

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31-1 WAS HELD SEPTEMBER 11, 2024, AT 5:30 PM. AT THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL MUSIC ROOM.

Members Present: Taz Olson, Billy Clanton, Clint Doll, and Tawni Cordell. Administration Present: Superintendent Josh Page, Business Manager Elizabeth Henderson, Principal/A D Kelly Messmer.

Visitors Present: BJ Padden, Deidre Budahl, Brady Foreman, an Andrew Roland from Casey Peterson, Ltd; Mike Smith, Will Meyer.

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

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

**25-031 Consent Agenda.** Motion by Doll, second by Cordell to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Approve Agenda.
- Approve the Minutes of the August 14, 2024 Regular Meeting
- Approve the Financial Report.

Motion carried.

	<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>CAPITAL OUT.</b>	<b>SPECIAL ED</b>	<b>BOND RED.</b>	<b>FOOD SERV.</b>
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>307,559.49</b>	<b>1,638,133.63</b>	<b>328,736.33</b>	<b>912,899.33</b>	<b>(2,205.01)</b>
Receipts:					
Local sources	17,146.04	4,978.79	1,225.70	2,228.33	6,266.37
County sources	658.30				
State sources	76,158.00				
Federal sources					
Accounts Receivable	72,424.52				35.55
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>166,386.86</b>	<b>4,978.79</b>	<b>1,225.70</b>	<b>2,228.33</b>	<b>6,301.92</b>
Disbursements	152,072.48	64,291.50	9,006.79		4,601.00
Acct Payable	98,665.79		24,845.76		14.54
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>250,738.27</b>	<b>64,291.50</b>	<b>33,852.55</b>		<b>4,615.54</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>223,208.08</b>	<b>1,578,820.92</b>	<b>296,109.48</b>	<b>915,127.66</b>	<b>(518.63)</b>

AUGUST PAYROLL AND BENEFITS

General	98,070.24
Superintendent & Secretary	16,495.29
Principals and Secretary	14,935.19
Business Manager	8,842.42
Custodians	20,501.04
X-Cur	890.24
Bus Driver	2,443.89
Special Education	30,404.89
Food Service	4,609.25

25-032 Approve Bills for Payment. Motion by Olson, second by Doll to approve the bills. Motion carried.

**GENERAL FUND**

ACE IN THE HOLE	CONTRACT SERVICE	312.00
AMAZON	SUPPLIES	1,426.60
ASBSD	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	805.00
ASKIN WELL REPAIR	REPAIR & MTNCE	1,540.00
AQUACHEM	CONTRACT SERVICE	226.00
BH PEST CONTROL	CONTRACT SERVICE	650.00
BUFFALO HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	451.46
CENTRAL DISTRIBUTION	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	10,256.02
CUMMINS SALES & SERVICE	GENERATOR MTNCE	2,375.02
DB SOUND	REPAIR & MTNCE	3,273.00
ELAN FINANCIAL (VISA)	SUPPLIES / TRAVEL	3,634.90
ET SYSTEMS	CONTRACT SERVICE	74.00
GLINES ELECTRIC	REPAIR & MTNCE	688.78
GOLDENWEST	ANNUAL BACKUP	8,700.00
GRAND ELECTRIC	UTILITIES	6,484.14
H&L SUPERVALU	SUPPLIES	23.62
HEALTH EQUITY	FEES	15.40
HMHCO	WORKBOOKS	75.75
HUDL	SUPPLIES	2,200.00
IMPREST/TAMMY BRUHA	REIMBURSE FIRST AID CLASS	35.00
IMPREST/WEX BANK	FUEL	321.67
IMPREST/H&L SUPERVALU	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	2.55
IMPREST/HEALTH EQUITY	FEES	15.40
IMPREST/PRAIRIE VIEW PRESS	TEXTBOOKS	107.25
IMPREST/LYNNETTE STUGELMEYER	REIMBURSE FIRST AID CLASS	35.00
IMPREST/RAY GINSBACH	REIMBURSE FIRST AID CLASS	35.00
IMPREST/HC REC	REC CENTER DEPOSIT	150.00
IMPREST/BOWMAN SALES	SPARE KEY - 2020 TRANSIT	270.30
IMPREST/BOWMAN SCHOOL	XC FEE	30.00
IMPREST/PIONEER BANK	REIMBURSE CASH BOX	160.00
IMPREST/JESSE STRICHERZ	VB OFFICIAL	288.70
IMPREST/LAURIE ADKINS	VB OFFICIAL	221.60
IMPREST/JO PIEKKOLA	VB OFFICIAL	30.00
IMPREST/SCOTT BESLER	FB OFFICIAL	155.00
IMPREST/JIM WILKINSON	FB OFFICIAL	155.00
IMPREST/JOHN LATHAM	FB OFFICIAL	155.00
IMPREST/BROCK BESLER	FB OFFICIAL	155.00
IMPREST/COLT BESLER	FB OFFICIAL	167.70
LMC	LMC DUES	400.00
NCN	PUBLISHING/ADVERTISING	313.72
NWAS	FALL ASSESSMENT	47,100.00
OLSON FUELS	FUEL	808.81
OLSON CONSTRUCTION	REPAIR & MTNCE	234.00
RISE GARDENS	CONT GRANT	3,608.24
RWP	YEARBOOKS	2,888.68
SCHOOL SPECIALTY	SUPPLIES	312.53
SD COACHES ASSOC	COACHES DUES	560.00
STERLING COMP	SUPPLIES	244.98

TMS	FEES	72.00
TOWN OF BUFFALO	UTILITIES	2,780.52
TRAINING ROOM	FB FIELD PAINT	1,527.68
TURBIVILLE PHOTOGRAPHY	SUPPLIES	132.00
WAMMEN, ERIN	REIMBURSE TUITION	90.00
WELLS PLUMBING	REPAIR & MTNCE	75.80
WRCTC	PHONE SERVICE	524.65
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>107,375.47</b>
<b>GRANTS</b>		
ELAN FINANCIAL (VISA)	SUPPLIES	160.89
IMPREST/RVM CONSULTING	DISC TRAINING	3,800.00
	<b>TOTAL GRANTS</b>	<b>3,960.89</b>
<b>CAPTIAL OUTLAY</b>		
ABM	COPIER LEASE	1,696.70
BUFFALO HARDWARE	CUSTODIAL EQUIPT	329.99
DB SOUND	FB FIELD SOUND	4,451.12
ELAN FINANCIAL	EQUIPMENT / CURRICULUM	5,955.54
GLOBE MICROSYSTEMS	SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION	536.50
HAUF MID AMERICA	JHVB JERSEYS	255.00
HOUGHTON MIFFLIN	ELEM READING PROGRAM	202.88
K-LOG	FURNITURE	15,174.94
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE	419.82
SCHOOL SPECIALTY	HS EQUIP	1,003.82
WRCTC	PHONE LEASE	267.13
	<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>30,293.44</b>
<b>SPED</b>		
AMAZON	SUPPLIES	96.21
HEALTH EQUITY	FEES	5.85
IMPREST/HEALTH EQUITY	FEES	5.85
PRAIRIE PERFORMANCE	PT SERVICES	1,156.00
TMS	CONTRACT SERVICE	9.75
WAGNER, KYLEE	OT SERVICES	1,187.50
	<b>TOTAL SPED</b>	<b>2,461.16</b>
<b>FOOD SERVICE</b>		
AMAZON	SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	558.03
ELAN FINANCIAL (VISA)	FOOD	183.39
H&L SUPERVALU	FOOD	118.96
IMPREST/JEANA TAUSAN	FOOD	13.16
SYSCO	FOOD/MILK	943.09
US FOODS	FOOD/MILK	4,045.91
	<b>TOTAL FOOD SERVICE</b>	<b>5,862.54</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>149,953.50</b>

**25-033 Casey Peterson.** Deidre Budahl, Brady Foreman, and Andrew Roland from Casey Peterson review the 2023-24 Audit with the board. The district financials are improving. The auditors discussed the fact that the Bonds will be paid off in the next three years and that district should review the on the Bond Redemption Fund regularly as it nears the end.

**OPEN FORUM –**

Mike Smith discussed concerns about student and staff safety with the board.

**25-034 MS/HS Handbooks.** Principal Messmer brought an amendment to the Middle School/High School Handbook. The teachers and administrators agreed upon the change with hopes that it would increase attendance and keep grades high. Motion by Olson, second by Cordell to approve the amendment to the 2024-25 MS/HS Handbook as follows:

Students will not need to take a semester test if they meet the following criteria:

1. Students have five (5) excused absences or less AND they have an A in the class.
2. Students have Perfect Attendance AND they have an A or B in the class.

Note: This is based on per semester absences and grades. This is also based on per class period absences and grades. Example: You could qualify in one class on absences and grades, but not in another.

Motion carried.

**25-035 Ludlow School Update.** Discussion was held about the Ludlow School Building. Henderson informed the board that the changes to the lot and easements passed through County Planning and Zoning on August 15, 2024, and then were approved at the County Commissioners meeting on September 3. However, due to the lack of a Director of Equalization, the plat cannot be recorded at this time. The Registrar of Deeds is going to request the County Commissioners appoint a person to be in charge of plats until a new Director of Equalization is hired. Henderson will also work on a deed to transfer the replatted land from the school to the Ludlow Community Hall.

Henderson also shared that the board had to choose either a sealed bid or an auction for the sale of the property, of which they chose to have an auction. Once the plat change is recorded, the board will hold a special meeting to determine an auction date and finalize the auction notice. Supt Page also had a title search completed for the property.

**25-036 Old School Retaining Wall.** Supt Page shared quotes from three different contractors – Blackburn Basement Systems, DC Inc, and Rapid Foundation Repair, for the repairs needed to the retaining wall at the old gym. Rapid Foundation Repair was the most inexpensive and was able to do the most work. Motion by Olson, second by Cordell to hire Rapid Foundation Repair to fix the retaining wall at the old gym. Motion carried.

**25-037 2024-2025 Budget & Levy Approval.** The board discussed the proposed levies and directed Henderson to reduce the Bond Redemption Fund Levy by \$65,000 at the recommendation of the auditors.

Motion by Doll, second by Olson to approve Board Resolution #2025-1 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, 2024, through June 30, 2025. The adopted annual budget levy requests are as follows:

General Fund	
Ag Property	\$1.197/1000 AV
Owner Occupied	\$2.679/1000 AV
Other Property	\$5.544/1000 AV
Capital Outlay Fund	\$1,350,000 (equivalent to Max Levy)
Special Education Fund	\$470,000
Bond Redemption Fund	\$250,000

The final approved budget will be published separately.

Motion carried.

**25-038 Approve Contracts.** Motion by Olson, second by Cordell to approve the following contracts:

Kami Barrow, Custodian, Lisa Wendt, Paraprofessional, Erin Wammen, National Honor Society, Erin Wammen, FFA Advisor, Erin Wammen, Prom Advisor, Tonja Montgomery Hansen, History Day Advisor, Tonja Montgomery Hansen, Student Council Advisor, Tammy Bruha, Yearbook Advisor, Tammy Bruha, Prom Advisor, Jewel Lyons, Librarian Stipend. Motion carried.

**25-039 NWAS Report.** The NWAS report was discussed. Supt Page said there was a NWAS board meeting planned for next week with SD Secretary of Education Graves.

**25-040 Business Manager.** Henderson gave the Business Manager report.

**25-041 K-12 Principal Report.** Principal Messmer gave the Principal/AD report. Elementary classes had author Whitnee Coy visit on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for September 19 & 20. MAPS testing is underway for the year. It has proven to be a good indicator of how students will do with state testing later in the year and helps with interventions for individual students as well. Thank you to all of the countless volunteers who help throughout the seasons including ticket takers, line judges, chain gang, and crow's nest crew.

**25-042 Superintendent Report.** Supt. Page gave the Superintendent report. The new scoreboard is up and ready for Homecoming. Thank you to the Kent Sheffield Estate, Pioneer Bank/Clarkson Foundation and Continental Resources for sponsoring the new scoreboard. Thank you to the SDHSAA Foundation for their generous gift of an AED machine for the district. Only 8 were given throughout the state.

President Clanton declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Submitted By:

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Elizabeth Henderson  
Business Manager

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William Clanton  
Board President

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