

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31-1 WAS HELD OCTOBER 09, 2024, AT 5:30 PM. AT THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL MUSIC ROOM.

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

Visitors Present: BJ Padden, Traci Routier.

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.

25-052 Consent Agenda. Motion by Doll, second by Olson to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Approve Agenda with the addition of Executive Session
- Approve the Minutes of the October 2, 2024 Special Meeting
- Approve the Financial Report.

Motion carried.

	GENERAL	CAPITAL OUT.	SPECIAL ED	BOND RED.	FOOD SERV.
Beginning Balance	223,208.08	1,578,820.92	296,109.48	915,127.66	(518.63)
Receipts:					
Local sources	9,168.86	4,995.70	1,285.52	2,154.09	2,609.19
County sources	68,671.05				
State sources	76,158.00				
Federal sources					1,852.21
Transfer (Audit Adj)		259,325.00		(259,325.00)	
Accounts Receivable					100.45
Total Revenue	153,997.91	264,320.70	1,285.52	(257,170.91)	4,561.85
Disbursements	287,440.24	30,293.44	35,006.63		11,904.70
Acct Payable					
Total Disbursements	287,440.24	30,293.44	35,006.63		11,904.70
Ending Balance	89,765.75	1,812,848.18	262,388.37	657,956.75	(7,861.48)

SEPTEMBER PAYROLL AND BENEFITS

General	102,314.99
Federal Title/REAP	9,260.65
Superintendent & Secretary	16,613.20
Principals and Secretary	15,053.61
Business Manager	8,842.42
Custodians	20,684.88
X-Cur	890.24
Bus Driver	2,443.89
Special Education	32,545.47
Food Service	6,042.16

25-053 Approve Bills for Payment. Motion by Olson, second by Cordell to approve the bills. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

ACE IN THE HOLE	CONTRACT SERVICE	1,307.50
AMAZON	SUPPLIES	695.18
BISON GRAIN	BUS MTNCE	1,189.24
BUFFALO HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	519.46
CASEY PETERSON, LTD	AUDIT	28,274.91
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES (VISA)	SUPPLIES/TRAVEL	4,214.91
GRAND ELECTRIC	UTILITIES	7,747.76
H&L SUPERVALU	SUPPLIES	308.69
HENDERSON, ELIZABETH	REIMBURSE TRAVEL	428.80
HEALTH EQUITY	FEES	15.40
HURST, NICOLE	TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	3,000.00
IMPREST/ SD DCI	BACKGROUND CHECK	86.50
IMPREST/WEX BANK	FUEL	165.29
IMPREST/FAITH SCHOOL	XC FEE / JHVB FEE	85.00
IMPREST/BELLE FOURCHE SCHOOLS	XC FEE	75.00
IMPREST/HOLLY COSTELLO	REIMBURSE COACH FEES	35.00
IMPREST/LINDA DAHLGREN	VB OFFICIAL	639.40
IMPREST/ERIN GIMBEL	VB OFFICIAL	719.70
IMPREST/JO PIEKKOLA	VB / FB OFFICIAL	500.00
IMPREST/JENNIE GLINES	VB OFFICIAL	130.00
IMPREST/BOWMAN SCHOOLS	JHFB / XC FEES	150.00
IMPREST/SDHSAA	REG STUDENT COUNCIL	140.00
IMPREST/CHET ANDERSON	FB OFFICIAL	526.30
IMPREST/JAREN BECKMAN	FB OFFICIAL	250.00
IMPREST/JOHN LATHAM	FB OFFICIAL	250.00
IMPREST/BROCK BESLER	FB OFFICIAL	350.00
IMPREST/COLT BESLER	FB OFFICIAL	350.00
IMPREST/KELCEE VROMAN	VB OFFICIAL	200.00
IMPREST/MYA GLINES	VB OFFICIAL	30.00
IMPREST/JERRY JANVRIN	REIMBURSE SUPPLIES	36.46
IMPREST/BRETT DISTEL	VB OFFICIAL	289.70
IMPREST/JENNY BECKMAN	VB OFFICIAL	252.10
IMPREST/RICH VOGELI	FB OFFICIAL	155.00
IMPREST/STEVE DOLAN	FB OFFICIAL	155.00
IMPREST/CHRIS WENK	FB OFFICIAL	155.00
IMPREST/JOEL ELLIS	FB OFFICIAL	155.00
IMPREST/ALEX HAMANN	FB OFFICIAL	283.60
IMPREST/JIM WILKINSON	FB OFFICIAL	100.00
IMPREST/ERIC SANDER	FB OFFICIAL	100.00
IMPREST/BRAYDEN PADDEN	VB OFFICIAL	50.00
IMPREST/ERIC STRICHERZ	VB OFFICIAL	288.70
IMPREST/LARRY REINHARD	FB OFFICIAL	257.60
IMPREST/PHILIP MEYER	FB OFFICIAL	155.00
IMPREST/MARTY BEASLEY	FB OFFICIAL	155.00

IMPREST/SCOTT LANGE	FB OFFICIAL	155.00
IMPREST/ROGER GALLIMORE	FB OFFICIAL	155.00
IMPREST/SCOTT BESLER	FB OFFICIAL	130.50
IMPREST/AT&T	PHONE SERVICE	86.73
IMPREST/NEWELL SCHOOL	XC FEE	40.00
IMPREST/ RC CENTRAL	XC FEE	150.00
IMPREST/LEMMON SCHOOL	XC FEE	50.00
IMPREST/PHILIP HIGH SCHOOL	VB FEE / XC FEE	150.00
IMPREST/HC REGISTER OF DEEDS	LUDLOW REPLAT FEE	60.00
IMPREST/LEAD-DWD HIGH SCHOOL	VB FEE	50.00
IMPREST/DEANNE WIPF	REIMBURSE SUPPLIES	12.72
NATION CENTER NEWS	ADVERTISING/PUBLISHING	374.81
OLSON FUELS	FUEL	2,563.60
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE	350.00
PRAIRIE AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	299.70
TG REPAIR	VEHICLE MTNCE	2,502.11
TMS	CONTRACT SERVICE	72.00
TOWN OF BUFFALO	UTILITIES	1,592.52
T-REX READERS	DUES & FEES	300.00
WRCTC	PHONE SERVICE	554.08
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	64,620.97
GRANTS		
AMAZON	ESSER 3 - TABLES	5,809.00
BHSSC / TIE	ANNUAL DUES	1,000.00
BLOSSOMS & BREW	INSERVICE MEAL	57.51
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES (VISA)	CONTIENTAL GRANT - HS	1,610.10
	TOTAL GRANTS	8,476.61
CAPTIAL OUTLAY		
ABM	COPIER LEASE	1,696.70
AMAZON	ELEM EQUIP	192.46
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES (VISA)	REPLACE EQUIPMENT	2,255.71
GINSBACH, RON JIM	CHAIR RACKS / BB HOOPS	1,985.10
GLINES ELECTRIC	REPLACE A/C COMPRESSOR	9,712.12
HAUFF SPORTS	FB EQUIPMENT	1,627.00
RAPID FOUNDATION REPAIR	DEPOSIT - RETAINING WALL	11,607.16
RIDDELL	HELMET	173.70
ROSENBAUM SIGNS	INSTALL SCOREBOARD	14,744.92
WRCTC	PHONE LEASE	267.13
	TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	44,262.00
SPED		
DUPREL, NELLIE	MEETING TRAVEL	100.50
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES	200.00
HEALTH EQUITY	FEES	5.85
SMALL TALK SPEECH	SEPT SPEECH SERVICES	2,250.00
TMS	FEES	9.75
WAGNER, KYLEE	OT SERVICES	2,992.50
	TOTAL SPED	5,558.60
FOOD SERVICE		
CHILD & ADULT NUTRITION	FOOD	283.50
GIANNONATTI, JUSTINE	REIMBURSE	140.86

H&L SUPERVALU	FOOD	159.99
SYSCO	FOOD	1,644.86
US FOODS	FOOD	6,777.75
	TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	9,006.96
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	131,925.14

25-054 Initiated Measure 28. Supt Page shared information regarding IM28 with the board. If this measure passes, there would be huge cuts to the funding of schools, municipalities, and other public services. Motion by Olson, second by Doll to approve and carried to approve Resolution 2025-2 Initiated Measure 28 (IM 28) Opposition Resolution.

WHEREAS Initiated Measure 28 will be on the November, 2024 General Election Ballot and proposes the elimination of sales tax collection on items sold for “human consumption” which is undefined in South Dakota Codified Law or in South Dakota Constitution;

WHEREAS nearly 50 organizations and associations across South Dakota, including Associated School Boards of South Dakota, have joined together in opposition of the measure due to its inevitable negative fiscal impact to the state;

WHEREAS more than 70 local government bodies in South Dakota have passed a resolution expressing their opposition to IM 28;

WHEREAS if IM 28 passes it may lead to significant cuts to the state budget, which provides the state’s share to state aid for public education;

WHEREAS South Dakota public schools received more than \$700 million in state aid for fiscal year 2025, which is significantly funded through state revenue collection;

WHEREAS South Dakota’s Legislative Research Council estimated if IM 28 passes there could be a total reduction in state revenues between \$133.6 and \$646.2 million, depending on the interpretation of the phrase “human consumption”;

WHEREAS it is clear, passage of IM 28 would have a significant, negative fiscal impact on public school funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Harding County School Board, oppose Initiated Measure 28.

25-055 ASBSD Representative Appointment. President Clanton was appointed as the ASBSD Delate Assembly representative for the 2024-25 school year.

25-056 Ludlow Building/Grounds Auction Date. A reminder that the Ludlow School Building and Grounds Auction date will be OCTOBER 23, 2024 at 6:30pm in the Harding County School Commons. There was a typo on a prior notice which has been corrected.

OPEN FORUM –
None

25-057 Nwas Report. The Nwas report was discussed. Supt Page attended the Nwas board meeting which hosted SD Secretary of Education Graves. Currently there are no additional funding sources for the cooperative beyond the current assessments to the member schools. The cooperative is expecting to shut down the mobile units within the next two or three years. Supt Page recommended that the board beginning planning for the future of the CTE program if and when the mobile units cease. Supt Page is working on the Workforce Education Grant as well.

25-058 Business Manager. Henderson gave the Business Manager report. The 2023-24 Audit was accepted by the SD Dept of Legislative Audit.

25-058a Executive Session. Motion by Routier second by Olson to enter into executive session at 5:52pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(2) for a student matter. Motion carried. The board was declared out of executive session at 6:15pm.

25-041 K-12 Principal Report. Principal Messmer gave the Principal/AD report. We are at the end of the first quarter and the fall sports seasons are coming to a close. Congratulations to all of last year's athletes – all of the teams were Academic All-State which means all team members have an average GPA of 3.0. Every team for the last 11 years has achieved this goal and it is a team effort among students, teachers, coaches, and parents. Principal Messmer shared the attendance report through September 30th. Buffalo Elementary -98%, HC Middle School – 97%, and HC High School – 98%. Principal Messmer discussed with the board the need for a policy regarding Alternative Instruction/Home School students that attend school for partial days including attendance, graduation requirements, etc. He was asked to bring a first reading to the November Board Meeting.

25-042 Superintendent Report. Supt. Page gave the Superintendent report. The retaining wall work is scheduled for late October/early November. The new door access system through the Homeland Security Grant will be installed next week. Regular fall inspections to the boilers and generators were done and all passed. All of the fall Title I and Personnel Record Form submissions to the state have also been completed.

Congratulations to the Harding County School Board for earning a Bronze-level ALL Award from the Associated School Boards of South Dakota. The ALL (Act, Learn, Lead) Award is “designed to recognize school boards for their dedicated and ethical service to the students of South Dakota. This program will recognize board members’ participation in outside activities, board development and training, and demonstrated leadership at various areas and levels” per the ASBSD website.

President Clanton declared the meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Submitted By:

Elizabeth Henderson
Business Manager

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William Clanton
Board President