MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31-1 WAS HELD FEBRUARY 12, 2025, AT 5:30 PM. AT THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL MUSIC ROOM.

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

Visitors Present: Traci Routier, BJ Padden.

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.

25-107 Consent Agenda. Motion by Olson, second by Cordell to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Approve Agenda
Approve the Minutes of the January 15th Regular Meeting
Approve the Financial Report.

Motion carried.

	GENERAL	CAPITAL OUT.	SPECIAL ED	BOND RED.	FOOD SERV.
Beginning Balance	**105,433.86**	**2,181,044.05**	**302,159.85**	**620,265.16**	**(23,518.34)**
Receipts:					
Local sources	19,827.46	31,499.62	8,830.79	7,613.46	6,866.56
County sources	570.00				
State sources	117,063.00				
Federal sources	17,198.18				
Accounts Receivable					3,182.86
Total Revenue	**154,858.64**	**31,499.62**	**8,830.79**	**7,613.46**	**10,049.42**
Disbursements	227,198.61	3,353.14	64,127.29		11,980.98
Acct Payable					
Total Disbursements	**227,198.61**	**3,353.14**	**64,127.29**		**11,980.98**
Ending Balance	**32,893.89**	**2,209,190.53**	**246,863.35**	**627,878.62**	**(25,449.90)**

JANUARY PAYROLL AND BENEFITS

General	101,559.73
Federal Title/REAP	10,052.48
Superintendent & Secretary	16,613.20
Principals and Secretary	15,053.61
Business Manager	8,842.42
Custodians	19,321.24
X-Cur	1,003.91
Bus Driver	6,739.04
Special Education	34,137.69
Food Service	6,832.75

25-108 Approve Bills for Payment. Motion by Doll, second by Olson to approve the bills. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

ASBSD	CONTRACT SERVICE	175.00
AMAZON	SUPPLIES	1,306.09
BHSU	SUPPLIES	60.00
BUFFALO HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	642.08
CASEY PETERSON	CONTRACT SERVICE	350.00
CENEX FLEETCARD	FUEL	86.85
CENTRAL DISTRIBUTION	SUPPLES / EQUIPMENT	1,451.78
COMFORT INN	TRAVEL	1,713.00
CORE ED COOP	CONTRACT SERVICE	2,275.00
D&D SERVICE	BUS MTNCE	3,645.28
ELAN FINANCIAL (VISA)	TRAVEL / SUPPLIES / FUEL	5,163.44
GLINES ELECTRIC	CONTRACT SERVICE	643.60
GRAND ELECTRIC	UTILITIES	6,823.68
H&L	SUPPLIES	15.15
HEALTH EQUITY	FLEX FEES	15.40
HENDERSON, ELIZABETH	REIMBURSE MLG	167.50
IMPREST/ HC REGISTER OFEEDS	TRANSFER FEES	30.00
IMPREST/JUSTO TOBAR	OFFICIAL	453.00
IMPREST/TRAVIS LADSON	OFFICIAL	583.70
IMPREST/ADAM NESS	OFFICIAL	165.00
IMPREST/JO PIEKKOLA	OFFICIAL	210.00
IMPREST/ZACK WEYER	OFFICIAL	165.00
IMPREST/JEREMY HENWOOD	OFFICIAL	403.70
IMPREST/ WEX BANK	FUEL	28.00
IMPREST/DEJON BAKKEN	OFFICIAL	257.00
IMPREST/DEREK OLIVER	OFFICIAL	165.00
IMPREST/JOHN WAGENDORF	OFFICIAL	165.00
IMPREST/TODD DAUWEN	OFFICIAL	302.00
IMPREST/CHRIS GOLDSMITH	OFFICIAL	210.00
IMPREST/BRENT DIRK	OFFICIAL	210.00
IMPREST/AARON MAILLOUX	OFFICIAL	268.70
IMPREST/SHANE MAILLOUX	OFFICIAL	195.00
IMPREST/TANNER MCINERNEY	OFFICIAL	439.00
IMPREST/KILLDEER HS	WRESTLING FEE	200.00
IMPREST/GETTYSBURG HS	WRESTLING FEE	150.00
IMPREST/DOUGLAS WY HS	WRESTLING FEE	150.00
IMPREST/PIONEER BANK	SAFE DEPOSIT BOX RENT	30.00
IMPREST/DAVID DOUGLAS	REIMBURSE SUPPLIES	28.43
IMPREST/ALAN OLSON	OFFICIAL	165.00
IMPREST/RON ERICKSON	OFFICIAL	165.00
IMPREST/RYAN CORDELL	OFFICIAL	250.00
IMPREST/JESSE STRICHERZ	OFFICIAL	238.70
IMPREST/CAIN KOLAR	OFFICIAL	165.00
IMPREST/TF RIGGS HS	WRESTLING FEE	100.00
IMPREST/NEWELL HS	WRESTLING FEE	150.00
IMPREST/MARTY WEISMANTEL	OFFICIAL	413.00
IMPREST/DEREK BARONDEAU	OFFICIAL	250.00

IMPREST/NAYATI BICKERDYKE	OFFICIAL	50.00
IMPREST/DYLAN BRAATEN	OFFICIAL	154.90
NATION CENTER NEWS	PUBLISHING/ADVERTISING	284.31
OLSON FUELS	FUEL	3,092.40
OLSON PROPANE	PROPANE	5,803.90
RAMKOTA - PIERRE	TRAVEL	112.00
RAPID FIRE PROTECTION	OLD GYM MTNCE	823.05
SANFORD OCC MED	DOT TESTING	129.00
S&T CUSTOM PLUMBING	CONTRACT SERVICE	376.90
TMS	CONTRACT SERVICE	72.00
TRAINING ROOM	SUPPLIES	550.16
TOWN OF BUFFALO	UTILITIES	411.71
TURBIVILLE PHOTOGRAPHY	SUPPLIES	150.00
WOLFFY'S GARAGE	21 TRANSIT - TIRES/MTNCE	1,076.75
WRCTC	PHONE SERVICE	527.70
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	**44,853.86**
CAPTIAL OUTLAY		
ABM	COPIER LEASE	1,731.19
WRCTC	PHONE LEASE	267.13
	TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	**1,998.32**
SPED		
HEALTH EQUITY	FEES	5.85
PRAIRIE PERFORMANCE PT	PT SERVICES	912.00
SMALL TALK SPEECH THERAPY	SPEECH SERVICES	1,800.00
KYLEE WAGNER	OT SERVICES	2,398.75
	TOTAL SPED	**5,116.60**
FOOD SERVICE		
GIANNONATTI, JUSTINE	REIMBURSE SUPPLIES	174.04
H&L	FOOD	188.32
SPRUCE HILL MEATS	FOOD	1,060.75
SYSCO	FOOD	1,498.32
US FOODS	FOOD	4,364.01
	TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	**7,285.44**
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**59,254.22**

25-109 Surplus Items – Gym Wall Padding. The gym wall padding under the basketball hoops was replaced this year. Thank you to the Harding County Booster Club for helping cover the cost. Motion by Olson, second by Doll to surplus the gym wall padding and donate to the Harding County Rec Center at no cost. Motion carried.

25-110 Negotiations. The HCEA requested to open negotiations with the board. The board will wait until the legislative session is complete and then begin negotiations. The board committees are: Salary & Negotiations – Olson & Doll; Calendar – Routier & Cordell, Policy – Clanton and Cordell.

25-111 Legislative Updates. Legislative updates were discussed. SB 190 deals with tax credits for alternative education; SB 208 dealt with changes to capital outlay certificates. SB 70 – Sparsity – is currently in a holding pattern. President Clanton spoke on the bill at the Senate Appropriations committee hearing, but no decision had been made that day.

OPEN FORUM: None

25-112 NWAS Report. The NWAS report was discussed. The coop shared that a $25,000 increase in the base assessment/membership fee would allow the coop to continue operations for an additional year. The board acknowledged this increase would not be a viable long-term solution and they agreed that making sure CTE courses were available to students was the goal. An additional year will also allow the district time to determine the next steps. Next year's courses are Welding and Electrical.

Motion by Doll, second by Olson to pay the increased assessment for the Northwest Area School Multi-District (CTE courses) for the 2025-26 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Routier, second by Cordell to support the Northwest Area School Educational Cooperative (special education services) in a move to a stand-alone entity and to support expanded services. Motion carried.

25-113 Business Manager. Henderson gave the Business Manager report. The March board meeting falls on the same day as the group insurance meeting. After discussion, the March meeting date will be Monday, March 10th at 5:30pm.

25-114 K-12 Principal Report. Principal Messmer gave the Principal/AD report. Congratulations to the January students of the month and character counts winners:

Buffalo Elementary – Prepared – Knox Olson
HC Middle School – Polite – Weston Wendt
HC High School – Polite – Rachel Tilus
HC Middle School – Student of the Month – Daeson Moncur
HC High School – Student of the Month – Casey Lindholm

Thank you to Mrs. Montgomery Hansen for all her work setting up the Legislative Day in Pierre for the Junior and Senior classes and thank you to Mr. Padden for driving. They were able to meet with Legislator Sam Marty, Lobbyist Mitch Richter, a guided tour of the Capitol building, sitting in on the senate and house chamber meetings for the day, as well as the honor of meeting and a photo with a Governor Rhoden and Lt. Governor Venhuizen. Mr. Messmer will be advertising for an assistant track coach. FFA will begin their spring competitions on March 12 and there are 25-30 students competing this year. Parent Teacher Conference went well. Winter sports are coming to an end and we will be hosting Regional History Day on March 10th.

25-104 Superintendent Report. Supt. Page gave the Superintendent report. Thank you to the Harding County PTO for the meeting snacks in recognition of School Board Recognition Week. Region History Day is scheduled for March 10th – there will be no school for K-12 students on that day unless they are competing. Congratulations to Principal Messmer on being chosen South Dakota High School Principal of the Year.

President Clanton declared the meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Submitted By:

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Elizabeth Henderson	William Clanton
Business Manager	Board President

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