

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31-1 WAS HELD NOVEMBER 30, 2023, AT 5:00 PM. AT THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL MUSIC ROOM.

Members Present: Billy Clanton, Will Meyer, Tawni Cordell, Randy Routier, Taz Olson. Administration Present: Superintendent Josh Page, Business Manager Elizabeth Henderson.

Guests Present: Traci Routier, Tonja Montgomery Hansen, Nel Giannonatti, Laura Johnson, Susan Nelson, Laurie Elmore, Trent Turbiville, Rock Tarter, Jason Yearout, Andi Yearout, Randy Feist, Mark Downing, Kaitlyn Bartholmy, Kerry Wilson, Suzette Braaten, Ryanna Turbiville, Spring Padden, Kelly Padden, Kay Latham, Jason Latham, Kaeloni Latham, Dawin Latham, BJ Padden, Amy Johnson, Annette Slaba, Fern Giannonatti, Beth Kalisiak, Chance Turbiville, Dale Turbiville, Jess Feist.

President Meyer called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

**24-084 Consent Agenda.**

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes of November 15<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting.

Motion by Clanton, second by Routier to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

**24-085 Open Forum / Public Comment.** President Meyer reviewed the guidelines for open forum. The board took public comment regarding Camp Crook and Ludlow Schools.

**24-086 Camp Crook Attendance Center.** Motion by Clanton, second by Olson to adopt resolution 2023-5:

A resolution to adopt the closure of Harding County School District No 31-1 attendance center at Camp Crook, effective for the 2024-2025 school year.

Whereas, the School Board for Harding County School District No. 31-1, 12474 Tipperary St, Buffalo, South Dakota, 57720, on September 13, 2023 declared the emergency temporary closure of the Camp Crook attendance center for the 2023-2024 school year due to the District's inability to secure qualified teaching staff for the 2023-2024 school year at the attendance center, the cost of operating the attendance center continues to increase to the level of financial distress for the District, and further, enrollment at the attendance center continues to consist of low numbers; and

Whereas, the School Board for the Harding County School District No. 31-1 determines that it is necessary to close the Camp Crook attendance center effective with the 2024-2025 school year;

Be it further resolved that the closure of the Camp Crook attendance center for the 2024-2025 school year, pursuant to the provisions of SDCL Ch 13-23, is hereby approved and adopted.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

Harding County School District 31-1 Board of Education

Will Meyer, President

Attest, Elizabeth Henderson, Business Manager

Clanton – Yea, Routier – Yea, Meyer – Yea, Cordell – Yea, Olson – Yea. Motion carried.

**24-087 Ludlow Attendance Center.** Motion by Clanton, second by Olson to adopt resolution 2023-6:

A resolution to adopt the closure of Harding County School District No 31-1 attendance center at Ludlow, effective for the 2024-2025 school year.

Whereas, the School Board for Harding County School District No. 31-1, 12474 Tipperary St, Buffalo, South Dakota, 57720, on September 13, 2023 declared the emergency temporary closure of the Ludlow attendance center for the 2023-2024 school year due to the District's inability to secure qualified teaching staff for the 2023-2024 school year at the attendance center, the cost of operating the attendance center continues to increase to the level of financial distress for the District, and further, enrollment at the attendance center continues to consist of low numbers; and

Whereas, the School Board for the Harding County School District No. 31-1 determines that it is necessary to close the Ludlow attendance center effective with the 2024-2025 school year;

Be it further resolved that the closure of the Ludlow attendance center for the 2024-2025 school year, pursuant to the provisions of SDCL Ch 13-23, is hereby approved and adopted.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

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Attest, Elizabeth Henderson, Business Manager

Clanton – Yea, Routier – Yea, Meyer – Yea, Cordell – Yea, Olson – Yea. Motion carried.

President Meyer declared the meeting adjourned at 5:39pm.

Submitted By:

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Elizabeth Henderson

Business Manager

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Will Meyer

Board President