264.43</b>	<b>24,227.67</b>		<b>9,011.02</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>(705,809.56)</b>	<b>957,895.13</b>	<b>82,377.59</b>	<b>858,473.43</b>	<b>(13,575.16)</b>

MARCH PAYROLL AND BENEFITS

General	113,741.78
Principal & Secretary	11,599.02
Superintendent & Secretary	12,980.33
Business Manager	6,041.59
Custodians	13,773.26
X-Cur	852.37
Bus Driver	4,423.98
Special Education	22,872.37
Food Service	5,133.79

**20-132 Approve Bills.** Motion by Gilbert, second by Johnson to approve the bills for payment.

**GENERAL FUND**

AT&T	PHONE SERVICE	37.57
BUFFALO HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	192.76
CARDMEMBER SERVICES	SUPPLIES/TRAVEL	3,932.44
CONSOLIDATED	UTILITIES	117.85
DAKOTA BUS	CONTRACT SERVICE	4,767.00
GRAND ELECTRIC	UTILITIES	7,037.94
H&L SUPERVALU	SUPPLIES	11.16
MDU	UTILITIES	195.65
MOODY, KAYCEE	REIMBURSE SUPPLIES	149.10
NATION CENTER NEWS	PUBLISHING/ADVERTISING	359.95
OLSON FUELS	FUEL	671.09
RICHARD PLUIMER	ATTORNEY	217.50
PROPOINT	FUEL / PROPANE	34.53
SANFORD FLEX	FEES	19.25
SYNC BANK - AMAZON	SUPPLIES	104.61
TOWN OF BUFFALO	UTILITIES	331.60
TOWN OF CAMP CROOK	UTILITIES	157.80
WWM	RURAL GARBAGE	20.00
WRCTC	PHONE	576.92
WEX BANK	FUEL	156.65
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL</b>	<b>19,091.37</b>

**CAPITAL OUTLAY**

ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS	COPIER LEASE	1,412.30
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE	396.69
WRCTC	PHONE LEASE	267.13
	<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>2,076.12</b>

**SPED**

BH PEDIATRIC THERAPY	OT SERVICES (JAN-MAR)	2,171.85
CARDMEMBER SERVICES	INSTRUCTIONAL SOFTWARE	799.98
PRAIRIE PERFORMANCE PT	PT SERVICES	617.00
SCOVEL PSYCHOLOGICAL	PSYCH TESTING SERVICES	1,645.00
	<b>TOTAL SPED</b>	<b>5,233.83</b>

**FOOD SERVICE**

CARDMEMBER SERVICES	SUPPLIES	129.28
US FOODS	FOOD	2,006.16
	<b>TOTAL FOOD SERVICE</b>	<b>2,135.44</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>28,536.76</b>

Vote: Gilbert – Aye, Johnson – Aye, Routier – Aye, Meyer- Ayes, Glines - Aye. Motion carried.

**20- 133 Negotiations.** Negotiations were discussed by the board. Recommendations from the state are to set up teleconference sessions to continue with negotiations while also maintaining social distance. Meetings will be set up for later this month for committees to meet.

**20-134 Contracts.** Motion by Johnson, second by Meyer to offer contracts for the 2020-2021 school year to: Jennifer Anders – Secondary, Gene Von Bickerdyke – Library/MS, Jamie Brown – Elementary, Tammy Bruha – Secondary, Joey Buchanan – ½ time Secondary, Holly Costello – Secondary, Andy Forsythe – Secondary, Carol Giannonatti – Elementary, Tonja Montgomery Hansen -Secondary, Carol Helms –

Elementary, Marisa Hett – Elementary, Dawn Littau – Title/SPED, Jewel Lyons – Elementary, Frank Maslowski – Secondary, Chereste Messmer – Elementary, Kaycee Moody – Elementary, Mackenzie Oster – Elementary, Traci Routier – K-12 Music, Lynnette Stugelmeyer – Title/SPED, Lori Teller – Secondary, Jay Wammen – K-12 Health/PE, Erin Wammen – Secondary.

Vote: Gilbert – Aye, Johnson – Aye, Routier – Aye, Meyer- Ayes, Glines - Aye. Motion carried.

**20-135 Insurance Renewal.** Business Manager Henderson reviewed the insurance renewal with the board for the 2020-21 school year. The district received an overall no change to health insurance rates for the upcoming school year. Motion by Meyer, second by Johnson to accept the renewal. Vote: Gilbert – Aye, Johnson – Aye, Routier – Aye, Meyer- Ayes, Glines - Aye. Motion carried.

**20-136 Covid-19 Response Plan.** As of April 6, the direction of Governor Noem is to close school buildings for the remainder of the school year and to continue with online/flexible learning. SB 188 was passed and waives the minimum hour requirements for the school year. SB 189 also passed and waives the state testing requirements for the year. Harding County Schools will continue with flexible learning until the end of the school year on May 20, 2020. Communications will continue through the channels of Facebook, the school website, RemindApp, and Dojo messaging. Board meetings will be conducted through teleconference until further notice. For staffing: Custodians will continue to work on indoor/outdoor projects. Paraprofessionals will be helping teachers lesson plans, packets, delivering food, and other duties and will continue to be paid. The kitchen staff is preparing and delivering lunches and continuing to clean.

Thank you to everyone – students, parents, teachers, staff, board members, and the community for being patient, cooperative, flexible and for all of their hard work through all of this. It is an unprecedented time and we are grateful for this wonderful community.

**Open Forum:** None

**20-137 NWAS Report.** Randy Routier gave the NWAS report. Meeting will be held later this week.

**20-138 Maintenance.** The maintenance report was discussed. The custodians are working on projects including cleaning up the trees/posts around the old gym/bus barn. They are working on drainage issues for the playground and are continuing to monitor the ditch drainage.

**20-139 Business Manager.** Henderson gave the Business Manager report. There will be no election this year. There were two open positions and two petitions were returned by Carmen Gilbert and Will Meyer. The insurance pool had another good year and is looking at a dividend again. They are waiting until the current situation passes before making a final decision. School lunches are available to any students in the district who would like them. They are free of charge for children ages 1-18. Thank you to Charlie and Tanya for keeping our kids fed.

**20-140 K-12 Principal Report.** Principal Messmer gave his report. Flex/distance learning is going great. Thank you again to the parents, students, and teachers for their hard work and willingness to make this work. There have been many questions regarding graduation and the plan is to hold it at some point whether May, June, or July. Congratulations to all the winners of Regional History Day and the judges for their help in holding this contest online. The state contest will also be held online. Thank you also the Ms. Bickerdyke and Mrs. Hansen for their help with the contest. Congratulations to LMC All-Conference: First Team – Logan Kautzman, Zack Anders, Camden Hett; Second Team – Royale Martian, and Honorable Mention – Hadley Pihl.

**20-141 Superintendent Report.** Supt. Page gave the Superintendent report. Thank you to everyone for stepping up and staying positive during this time. Thanks again to the parents for their help, students and teachers for flexibility, and the board for their support.

Laura Johnson added a thank you from the board to the administration for their hard work in keeping everything going and keeping everyone informed.

**20-142 Executive Session.** Motion by Routier, second by Meyer to enter into executive session at 6:10pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(4) for negotiations. Motion carried. The board took a brief recess to disconnect from the meeting and call into an executive session call. The board was declared out of executive session at 6:20 pm. The board disconnected from the executive session call and returned to the original meeting call.

**20-143 Adjourn.** President Glines declared the meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Submitted By:

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Business Manager  
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Jesse Glines  
Board President