MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31-1 WAS HELD OCTOBER 8, 2025, AT 5:30 PM. AT THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL LIBRARY.

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

Visitors Present: BJ Padden, Deidre Budahl (phone), and Brady Foreman (phone).

President Olson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

26-057 Consent Agenda. Motion by Clanton, second by Doll to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Approve Agenda
Approve the Minutes of the September 10, 2025 Regular Meeting
Approve the Financial Report.

Motion carried.

	GENERAL	CAPITAL OUT.	SPECIAL ED	BOND RED.	FOOD SERV.
Beginning Balance	**306,442.43**	**2,382,572.08**	**303,897.98**	**148,608.36**	**1,078.00**
Receipts:					
Local sources	7,195.38	9,989.17	1,835.64	892.14	6,529.37
County sources	52,087.92				
State sources	85,170.00				1,922.07
Federal sources					
Accounts Receivable					
Total Revenue	**144,453.30**	**9,989.17**	**1,835.64**	**892.14**	**8,451.44**
Disbursements	291,099.57	50,021.94	37,481.83		14,333.68
Acct Payable					
Total Disbursements	**291,099.57**	**50,021.94**	**37,481.83**		**14,333.68**
Ending Balance	**159,796.16**	**2,342,539.31**	**268,251.79**	**149,500.50**	**(4,804.24)**

SEPTEMBER PAYROLL AND BENEFITS	
General	103,072.41
Federal Title/REAP	7,752.37
Superintendent & Secretary	17,086.54
Principals and Secretary	14,635.61
Business Manager	8,885.96
Custodians	22,083.82
X-Cur	899.73
Bus Driver	2,797.21
Special Education	32,709.36
Food Service	6,083.77

26-058 Approve Bills for Payment. Motion by Doll, second by Cordell to approve the bills. Motion carried. **GENERAL FUND**

AMAZON	SUPPLIES	903.78
AQUACHEM	CONTRACT SERVICE	325.00
AT&T	PHONE SERVICE	111.65
BH WINDSHIELD REPAIR	SUBURBAN ROCK CHIP	60.00
BUFFALO HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	415.47
CEDAR SHORE RESORT	TRAVEL	345.12
D&D SERVICE	2019 BUS REPAIR/MTNCE	5,564.97
DUELING DAKOTA SEPTIC	CONTRACT SERVICE	285.00
ELAN FINANCIAL (VISA)	TRAVEL/FUEL/SUPPLIES	4,083.57
GLINES ELECTRIC	CONTRACT SERVICE	660.84
GRAND ELECTRIC	UTILITIES	6,747.58
H&L SUPERVALU	SUPPLIES	184.74
HEALTH EQUITY	FEES	17.40
HENDERSON, ELIZABETH	REIMBURSE TRAVEL	590.94
HETT PLUMBING	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	110.00
IMPREST/LINDA DAHLGREN	OFFICIAL	725.10
IMPREST/JO PIEKKOLA	OFFICIAL	438.50
IMPREST/FAITH SCHOOL	XC FEE	50.00
IMPREST/BELLE FOURCHE SCHOOLS	XC FEE	75.00
IMPREST/JOE BEEHLER	OFFICIAL	195.00
IMPREST/SHAYNE GOTTLOB	OFFICIAL	195.00
IMPREST/ALLAN SCHMALTZ	OFFICIAL	195.00
IMPREST/LYLE TOLSMA	OFFICIAL	195.00
IMPREST/ROYCE WUERTZER	OFFICIAL	317.50
IMPREST/SD DCI	BACKGROUND CHECK	43.25
IMPREST/ANNIEKATE BURGHDUFF	OFFICIAL	125.00
IMPREST/PHILIP WELDELE	OFFICIAL	185.30
IMPREST/JENNIE GLINES	OFFICIAL	400.00
IMPREST/BRAYDEN PADDEN	OFFICIAL	50.00
IMPREST/KELCEE VROMAN	OFFICIAL	200.00
IMPREST/JESSICA HOLMES	OFFICIAL	60.00
IMPREST/ELAN FINANCIAL	GRILL (REIMBURSED)	599.00
IMPREST/JESSE STRICHERZ	OFFICIAL	232.20
IMPREST/JENNY BECKMAN	OFFICIAL	198.70
IMPREST/AT&T	PHONE SERVICE	111.60
IMPREST/KRISTA WARBIS	OFFICIAL	258.68
IMPREST/BRYN BROWN	OFFICIAL	60.00
IMPREST/ERIC SANDER	OFFICIAL	223.70
IMPREST/JIM WILKINSON	OFFICIAL	166.20
IMPREST/JAREN BECKMAN	OFFICIAL	291.20
IMPREST/JAY WAMMEN	REIMBURSE FEES	93.60
IMPREST/SCOTT BESLER	OFFICIAL	125.00
IMPREST/RAY GINSBACH	OFFICIAL	125.00
IMPREST/COLT BESLER	OFFICIAL	250.00
IMPREST/SHAWN GLINES	OFFICIAL	125.00
IMPREST/HAYDEN PIHL	OFFICIAL	125.00
IMPREST/COHEN SMITH	OFFICIAL	125.00
IMPREST/CHET ANDERSON	OFFICIAL	250.00
IMPREST/BROCK BESLER	OFFICIAL	125.00
IMPREST/JASON LATHAM	OFFICIAL	433.50
IMPREST/JOHN LATHAM	OFFICIAL	433.50
IMPREST/PHILIP HS	XC FEE	75.00
IMPREST/RUSHMORE REGION STU CO	REGION STUDENT COUNCIL FEE	154.00
IMPREST/LEMMON SCHOOL DIST	XC FEE	50.00
KOAN, KARA	REIMBURSE FEES	83.05

LYNN JACKSON	ATTORNEY FEES	764.50
MARC	SUPPLIES	793.47
NATION CENTER NEWS	ADVERTISING/PUBLISHING	452.28
NASSP	FEES	95.00
OLSON FUELS	FUEL	2,869.78
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE	250.00
PROPOINT	PROPANE	4,948.88
RWP	YEARBOOKS	2,888.68
SANFORD HEALTH OCCMED	DOT TESTING	35.00
STATELINE DESIGNS	SUPPLIES	805.17
SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION	CONTRACT SERVICE	350.00
TG REPAIR	VEHICLE MTNCE	90.95
TMS	CONTRACT SERVICE	72.00
TOWN OF BUFFALO	UTILITIES / REC RENTAL	921.05
WENDT, TRACEY	REIMBURSE FEES	195.98
WEX BANK	FUEL	559.48
WRCTC	PHONE SERVICE	681.67
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	**45,343.53**
GRANTS		
GOLDENWEST	J-TOUCH (3) - SRSA	6,172.73
	TOTAL GRANTS	**6,172.73**
CAPTIAL OUTLAY		
ABM	COPIER LEASE	1,731.19
ELAN FINANCIAL (VISA)	EQUIPMENT	2,214.07
ESPARK	SUBSCRIPTION	4,500.00
GOLDENWEST	WIRELESS ACCESS POINTS (ERATE)	54,595.60
GRAND ELECTRIC	WASHING MACHINE	1,130.23
NWEA	MAPS TESTING	4,665.00
SCHOOL SPECIALTY	ART ROOM STOOLS	2,167.08
	TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	**71,003.17**
SPED		
ELAN FINANCIAL (VISA)	SUPPLIES	245.75
SMALL TALK SPEECH	SEPT SPEECH SERVICES	2,160.00
WAGNER, KYLEE	OT SERVICES	2,303.75
	TOTAL SPED	**4,709.50**
FOOD SERVICE		
AMAZON	SUPPLIES	208.86
H&L SUPERVALU	FOOD	239.64
SYSCO	FOOD	571.72
US FOODS	FOOD	7,903.39
	TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	**8,923.61**
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**136,152.54**

26-059 Casey Peterson – Audit Report. Deidre Budahl and Brady Foreman with Casey Peterson reviewed the annual audit with the board via phone. The audit went very well and the financial position of the district is trending positive.

OPEN FORUM: None

26-060 Offer/Approve Assistant Wrestling Coach. Motion by Lermeny, second by Doll to offer and approve Ashley Padden – Assistant Wrestling Coach at $2976.00. Motion carried.

26-061 Policy Updates. As part of the accreditation process the district goes through every five years, several policies need to be reviewed and/or updated periodically. Principal Messmer reviewed policies JGB – Restraint and Seclusion and GCN – Teacher Evaluation with the board. No changes were needed.

Principal Messmer recommended updating the bullying policies to the more recent ASBSD policy that combines policy JFCD – Cyberbullying, JFCE – Bullying, and JFCE-R Bullying (regulation). Motion by Clanton, seconded by Lermeny to approve first reading of the policy JFCD – Bullying. Second reading will be held in November.

26-048 NWAS. President Olson discussed the NWAS report. Five of the remaining schools are in agreement that the additional mobile unit cost for elective classes was not a viable option. The remaining issue is that if the mobile units go away, the SPED Coop side of NWAS will need additional support and direction. There will be an in-person meeting in Isabel on October 22, 2025 to make a final decision.

26-049 Business Manager. Henderson gave the Business Manager report.

26-050 K-12 Principal Report. Principal Messmer gave the Principal/AD report. Congratulations again to the first Harding County Hall of Fame Inductees – Ab Penn, Don Ostensen, Tanna Negaard Zabel, and Wally Stephens. Congratulations to the September Character Counts and Students of the Month:

Buffalo Elementary: KC Wendt "Welcoming"
Harding County Middle School: Swayde Wilson "Student of the Month"
Tatum Tetrault "Energetic"
Harding County High School: Brayden Secrest "Student of the Month"
Sattyn Wilson "Energetic"

The meeting with the Town of Buffalo was discussed regarding the use of the Rec Center for wrestling season. The concerns are the cost of the heat and the rec center members that need an indoor place to walk. Mr. Page agreed the old gym could be used for walking in the mornings. The Town Board will make their final decision at their next meeting. There will also be a bullying prevention and social media safety assembly on November 5th for students and staff.

26-051 Superintendent Report. Supt. Page gave the Superintendent report. There is a boiler inspection scheduled for October 22, this happens every five years. Supt Page will also be attending a School Safety training on October 24. Co-op Architects will meet with the board at the November meeting to see what they can assist with as the district moves forward with a CTE building.

President Olson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Submitted By:

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Elizabeth Henderson	Taz Olson
Business Manager	Board President

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