

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31-1 WAS HELD SEPTEMBER 13, 2023, AT 5:30 PM. AT THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL HEALTH 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: Traci Routier, David Wickstrom, Laurie Elmore, Nel Giannonatti, Jared & Pam Lei, BJ Padden, Terisa, Sydnee, & Sloan Thompson.

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.

24-036 Consent Agenda. Motion by Routier, second by Olson to approve the consent agenda:

- Approve Agenda.
- Approve the Minutes of the Aug 8th Regular Meeting
- Approve the Financial Report.

Motion carried.

	GENERAL	CAPITAL OUT.	SPECIAL ED	BOND RED.	FOOD SERV.
Beginning Balance	75,800.69	1,450,675.19	296,837.96	877,487.97	(1,871.89)
Receipts:					
Local sources	9,611.50	4,936.19	1,437.27	2,228.24	5,398.01
County sources	1,842.90	146.30	52.70	40.85	
State sources	62,413.00				
Federal sources					
Accounts Receivable	71,613.84				1,063.15
Total Revenue	145,481.24	5,082.49	1,489.97	2,269.09	6,461.16
Disbursements	115,424.13	6,568.44	4,822.82		7,703.67
Acct Payable	110,329.45		20,453.86		14.44
Total Disbursements	225,753.58	6,568.44	25,276.68		7,718.11
Ending Balance	(4,471.65)	1,449,189.24	273,051.25	879,757.06	(3,128.84)

AUGUST PAYROLL AND BENEFITS

General	110,231.85
Superintendent & Secretary	15,033.27
Principals and Secretary	13,791.96
Business Manager	7,782.65
Custodians	20,697.05
X-Cur	880.78
Bus Driver	0.00
Special Education	24,534.68
Food Service	4,841.87

24-037 Approve Bills for Payment. Motion by Clanton, second by Cordell to approve the bills. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

AMAZON	SUPPLIES	902.97
ASBSD	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	410.00
BH PEST CONTROL	CONTRACT SERVICE	950.00
BUFFALO HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	722.94
CARDMEMBER SERVICES	SUPPLIES/TRAVEL/FUEL	4,403.12
CENEX FLEETCARD	FUEL	35.51
CONSOLIDATED	TELEPHONE	107.77
FIRE CARROT LABS	WEBSITE MTNCE	500.00
GOLDENWEST	ANNUAL BACKUP	8,700.00
GRAND ELECTRIC	UTILITIES	6,066.12
H&L SUPERVALU	SUPPLIES	164.18
HEALTH EQUITY	FEES	13.55
HUDL	SUPPLIES	1,998.00
IMPREST/STEVE DOLAN	REFEREE	283.00
IMPREST/ALEX HAMANN	REFEREE	155.00
IMPREST/JOEL ELLIS	REFEREE	155.00
IMPREST/RICH VOEGELI	REFEREE	155.00
IMPREST/JASON LATHAM	REFEREE	155.00
IMPREST/SASD	AI TRAINING	300.00
IMPREST/SD DCI	BACKGROUND CHECKS	129.75
IMPREST/FAITH SCHOOL	XC FEE	40.00
IMPREST/LEAD DEADWOOD SCHOOL	XC FEE	40.00
IMPREST/JESSE STRICHERZ	REFEREE	211.70
IMPREST/LARRY PRINCE	REFEREE	216.18
IMPREST/CHRIS WENK	REFEREE	155.00
IMPREST/TY MCGUIRE	REFEREE	155.00
IMPREST/TIM FAIR	REFEREE	155.00
IMPREST/LINDA DAHLGREN	REFEREE	337.70
IMPREST/DAN MARTIN	REFEREE	200.00
IMPREST/BRYN BROWN	TIMER	50.00
IMPREST/JO PIEKKOLA	REFEREE	225.00
IMPREST/JENNIE GLINES	REFEREE	200.00
IMPREST/KELCEE VROMAN	REFEREE	130.00
IMPREST/JENNY BECKMAN	REFEREE	176.00
LMC	LMC DUES	500.00
LYNN JACKSON	ATTORNEY FEES	580.50
MDU	UTILITIES	134.87
NCN	PUBLISHING/ADVERTISING	946.33
NWAS	FALL ASSESSMENT	45,300.00
NWAS	DRIVERS ED MILEAGE	2,094.75
OLSON FUELS	FUEL	841.01
OLSON SHOP	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	20.10
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE / SUPPLIES	591.29
REGION IV ADMINISTRATORS	FEES	270.00
RWP	YEARBOOKS	2,884.68
SANFORD OCCMED	DOT TESTING	70.00
TMS	FEES	72.00

TOWN OF BUFFALO	UTILITIES	399.48
TRAINING ROOM	FB FIELD PAINT	1,121.62
TURBIVILLE PHOTOGRAPHY	SUPPLIES	78.00
UNIVERSAL ATHLETIC	FB SUPPLIES	875.00
WRCTC	PHONE SERVICE	588.69
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	85,966.81
GRANTS		
CARDMEMBER SERVICES	REAP SUPPLIES	85.34
HENDERSON, ELIZABETH	REIMBURSE SUPPLIES	330.44
	TOTAL GRANTS	415.78
CAPTIAL OUTLAY		
ABM	COPIER LEASE	1,584.47
BUFFALO HARDWARE	BUILDING MTNCE	1,091.86
CARDMEMBER SERVICES	2019 FORD TRANSIT VAN	500.00
LITHIA CHRYSLER	2019 FORD TRANSIT VAN	43,881.00
EXPLORE LEARNING	INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSC	1,376.48
HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT	INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSC	2,493.30
IXL	INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSC	4,988.00
NWEA	INSTRUCTIONAL SUBSC	3,312.50
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE	419.82
WRCTC	PHONE LEASE	267.13
	TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	59,914.56
SPED		
CARDMEMBER SERVICES	TESTING SUPPLIES	200.00
HEALTH EQUITY	FEES	3.85
IMPREST/MADDIE FEIST	REIMBURSE SUPPLIES	20.00
PRAIRIE PERFORMANCE	PT SERVICES	1,352.00
TMS	CONTRACT SERVICE	3.25
WAGNER, KYLEE	OT SERVICES	420.00
	TOTAL SPED	1,999.10
FOOD SERVICE		
AMAZON	SHELVING UNIT	100.98
US FOODS	FOOD	5,721.16
	TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	5,822.14
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	154,118.39

24-038 Early Graduation Request. A request for early graduation was submitted by Sydnee Thompson. Mr. Messmer shared that she will have enough credits to graduate at the end of the semester. Motion by Clanton, second by Routier to approve the early graduation request for Sydnee Thompson. Motion carried. The board agreed that she could return in the spring and walk through graduation with her class if she is able.

24-039 Advertise Position. Mr. Page shared with the board the need for a ½ time paraprofessional to meet specific IEP needs. Motion by Olson, second by Cordell to advertise for a ½ time paraprofessional. Motion carried. As this position is less than the minimum required 20 hours per week, there will be no benefits offered.

24-040 Offer/Approve Contracts. Motion by Clanton, second by Routier to approve Head Boys Basketball Coach Waylon Sabo and to offer the following contracts:

Tammy Bruha – Yearbook Advisor

Erin Wammen – National Honor Society Advisor, FFA Advisor

Tonja Montgomery Hansen – National History Day Advisor, Student Council Advisor

Motion carried.

24-041 Budget Approval & Tax Levy. Motion by Olson, second by Cordell to approve Board Resolution #2024-1 as follows:

Let it be resolved, the School Board of Harding County School District, after duly considering the proposed budget and its changes thereto, and in accordance with SDCL 13-11-2 hereby approves and adopts its proposed budget and thereto, to be its Annual Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. The adopted annual budget levy requests are as follows:

General Fund	
Ag Property	\$1.320/1000 AV
Owner Occupied	\$2.954/1000 AV
Other Property	\$6.113/1000 AV
Capital Outlay Fund	\$1,521,000 (equivalent to Max Levy)
Special Education Fund	\$454,000
Bond Redemption Fund	\$325,000

The final approved budget will be published separately.

Motion carried.

OPEN FORUM:

Laurie Elmore asked if there would be any discussion about the route bus/van services provided. It was planned to be discussed in the superintendent report.

24-042 Capital Outlay Plan (5 year). Motion by Clanton, second by Routier to approve the Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan. Motion carried.

24-043 Board Evaluations/Superintendent Evaluation (Set Date). Supt Page shared that he would like to set a date for evaluations and to begin work on a strategic plan for the growth of the district. He is also working to set up a board training with ASBSD. The board plans to meet on October 18, 2023, for the training and evaluations.

24-044 Executive Session. Motion by Routier, second by Olson to enter into executive session at 5:57pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) for legal consult (via phone). Motion carried. The board was declared out of executive session at 6:40pm.

24-045 Board Resolution – Temporary Closure of Camp Crook / Ludlow Schools (2023-2024) School Year
Motion by Clanton, second by Routier to approve Resolution 2024-2:

A resolution to adopt the emergency temporary closures of Harding County School District No. 31-1 attendance centers (Camp Crook and Ludlow) for the 2023-2024 school.

Whereas, the South Dakota Department of Education approved the two waiver requests for the Harding County School District authorizing and granting the district an option to suspend operations at its two attendance centers (Camp Crook and Ludlow) on July 17, 2023 and August

11, 2023, respectfully, for the 2023-2024 school year, which requests and approvals were based on the District's inability to secure qualified teaching staff for the 2023-2024 school year at the attendance centers; the cost of operating the two attendance centers continues to increase to a level of financial distress for the District; and further, enrollment at the District's attendance centers continues to consist of low numbers; and

Whereas the School Board for Harding County School District No. 31-1, 12474 Tipperary St, Buffalo, South Dakota 57720, no declares the emergency temporary closures of its two attendance centers (Camp Crook & Ludlow) for the 2023-2024 school year; and

Whereas the School Board's rationale in reaching the declaration for the emergency temporary closures of the District's attendance centers (Camp Crook and Ludlow) continues to be on District's inability to secure qualified teaching staff for the 2023-2024 school year at the attendance centers; the cost of operating the two attendance centers continues to increase to the level of financial distress for the District; and further, enrollment at the District's attendance centers continues to consist of low numbers; and

Whereas any additional decision by the School Board connected to the attendance centers beyond 2023-2024 school year will be completed pursuant to SDCL Ch. 13-23.

Be it further resolved that the declaration of emergency temporary closures of the attendance centers (Camp Crook and Ludlow) for Harding County School District No. 31-1 for the 2023-2024 school year is hereby adopted.

Dated this 13 Day of September 2023.
Harding County School Board
Will Meyer, President
Elizabeth Henderson, Business Manager

Motion carried.

24-046 Nwas Report. The Nwas report was discussed. The electricity mobile unit teacher has announced his retirement.

24-047 Business Manager. Henderson gave the Business Manager report. Representatives from Casey Peterson will be at the October board meeting to present the audit and financial reports.

24-031 K-12 Principal Report. Principal Messmer gave the Principal/AD report. Mr. Messmer shared about the Artificial Intelligence Workshop that he, several teachers, and Ms. Cordell attended. It was highly informative and was forward thinking about how to utilize the technology ethically instead of fighting against it. He is working to set up an additional training course for the rest of the staff. A reminder that homecoming is on Thursday, September 21st this year. It was moved to Thursday due to the referee shortage throughout the state. Thank you to the countless volunteers that help throughout the year including ticket takers, line judges, chain gang, and crow's nest crew.

23-032 Superintendent Report. Supt. Page gave the Superintendent report. Thank you to the Besler Ranch and the Jenson Ranch for donations of beef to the school lunch program. It will be delivered this week. Supt Page discussed the new transportation routes and that he would like to add additional families as space allows, some on a rotating schedule so that everyone has a chance to utilize the service. The board agreed and families will be notified. Supt Page is working with Brent Garland with the

Department of Homeland Security to do a complete school safety assessment. This will help us with grant funding to upgrade current security features.

President Meyer declared the meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Submitted By:

Elizabeth Henderson
Business Manager

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Will Meyer
Board President