

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31-1 WAS HELD JULY 9, 2025, AT 5:30 PM. AT THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL LIBRARY.

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

Visitors Present: Traci Routier, Sam Olson, Tonja Montgomery Hansen, Ricky Sarsland.

Vice 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.

25-191 Consent Agenda.

Motion by Olson, second by Doll approve the agenda, Approve the minutes of the June 11, 2025 Regular Meeting, approve the financial report, and approve the end of the year bills. Motion carried.

JUNE 2025 End Of Year Bills

Capital Outlay
Master’s Transportation, 2019 Blue Bird Bus, \$83,150.00
Pioneer Bank, Transfer Fee, \$50.00
Total Capital Outlay, \$83,200.00
Total End of Year Expenses, \$83,200.00

JUNE PAYROLL AND BENEFITS

General	105,491.48
Federal Title/REAP	8,597.21
Superintendent & Secretary	16,538.00
Principals and Secretary	19,756.51
Business Manager	10,916.98
Custodians	19,952.15
X-Cur	890.29
Bus Driver	2,704.68
Special Education	30,177.19
Food Service	6,218.50

25-192 2025-26 Athletic & Coaching Handbooks – Second Reading. Motion by Doll, second by Cordell to approve the 2025-26 Student Athlete and Coaching Handbooks. Motion carried.

25-193 2025-26 Student Handbooks – Second Reading. Second reading was held for the student handbooks. Supt Page said he would confirm that the full semester test policy was added. Motion by Olson, second by Doll to approve the 2025-26 Elementary and Middle School/High School Handbooks. Motion carried.

25-194 Supplement Food Service Fund. Business Manager Henderson shared that the food service fund was in the negative, more so than in recent years. Discussion was held about raising lunch prices. Prices have not been changed in over ten years.

Motion by Olson, second by Cordell to transfer \$45,000 from the General Fund to the Food Service Fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Doll, second by Olson to raise meal prices by \$0.25 across the board. Motion carried.

Discussion was held about the remaining lunch bills. The board directed Henderson to publish the outstanding lunch bills at the time of the minutes being printed. Additional notices have been sent.

Amanda Barton	\$110.50
Jennifer Dingfelder	\$515.75
Cheyenne Hansen	\$789.40
Tel Koan	\$527.00
Jason Latham	\$55.50
Ashly Reinhard	\$57.50

25-195 Supplement the Budget. Henderson reviewed a supplemental budget with the board. Motion by Cordell, second by Doll to approve the following supplemental budget. Motion carried.

General Fund Means of Finance

10-3111-001, State Aid, \$62,000
10-1120, PY Ad Valorem, \$6,000
10-1510, Interest, \$8,000
10-1710, Admissions, \$2,000
Total General Fund, \$78,000

General Fund Expenditures

10-1131, High School, \$9,500
10-2541, Custodial, \$37,500
10-6102, Wrestling, \$7,500
10-6103, Boys Basketball, \$2,000
10-6202, Girls Basketball, \$11,500
10-6901, Track/Cross Country, \$5,000
10-6912, Golf, \$5,000
Total General Fund, \$78,000

Food Service Means of Finance

51-4850, Donated Food (Commodities), \$9,000.00
Total Food Service, \$9,000

Food Service Expenditures

51-2562, Donated Food (Commodities), \$9,000
Total Food Service, \$9,000

25-196 Executive Session. Motion by Olson, second by Cordell to enter into executive session at 5:39pm in accordance with SDCL-1-25-2(1) for personnel. Motion carried. The board was declared out of executive session at 5:49pm.

NWAS Report. Routier reported that McLaughlin School District decided to stay in the cooperative. The coop will need to utilize about \$120k of reserves to make it through the upcoming school year. They did find local housing for the teachers coming to Harding County this year.

OPEN FORUM: Tonja Montgomery Hansen shared about the NHD trip to Washington DC. Thirteen students qualified, six junior high and seven high school. The Junior Group Performance (Mollie Vroman, Delia Ginsbach, and Emerson Lyons) were recognized as the Junior Showcase for South Dakota – the best junior entry from the state.

Thank you to Randy Routier for his nine years of dedication to the Harding County School Board.

President Clanton declared the 2024-2025 school board adjourned at 6:00pm.

26-001 Organization of New School Board. Business Manager Henderson gave the Oath of Office to Dillon Lermeney and Billy Clanton

Election of Officers: Clanton nominated Olson for President and Doll for Vice President. Seeing no other nominations, Olson was appointed President and Doll was appointed Vice President.

26-002 Call to Order. President Olson called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

26-003 Consent Agenda. Motion by Lermeney, second by Doll to approve the consent agenda:

- a. Designate Business Manager, Elizabeth Henderson, as Custodian of Accounts.
- b. Designate Pioneer Bank and Trust as official depository.
- c. Designate Nation Center News as official Legal Newspaper.
- d. Designate Superintendent Josh Page as the authorized representative for all state and federal programs.
- e. Designate Sam Kerr as the Legal Counsel.
- f. Set the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. as the date and time for the regular school board meetings.
- g. Authorize the Superintendent to close school in case of inclement weather or other emergencies.
- h. Set school board compensation at none.
- i. Adopt the policies of the FY 2024-2025 School Board.
- j. Establish rates and salaries for the 2025-2026 School year:
 1. Paraprofessionals that are half-time or more are eligible to receive fringe benefits, the same as full-time staff members.
 2. Substitute teacher salary at \$110.00 per day for subs. If a sub works for a month, for a long-term absence, the daily rate may be contracted up to \$125 per day. No mileage will be paid for any substitutes.
 3. Elementary student room and board at \$150 per month for maximum of 9 months for the first child and \$75 per month for each additional child to a maximum of \$300 per month. This compensation is in effect when the family moves to Buffalo and the total cost of the room and board is less than or equal to the cost of mileage if a bus is not provided.
 4. Mileage rate for staff is 67 cents per mile (or state rate), meals at state rate and room allowance at actual cost. Meals will only be paid for overnight trips.
 5. Scorekeepers and timer salary at \$10 per game for basketball, volleyball, wrestling and football.
 6. Admission charges for school activities - \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. Free admission to staff & their spouses, workers, Senior Citizens and peace officers in uniform. Activity tickets - \$30 for adults, \$15 for students and \$50 for couples.
 7. District will pay for Activity Bus Driver physical.

- 8. Rural Teacher Stipends \$1800 per year.
- 9. Custodial sub pay at \$15.00 per hour.
- 10. Activities Bus driving salaries at: \$17 per hour. Meals and lodging will be paid when it is an overnight trip. On overnight trips, salary will not be paid from 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM unless it involves driving time. Minimum pay per trip shall be \$50.
- k. Authorize Business Manager to publish salaries and ESSA notices.
- l. Authorize the Superintendent to act in absence of business manager.
- m. Appoint Heath Page as LEA asbestos coordinator.

Motion carried.

26-004 Designate Propane Provider. Propane Bids for the 2025-2026 school year were received and opened. Two bids were received:

- Olson Propane: July 11, 2025 through June 30, 2026 -\$1.40/gal
- Propoint: July 10, 2025 to June 30, 2026 \$1.245/gal

Motion by Clanton, second by Doll to accept the Propoint bid for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried.

26-005 Approve Bills. Motion by Clanton, second by Cordell to approve bills for payment. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

AMAZON	FY 25 SUPPLIES	197.22
ASBSD	FEES	1,043.07
BRUHA, TAMMY	REIMBURSE VB DUES	83.20
BUFFALO HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	482.49
CENEX FLEETCARD	FUEL	331.79
CNA SURETY	BOND	175.00
ELAN FINANCIAL (VISA)	TRAVEL/SUPPLIES	12,469.16
ELAN FINANCIAL (VISA)	SUPPLIES (NEW YEAR)	950.81
GAME ONE	FB EQUIPMENT	1,455.72
GRAND ELECTRIC	UTILITIES	5,540.11
GOLDENWEST	CONTRACT SERVICE	19,520.00
H&L SUPERVALU	SUPPLIES	4.39
HC TRUST	LOSS REGION EVENTS	870.79
HUB INTERNATIONAL	PROPERTY INSURANCE	94,493.00
HUB INTERNATIONAL	DEDUCTIBLE BUYBACK	4,800.02
HURST, NICOLE	TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	3,000.00
IMPREST/	REFUND GOLF PER DIEM	(15.00)
IMPREST/HILL CITY SCHOOL	REGION GOLF FEE	298.03
IMPREST/BHSSC	TIE CONFERENCE	227.50
IMPREST/A&M PRODUCTS	REGION WRESTLING	147.00
IMPREST/DEADWOOD LODGE	TRAVEL	585.00
IMPREST/GLINES ELECTRIC	CONTRACT SERVICE	297.01
IMPREST/AQUACHEM	CONTRACT SERVICE	325.00
IMPREST/LYNN JACKSON	ATTORNEY FEES	368.00
NCN	PUBLISHING/ADVERTISING	140.65
NASSP	STU CO/NHS DUES	385.00
OLSON FUELS	FUEL	245.37
RAS	WORK COMP	9,774.76

SASD	DUES	707.00
SD DEPT OF EDUCATION	SUBSCRIPTION	66.00
SDSTE	DUES	30.00
SHI	MICROSOFT LICENSES	2,184.30
TMS	CONTRACT SERVICE	81.75
T-REX READERS	DUES	270.00
TOWN OF BUFFALO	UTILITIES	558.01
WRCTC	PHONE SERVICES	518.41
ZANER BLOSER	SUPPLIES	1,343.98
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	163,954.54
GRANTS		
BHSSC	TIE MEMBERSHIP	900.00
	TOTAL GRANTS	900.00
CAPTIAL OUTLAY		
ABM	COPIER LEASE	1,731.19
BUFFALO HARDWARE	BLDG MAINTENANCE	1,820.66
CENTRAL DISTRIBUTION	BLDG MAINTENANCE	2,067.25
CENTRAL DISTRIBUTION	BLDG MAINTENANCE	5,570.90
DAKTRONICS	SOFTWARE - SCHOOL SIGN	1,721.25
ELAN FINANCIAL (VISA)	EQUIPMENT	1,563.01
HAUFF	EQUIPMENT	5,190.65
HORIZON FINANCIAL BANK	BUS LEASE PAYMENT	34,819.44
K-LOG	ELEM DESKS	9,647.12
RIDDELL	HELMETS REPLACE	7,672.60
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA	LED LIGHTS PAYMENT	11,220.40
SUI	ACCT SOFTWARE	11,050.00
WRCTC	PHONE LEASE	267.13
	TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	94,341.60
SPED		
ELAN FINANCIAL (VISA)	CONTRACT SERVICE	143.99
RAS	WORK COMP	1,022.94
RELAY HUB	SPED ADVANTAGE SOFTWARE	1,470.00
SMALL TALK SPEECH	SPEECH SERVICES	990.00
WAGNER, KYLEE	OT SERVICES	630.50
	TOTAL SPED	4,257.43
FOOD SERVICE		
RAS	WORK COMP	568.30
	TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	568.30
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	264,021.87

26-006 Appoint ASBSD Delegates. Clint Doll was appointed as the ASBSD delegate with Billy Clanton as the alternate. The Joint Convention will be held in Sioux Falls August 7-8.

26-007 NWAS Representative. Motion by Lermeny, second by Doll to appoint Taz Olson to be the NWAS delegate for the 22025-2026 school year with Tawni Cordell as the alternate.

26-009 Offer/Approve Coaching Contracts. Motion by Doll, second by Clanton to approve the following contracts:

Holly Costello, Head Cross Country

Jay Wammen, Head Football, Head Girls Basketball
Waylon Sabo, Asst Football; Head Boys Basketball
Camden Hett, JH Football
Tammy Bruha, Head Volleyball
Lynnette Stugelmeyer, Asst Volleyball
Sydney Pederson, JH Volleyball
Casey Olson, Head Wrestling
Brandon Padden, Asst Wrestling; Asst Track
Jaren Beckman, Asst Boys Basketball
Ray Ginsbach, Asst Girls Basketball
Jeana Tausan, JH Girls Basketball, Head Golf
Cher Messmer, Head Track
Nancy Johnson, Asst Track
Kelly Messmer, Athletic Director

Motion carried.

26-011 Business Manager. Henderson gave the Business Manager report. Casey Peterson will be conducting the audit beginning July 29.

26-012 K-12 Principal Report. The Principal Report was discussed. Football practice starts on August 7th and Cross-Country and Volleyball practices begin on August 11th & 14th respectively. Thank you to the Harding County Hospital Association for paying for the concussion testing again this year and the Monument Health Clinic in Buffalo and Southwest Healthcare in Bowman for providing physicals for our student athletes.

25-013 Superintendent Report. Supt. Page gave the Superintendent report. Thank you to the custodians and summer workers for all their hard work. The school looks excellent. Supt Page will be attending the ASBSD Joint Convention in Sioux Falls. Preliminary drawings from Co-Op Architects were reviewed by the board with suggestions for changes they wanted to see.

President Olson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Submitted By:

Elizabeth Henderson
Business Manager

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Taz Olson
Board President