

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31-1 WAS HELD AUGUST 8, 2023, AT 5:30 PM. AT THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL MUSIC ROOM.

Members Present: Randy Routier, Taz Olson, Billy Clanton, Will Meyer, and Tawni Cordell. Administration Present: Superintendent Josh Page, Business Manager Elizabeth Henderson, Principal/AD Kelly Messmer.

Visitors Present: Stephanie Smith, Cohen Smith, Nel & Lance Giannonatti, Chance Turbiville, Suzette Braaten, Kelly, Spring, & Kaylen Padden, Lori Besler, Cody & Karli Holmes, Jamie Brown, Lynnette Stugelmeyer, Laurie Elmore, BJ Padden, Nathan & Erica Wagner, David Wickstrom, Andi Yearout, Laurel Foust, Trent & Sydney Turbiville, Traci Routier, Jewel Lyons, Maddie Feist, Kirbi Brengle.

President Meyer called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

24-020 Consent Agenda. Motion by Olson, second by Cordell to amend the agenda to add Middle School Football w/ Bison. Motion carried. Motion by Clanton, second by Routier to approve the consent agenda:

- Approve Agenda as amended
- Approve the Minutes of the July 12th Regular Meeting & Budget Hearing
- Approve the Financial Report.

Motion carried.

	GENERAL	CAPITAL OUT.	SPECIAL ED	BOND RED.	FOOD SERV.
Beginning Balance	\$253,763.79	\$1,534,948.73	\$351,120.26	\$874,093.38	\$2,208.73
Receipts:					
Local sources	5,389.19	8,774.05	2,771.36	3,394.59	99.15
County sources	975.00				
State sources	62,413.00				
Federal sources					
Accounts Receivable	78,455.00				1,270.25
Total Revenue	147,232.19	8,774.05	2,771.36	3,394.59	1,369.40
Disbursements	176,616.49	77,402.31	7,709.86		951.99
Acct Payable	148,578.80	15,645.28	49,343.80		4,498.03
Total Disbursements	325,195.29	93,047.59	57,053.66		5,450.02
Ending Balance	75,800.69	1,450,675.19	296,837.96	877,487.97	(1,871.89)

JULY PAYROLL AND BENEFITS

General	120,395.28
Superintendent & Secretary	15,184.78
Principals and Secretary	13,791.96
Business Manager	7,782.65
Custodians	21,569.47
X-Cur	880.78

Bus Driver	0.00
Special Education	24,352.67
Food Service	4,307.38

24-021 Approve Bills for Payment. Motion by Clanton, second by Olson to approve the bills. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

AMAZON	SUPPLIES	4,124.87
AQUACHEM	CONTRACT SERVICE	226.00
AT&T	PHONE SERVICE	80.66
AUTOPROS	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	1,589.60
BUFFALO HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	768.21
CARDMEMBER SERVICES	SUPPLIES/FUEL	5,898.29
CONSOLIDATED TELEPHONE	UTILITIES	108.14
GLINES ELECTRIC	CONTRACT SERVICE	788.94
GOOSENECK IMPLEMENT	MOWER MAINTENANCE	686.24
GRAND ELECTRIC	UTILITIES	5,076.71
HAUFF MID AMERICA	BASKETBALLS	699.50
HC WEED & PEST	CONTRACT SERVICE	1,404.78
HEALTH EQUITY	FEES	13.55
HUB INTERNATIONAL	PROPERTY INSURANCE	11,862.71
ICARE	SURFACE REPAIRS	2,500.00
IMPREST/HEALTH EQUITY	FEES	30.95
IMPREST/AT&T	PHONE SERVICE	80.66
IMPREST/MONUMENT HEALTH	DOT TESTING	40.00
MDU	UTILITIES	173.55
NATION CENTER NEWS	PUBLISHING/ADVERTISING	846.15
OLSON FUELS	SUPPLIES	361.87
PLUMBING DESIGN & INSTALLATION	CONTRACT SERVICE	642.86
QUILL	SUPPLIES	2,818.78
ROUTIER, TRACI	TRAVEL	343.74
SASD	DUES AND FEES	1,582.00
SAVVAS	SOFTWARE	175.00
SCHOLASTIC	SUBSCRIPTIONS	599.60
SCHOOL FIX	SUPPLIES - CUSTODIAL	172.32
SCHOOL SPECIALTY	SUPPLIES	1,166.23
SDUSA	DUES AND FEES	450.00
TMS	CONTRACT SERVICE	3,132.60
TOWN OF BUFFALO	UTILITIES	519.08
WEX BANK	FUEL	96.67
WRCTC	PHONE SERVICE	610.77
ZANER BLOSER	WORKBOOKS	1,064.99
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	50,736.02

GRANTS

TEACHER SYNERGY	ESSER 3 -CURRICULUM	6,600.00
	TOTAL GRANTS	6,600.00

CAPTIAL OUTLAY

ABM	COPIER LEASE	1,584.47
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AMAZON		199.75
SCHOOLFIX	TABLES/CHAIRS	2,613.79
SCHOOL SPECIALTY	CHAIRS	1,903.30
WRCTC	PHONE LEASE	267.13
	TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	6,568.44
SPED		
CRISTY DAVIS	SUMMER SPEECH	660.00
TMS	CONTRACT SERVICE	3.25
KYLEE WAGNER	OT SERVICES	78.75
	TOTAL SPED	742.00
FOOD SERVICE		
CARDMEMBER SERVICES	REFUND - SERVSAFE CLASS	(90.00)
IMPREST/STURGIS MEATS, LLC	PORK PROCESSING	2,966.24
	TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	2,876.24
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	67,522.70

24-022A Middle School Football with Bison. Principal Messmer shared that there are 4-7 students interested in middle school football at Bison, but there is not enough for a team. They would like to join our middle school team. Motion by Cordell, second by Routier to allow the Bison Middle School Football team to join with the Harding County team. Motion carried.

24-022B 2nd Reading Handbooks. The second reading of the elementary and MS/HS handbooks was held. Motion by Olson, second by Clanton to approve the second reading of both handbooks for the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried.

24-023 Conflict of Interest. Motion by Clanton, second by Cordell to reauthorize the conflict-of-interest waiver pursuant to SDCL 3-23-3 presented by Randy Routier in regard to his wife, Traci Routier, working for the district. Motion carried.

24-024 Open Enrollments. Motion by Olson, second by Routier to approve the open enrollment applications for students A, B, C, & D. Motion carried.

24-025 Offer Contract- Boys Basketball. Motion by Clanton, second by Olson to offer Head Boys Basketball to Waylon Sabo. Motion carried.

OPEN FORUM:

Laurie Elmore requested clarification of the wording of the motion from the July meeting about Camp Crook school and if a formal letter would be sent. The wording was “suspend operation of the Camp Crook School for the 2023-24 school year” and not closed. Formal letters will be sent this week.

24-026 Ludlow School. Discussion was held about Ludlow School. Superintendent Page shared that there had been two inquiries, but no applications had been received for the position and he indicated he would like the board’s direction on how to proceed. The board listened to testimony from the parents and audience in attendance.

Motion by Clanton, second by Olson to suspend operation of the Ludlow School for the 2023-2024 school year. Routier – Aye, Olson – Aye, Clanton – Aye, Meyer – Aye, Cordell – Aye. Motion carried.

Supt Page shared a transportation plan for those directly impacted by the building suspensions. Students that were enrolled in either Ludlow or Camp Crook at the end of the 2022-23 school year will have transportation provided by the district utilizing vans for this year. The district has contacted several bus companies and is on the waiting list for either mini buses or larger buses that become available and that a more detailed transportation plan would be worked out over the next year.

Motion by Routier, second by Clanton to advertise for drivers and to purchase a larger transit van.
Motion carried.

24-027 Capital Outlay Plan. A five-year capital outlay plan is required to be updated each year. This is the future forecast of larger purchases needed by the district (curriculum, vehicle replacement, certificate payments, etc.) The board reviewed the updates to the plan.

24-028 NWAS Report. The NWAS report was discussed. They have not found a CAD/CAM teacher but may have an opportunity to utilize a virtual classroom through NW Technical High School. There are still two other open positions.

24-029 Executive Session. Motion by Routier, second by Cordell to enter into Executive Session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel at 6:53pm. Motion carried. The board was declared out of executive session at 7:09pm. Motion by Olson, second by Cordell to advertise for a school guidance counselor.
Motion carried.

The board wishes to express their condolences to the family of Gene Odell. He was an avid supporter of the academics and athletics for all of the students of Harding County past and present and will very much be missed.

24-030 Business Manager. Henderson gave the Business Manager report. Audit went well.

24-031 K-12 Principal Report. Principal Messmer gave the Principal/AD report. Football practice has started, and Volleyball and Cross-Country practices begin on August 10th. A huge thank you to the custodial staff for all of their hard work all summer long. The buildings and grounds look excellent. A substitute inservice was held with a good turnout.

23-032 Superintendent Report. Supt. Page gave the Superintendent report. Thank you to the custodians and summer workers for all their hard work. A full inspection of both fire panels was conducted on August 3rd and the AC units have been serviced and cleaned. Supt Page and Principal Messmer shared items from the SASD/ASBSD convention in Sioux Fall.

President Meyer declared the meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Submitted By:

Elizabeth Henderson
Business Manager

Will Meyer
Board President

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