

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31-1 WAS HELD MAY 13, 2025, AT 4:00 PM. AT THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL LIBRARY.

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

Visitors Present: Dillon Lermeney, BJ Padden, Nellie Duprel, Holly Costello.

President Clanton called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

25-146 Consent Agenda. Motion by Routier, second by Olson to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Approve Agenda
- Approve the Minutes of the April 9th Regular Meeting
- Approve the Financial Report.

Motion carried.

	GENERAL	CAPITAL OUT.	SPECIAL ED	BOND RED.	FOOD SERV.
Beginning Balance	(39,915.22)	2,395,163.46	244,803.91	672,148.50	(29,999.90)
Receipts:					
Local sources	81,305.17	96,661.46	38,871.73	22,148.36	3,906.30
County sources	2,658.73	3,845.87	1,577.26	838.32	
State sources	88,183.00				
Federal sources	10,296.00				3,080.98
Accounts Receivable					
Total Revenue	182,442.90	100,507.33	40,448.99	22,986.68	6,987.28
Disbursements	216,221.41	1,998.32	43,093.44		13,843.90
Acct Payable					
Total Disbursements	216,224.41	1,998.32	43,093.44		13,843.90
Ending Balance	(73,693.73)	2,493,672.47	242,159.46	695,135.18	(36,856.52)

APRIL PAYROLL AND BENEFITS

General	102,151.78
Federal Title/REAP	10,053.59
Superintendent & Secretary	16,613.20
Principals and Secretary	15,053.60
Business Manager	8,842.42
Custodians	19,347.94
X-Cur	2,047.22
Bus Driver	7,211.35
Special Education	34,122.26
Food Service	6,992.61

25-132 Approve Bills for Payment. Motion by Olson, second by Doll to approve the bills and allow Business Manager to pay Visa Credit Card Statement when it is received. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

ABERDEEN AWARDS	SUPPLIES	187.50
AMAZON	SUPPLIES	2,094.02
AQUACHEM	CONTRACT SERVICE	325.00
AT&T	PHONE SERVICE	86.80
BOB'S RESORT	WR ROOMS	1,162.70
BUFFALO HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	113.70
CENEX FLEETCARD	FUEL	53.00
D&D SERVICES	BUS MAINTENANCE	1,335.38
DOUBLETREE	WR ROOMS	1,424.00
FOLLETT	LIBRARY SUPPLIES	261.25
GILBERT, TAMI	REIMBURSE NHD TRAVEL (2)	1,502.72
GRAND ELECTRIC	UTILITIES	6,012.84
H&L SUPERVALU	SUPPLIES	36.39
HAUFF MID AMERICA	SUPPLIES	1,448.40
HC FOOD SERVICE	MEALS	101.50
HENDERSON, ELIZABETH	MILEAGE	389.54
HETT PLUMBING	CONTRACT SERVICE	90.00
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS	TIE CONFERENCE	231.05
IMPREST/HC DIST	STATE FFA PER DIEM/AD CONF	433.00
IMPREST/BOWMAN HS	TRACK FEES	450.00
IMPREST/BISON SCHOOL	ACADEMIC OLYMPICS LUNCH	110.00
IMPREST/PBT	STATE HISTORY DAY PER DIEM	1,396.00
IMPREST/SDHSAA	REFUND - STATE STU CO	(2,170.00)
IMPREST/SPEARFISH HS	TRACK FEES	150.00
IMPREST/BELLE FOURCHE HS	TRACK FEES	120.00
IMPREST/ SD DCI	BACKGROUND CHECK	43.25
IMPREST/LAKE WAGGONER GOLF	GOLF FEES	70.00
IMPREST/TRACEY WENDT	REIMBURSE SUPPLIES	173.49
IMPREST/WALL HS	GOLF FEES	50.00
IMPREST/NEWELL GOLF	GOLF FEES	90.00
IMPREST/LEMMON HS	TRACK FEES	350.00
LERMENY, JULIA	REIMBURSE NHD TRAVEL	1,048.36
NATION CENTER NEWS	PUBLISHING/ADVERTISING	234.84
NEWVISION	CONTRACT SERVICE	617.13
OLSON FUELS	FUEL	2,592.05
OLSON PROPANE	PROPANE	8,425.90
RAPID FIRE	CONTRACT SERVICE	765.31
TMS	CONTRACT SERVICE	72.00
TENOLD, AMY	REIMBURSE NHD TRAVEL	792.37
TOWN OF BUFFALO	UTILITIES	452.59
TURBIVILLE PHOTOGRAPHY	SUPPLIES	243.00
TURBIVILLE, RYANNA	REIMBURSE NHD TRAVEL	728.37
VERHULST, TATANIA	DIPLOMAS	75.00
VROMAN, KELCEE	REIMBURSE NHD TRAVEL	607.37
WRCTC	PHONE SERVICE	561.39
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	35,337.21

GRANTS		
MISSOULA CHILDRENS' THEATRE	CONTRACT SERVICE - REAP	3,075.00
IMPREST/SPEARFISH HS	PROF DEVELOPMENT	1,250.00
	TOTAL GRANTS	4,325.00
CAPTIAL OUTLAY		
ABM	COPIER LEASE	1,731.19
CENTRAL DISTRIBUTION	EQUIPMENT - SQUEEGEE ASSM	999.12
HAUFF	TRACK UNIFORMS	2,500.00
OLSON CONSTRUCTION	IMPROVEMENT OF SITES	1,253.00
US BANK	CERT PRINCIPAL / INTEREST	248,655.00
US BANK	FEES	750.00
WARNE CHEMICAL	FB FIELD	9,299.00
WRCTC	PHONE LEASE	267.13
	TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	265,454.44
SPED		
SMALL TALK SPEECH	SPEECH SERVICES	1,620.00
WAGNER, KYLEE	OT SERVICES	2,565.00
	TOTAL SPED	4,185.00
BOND REDEMPTION FUND		
SD FIT	BOND PRINCIPAL	151,515.15
COMPUTERSHARE (WELLS FARGO)	BOND INTEREST	142,500.00
	TOTAL BOND REDEMPTION	294,015.15
FOOD SERVICE		
H&L SUPERVALU	FOOD	234.16
IMPREST/MARISA HETT	REIMBURSE SUPPLIES	71.52
SYSCO	FOOD	1,189.57
US FOODS	FOOD	4,409.83
	TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	5,905.08
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	609,221.88

25-148 SPED Comprehensive Plan. Special Education Director Nellie Duprel reviewed the 2025-26 Special Education Comprehensive plan with the board. There are minor changes going forward as required by the state. Motion by Doll, second by Cordell to approve the 2025-26 SPED Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried.

25-149 SDHSAA Constitution Amendments. Principal Messmer reviewed the various constitutional amendments proposed by the SDHSAA. Motion by Olson, second by Cordell to vote Yes on SDHSAA Amendments 1,2,3,4, & 5. Motion carried.

Open Forum – None

25-150 SDHSAA Board Election. Principal Messmer reviewed the SDHSAA Board Elections and his recommendations for voting.

Motion by Olson, second by Doll to Vote for Billy Clanton as the Small School Board Representative. Motion carried, Clanton abstained.

Motion by Routier, second by Doll to vote for Chad Allison for District 3 Representative. Motion carried.

Motion by Olson, second by Routier to vote for Jordan Bauer for District 1 Representative. Motion carried.

Motion by Doll, second by Cordell to vote for Ryan Rollinger for East River at Large Representative. Motion carried.

25-151 Resignations. The board received letters of resignation from Kelsie Stevenson, Kindergarten, and Traci Routier, K-12 Music. Motion by Olson, second by Doll to accept both resignations with the thanks of the board for their service to the district. Motion carried.

25- 152 Approve Certified Contracts. Motion by Cordell, second by Doll to approve the following certified contracts: Jennifer Anders, Jamie Brown, Tammy Bruha, Joey Buchanan, Holly Costello, Anna Erk, Ray Ginsbach, Tonja Montgomery Hansen, Marisa Hett, Nicole Hurst, Jewel Lyons, Chereste Messmer, BJ Padden, Lynnette Stugelmeyer, Tabitha Tetrault, Erin Wammen, Jay Wammen, Tracey Wendt, David Wickstrom, CJ Wilson, Lynnette Wolff, and Nellie Duprel. Motion carried.

25-153 Offer Classified Contracts. Motion by Routier, second by Olson to offer the following contracts: Jeana Tausan – Administrative Asst; Tristin Wammen – Administrative Asst; Justine Giannonatti – Head Cook; Tanya Tilus – Asst. Cook; Heath Page – Maintenance Supervisor; Kami Barrow – Custodian; Angela Smith – Custodian; Deanne Wipf – Custodian; Maddie Feist – Para (1/2-time); Brandi Pihl – Para; Danette Rolph – Para; Lisa Wendt – Para; Jody Moncur – RTI/Interventionist; Kelly Messmer – Driver’s Ed; Jay Wammen – Summer Weight Training. Motion carried.

25-154 Summer School Contracts. Motion by Doll, second by Olson to offer and approve summer school contracts for David Wickstrom, Chereste Messmer, Tabitha Tetrault, and Lynnette Stugelmeyer. Motion carried. SPED Director Nellie Duprel shared that summer school will be Tuesday through June and July and will focus on bridging the gap between spring and fall for special education students.

25-155 Audit Engagement Letter. Henderson shared an Audit Engagement Letter from Casey Peterson, Ltd. with the board. The audit is scheduled for July 29-30. Motion by Olson, second by Doll to approve the audit engagement letter with Casey Peterson, Ltd. Motion carried.

25-156 Approve 2025-26 School Calendar. Discussion was held about the proposed school calendar. Motion by Routier, second by Doll to approve the proposed 2025-26 school calendar with the addition of 8/22/25 as a school day and removal of 5/13/2026 as a school day. Motion carried.

25-157 NWAS Report. The NWAS report was discussed. Negotiations are complete. The culinary arts teacher has resigned. They are currently looking for replacement teachers and may need to adjust course offerings.

25-140 Business Manager. Henderson gave the Business Manager report.

25-141 K-12 Principal Report. Principal Messmer gave the Principal/AD report. Congratulations to Jen Anders on being selected as Region 4 Teacher of the Year. She is currently in the running for State Teacher of the Year. Secretary Graves and representatives from the Dept of Education were on site today to recognize Mrs. Anders.

Congratulations to the April Character Counts and Students of the Month:

Buffalo Elementary – Dion Wammen – “Acceptance”

HC Middle School – Gretta Lermeny – “Hard Working”

HC High School – Lainey Crago – “Hard Working”

Harding County Middle School – Weston Wendt “Student of the Month”

Harding County High School – Brayden Padden “Student of the Month”

Attendance overall was up this year. Elementary was 96.2%, Middle School 96.4%, and High School 95.7%. Overall the district was 96.1%, up 3.5% from two years ago. Thank you the students, teachers, staff, and parents for an excellent school year!

25-142 Superintendent Report. Supt. Page gave the Superintendent report. Supt Page and two board members met with Jay Carda from CO-OP Design to discuss preliminary ideas for a CTE building/addition. Supt Page also shared a slightly used yellow bus had been found, a 2019 Blue Bird. The purchase is budgeted and the board was in agreement to purchase the bus. Thank you to Joe and Deb Long for their two years of driving the Camp Crook Route.

The Harding County School Board and Administration would like to thank Lori Wilson for her 25 years of service to the district, students, staff, and families and to congratulate her on her retirement.

President Clanton declared the meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Submitted By:

Elizabeth Henderson

Business Manager

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William Clanton

Board President