

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

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

Members Present: Taz Olson, Billy Clanton, 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.

25-079 Consent Agenda. Motion by Routier, second by Olson to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Approve Agenda
- Approve the Minutes of the November 18, 2024 Regular Meeting
- Approve the Financial Report.

Motion carried.

	GENERAL	CAPITAL OUT.	SPECIAL ED	BOND RED.	FOOD SERV.
Beginning Balance	(72,256.27)	1,787,550.04	224,959.80	663,699.36	(12,871.30)
Receipts:					
Local sources	264,244.19	438,215.34	142,795.39	103,489.56	4824.93
County sources	660.00				
State sources	83,365.00				
Federal sources	73,526.77				4,728.35
Accounts Receivable					
Total Revenue	421,795.96	438,215.34	142,795.39	103,489.56	9,553.28
Disbursements	263,169.74	89,417.32	43,965.51	294,015.15	14,948.90
Acct Payable					
Total Disbursements	263,169.74	89,417.32	43,965.51	294,015.15	14,948.90
Ending Balance	86,369.95	2,136,348.06	323,789.68	473,173.77	(18,266.92)

NOVEMBER PAYROLL AND BENEFITS

General	103,490.92
Federal Title/REAP	11,111.61
Superintendent & Secretary	16,613.20
Principals and Secretary	15,527.26
Business Manager	8,842.42
Custodians	17,255.45
X-Cur	19,551.56
Bus Driver	8,048.41
Special Education	38,059.24
Food Service	7,406.44

25-080 Approve Bills for Payment. Motion by Olson, second by Cordell to approve the bills. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

AMAZON	SUPPLIES	778.53
ARROWWOOD CEDAR SHORTS	TRAVEL	228.64
BUFFALO HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	177.08
CENEX FLEETCARD	FUEL	200.53
COSTELLO, HOLLY	TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	1,000.00
ELAN FINANCIAL (VISA)	SUPPLIES/FUEL/TRAVEL	4,148.80
EXTREME CLEANING	CONTRACT SERVICE	1,541.20
FLOYDS TRUCK CENTER	BUS MAINTENANCE	868.64
GRAND ELECTRIC	UTILITIES	6,264.22
H&L SUPERVALU	SUPPLIES	131.52
HC REC CENTER	NOV / DEC RENT	1,500.00
HEALTH EQUITY	FEES	15.40
HENDERSON, ELIZABETH	TRAVEL	167.50
IMPREST/PIONEER BANK	VB PER DIEM	340.00
IMPREST/FAITH SCHOOL	JHGBB TOURNEY	80.00
IMPREST/AT&T	PHONE SERVICE	86.77
IMPREST/WEX BANK	FUEL	433.95
IMPREST/PHILIP HIGH SCHOOL	LOSS - SODAK16	284.98
IMPREST/SD DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	SCALE CERTIFICATION	56.00
IMPREST/MONUMENT HEATH	DOT TESTING	30.00
IMPREST/BHSU	HONOR BAND	40.00
IMPREST/CUSTER HIGH SCHOOL	WRESTLING FEE	200.00
IMPREST/RC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL	WRESTLING FEE	600.00
IMPREST/JO PIEKKOLA	JHGBB OFFICIAL	60.00
NATION CENTER NEWS	ADVERTISING	127.50
OLSON CONSTRUCTION	BUS MAINTENANCE	400.00
OLSON FUELS	FUEL	2,683.54
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE	350.00
PLAINS TOWING	CONTRACT SERVICE	2,212.50
PRAIRIE AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	93.98
ROUTIER, TRACI	INSTRUMENT RENTAL	345.00
STATELINE DESIGNS	WRESTLING AWARDS	45.76
SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION	CONTRACT SERVICE	346.40
TG REPAIR	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	345.29
TMS	FEES	72.00
TOWN OF BUFFALO	UTILITIES	434.31
TURBIVILLE PHOTOGRAPHY	SUPPLIES	18.00
WEST RIVER TELEPHONE	PHONE SERVICE	560.02
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	27,268.06

GRANTS

GOLDENWEST	J-TOUCH - SRSA	4,275.18
IMPREST/PERFECT PLAYCEMENT	CHARACTER SPEAKER - TITLE	2,500.00
	TOTAL GRANTS	6,775.18

CAPTIAL OUTLAY

ABM	COPIER LEASE	1,731.19
AMAZON	EQUIPMENT	144.96
EMERGENT 3 INC	CONTRACT SERVICE	2,500.00

HAUFF SPORTS	EQUIPMENT	9,818.00
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE	419.82
RAPID FOUNDATION REPAIR	IMPROVEMENT OF SITES	34,821.50
WEST RIVER TELEPHONE	PHONE LEASE	267.13
	TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	49,702.60
SPED		
ELAN FINANCIAL (VISA)	CONF REG / SUPPLIES	1,016.02
HEALTH EQUITY	FEES	9.85
SMALL TALK SPEECH	SPEECH SERVICES	2,160.00
KYLEE WAGNER	OT SERVICES	2,992.50
	TOTAL SPED	6,178.37
FOOD SERVICE		
AMAZON	SUPPLIES	69.99
ELAN FINANCIAL (VISA)	SUPPLIES	47.86
H&L SUPERVALU	FOOD	387.33
SYSCO	FOOD	1,542.93
US FOODS	FOOD	4,225.75
	TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	6,273.86
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	96,198.07

25-081 – Ludlow Update. Henderson shared that she had received the final documents from the attorney for the sale of Ludlow School to Suzette Braaten and the transfer of the approximate 0.5 acre of land to Ludlow Community Club. Motion by Cordell, second by Routier to approve Resolution 2025-03:

A Resolution to adopt a gratuitous transfer of property by Harding County School District No. 31-1 to Ludlow Community Club, Inc., a South Dakota non-profit corporation.

WHEREAS, the School Board for Harding County School District No. 31-1, 12474 Tipperary Street, Buffalo, South Dakota 57720, deems it advisable and in the best interest of the public to convey such property to a non-profit pursuant to SDCL ch. 6-5; and

WHEREAS, the School Board for Harding County School District No. 31-1 is authorized to convey and transfer real property owned by the School District in fee simple, and described as the Replat of Lot 1, of the Roselle Carter First Addition, now known as Lot 1R of the Roselle Carter First Addition to Harding County, South Dakota, located in the SW1/4SW1/4 of Section 27, Township 22 North, Range 6 East, B.H.M., Harding County, South Dakota, to Ludlow Community Club, Inc., a South Dakota non-profit corporation, organized for charitable, education, religious or scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, without offering the property for sale and without requiring the School District or the Ludlow Community Club, Inc., to pay for the property, all pursuant to SDCL ch. 6-5; and

WHEREAS, the School Board for Harding County School District No. 31-1 is further authorized to execute a transfer agreement, and a deed of conveyance to Ludlow Community Club, Inc., which deed will vest to Ludlow Community Club, Inc., all of the School District’s right, title, and interest in the above-described property to Ludlow Community Club, Inc., and execute any other document consistent with the School Board’s intent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the gratuitous transfer of property by Harding County School District No. 31-1 to the Ludlow Community Club, Inc., a South Dakota non-profit, pursuant to SDCL ch. 6-

5, is hereby adopted, and the School Board shall execute a deed of conveyance of said property to the Ludlow Community Club, Inc., and any other document consistent with the School Board's intent.

Dated this 11th day of December 2024.

HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31-1
Signed, William Clanton, School Board President
Attest, Elizabeth Henderson, Business Manager

Motion carried.

25-082 ASBSD Resolution. Supt Page shared information regarding a resolution from the Associated School Boards of South Dakota and the proposed voucher program bill for the upcoming legislative session. The board tabled the resolution until the January meeting.

25-083 Second Reading: Policy IGDKB. Second reading was held for Policy IGDKB – Alternative Instruction Policy (Home Schooled Students). There were no major changes made between first and second reading. Motion by Olson, second by Routier to approve the second and final reading of Policy IGDKB - Alternative Instruction Policy (Home Schooled Students). Motion carried. A full copy of the policy is available at the office of the business manager.

25-057 NWAS Report. The NWAS report was discussed. Routier shared that there had been no changes to the forecast for the mobile units. At this point, there are no clear by-laws on how to dissolve the cooperative, and the NWAS board can draft rules going forward as to how it will be distributed.

The board discussed the future of the CTE programs for Harding County and the need to start working on a long-term plan including course offerings, potential room/space needs and looking into available grant funding.

25-058 Business Manager. Henderson gave the Business Manager report. The board meeting for January was moved to January 15th, 2025 at 5:30pm.

25-041 K-12 Principal Report. Principal Messmer gave the Principal/AD report. Congratulations to the students of the month and character counts winners:

Buffalo Elementary – Thankful – Mylee Voeller
HC Middle School – Logical – Porter Smith
HC High School – Logical – Rayce Balcom
HC Middle School – Student of the Month – Kylie Richter
HC High School – Student of the Month – Bailey Verhulst

Congratulations to the All-Conference Football and Volleyball Teams as well as All-State Football Nayati Bickerdyke and Rylee Veal and Academic All-State Football Cooper Page, Evan Meyer, and Josh Cook.

25-042 Superintendent Report. Supt. Page gave the Superintendent report. The retaining wall work is mostly completed. They will continue to monitor and tighten the system throughout the fall and winter and will finishing dirt work when the weather is better. Supt Page has been in touch with the Starbase Program that comes each winter to the 5th grade class for a week. They have a great STEM program and are planning to be here again this year. The board will have a short workgroup meeting for goals on December 18th.

President Clanton declared the meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Submitted By:

Elizabeth Henderson
Business Manager

William Clanton
Board President

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