

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31-1 WAS HELD DECEMBER 10, 2025, AT 5:30 PM. AT THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL LIBRARY.

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

Visitors Present: BJ Padden.

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.

26-082 Consent Agenda.

Approve Agenda
Approve Minutes of November 12th Regular Meeting
Approve Financial Report

Motin by Cordell, second by Doll to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

	GENERAL	CAPITAL OUT.	SPECIAL ED	BOND RED.	FOOD SERV.
Beginning Balance	38,928.17	2,293,245.31	233,940.98	283,189.62	(9,514.32)
Receipts:					
Local sources	238,122.37	367,163.49	149,170.17	79,248.24	8,225.14
County sources	2,364.50				
State sources	105,828.00				
Federal sources	47,136.15				4,862.51
Accounts Receivable					
Total Revenue	393,451.02	367,163.49	149,170.17	79,248.24	13,087.65
Disbursements	282,561.77	11,827.08	43,721.71	142,500.00	15,066.15
Acct Payable					
Total Disbursements	282,561.77	11,827.08	43,721.71	142,500.00	15,066.15
Ending Balance	149,817.42	2,648,581.72	339,389.44	219,937.86	(11,492.82)

NOVEMBER PAYROLL AND BENEFITS

General	106,675.47
Federal Title/REAP	8,770.79
Superintendent & Secretary	17,078.99
Principals and Secretary	14,635.61
Business Manager	8,885.96
Custodians	13,827.27
X-Cur	19,761.64
Bus Driver	8,220.72
Special Education	36,878.61
Food Service	7,436.60

26-083 Approve Bills for Payment. Motion by Lermeny, second by Clanton to approve the bills. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

AMAZON	SUPPLIES	848.79
BUFFALO HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	185.40
CENEX FLEETCARD	FUEL	185.01
DAKOTA EQUIPMENT RENTAL	EQUIPMENT	161.49
ELAN FINANCIAL (VISA)	SUPPLIES/FUEL/TRAVEL	3,721.27
GLINES ELECTRIC	CONTRACT SERVICE	183.67
GRAND ELECTRIC	UTILITIES	6,876.16
H&L SUPERVALU	SUPPLIES	152.01
HEALTH EQUITY	FEES	17.40
HENDERSON, ELIZABETH	TRAVEL	167.50
HETT PLUMBING	CONTRACT SERVICE	245.18
IMPREST/BELLE FOURCHE SCHOOLS	WRESTLING FEE	30.00
IMPREST/NEWELL SCHOOLS	JHGBB FEE	25.00
IMPREST/KAYDY PADDEN	JHGBB OFFICIAL	300.00
IMPREST/JO PIEKKOLA	OFFICIAL	70.00
IMPREST/PIONEER BANK	VB PER DIEM	3,380.00
IMPREST/CASEY LINDHOLM	JHGBB OFFICIAL	275.00
IMPREST/RYAN CORDELL	JHGBB OFFICIAL	75.00
IMPREST/FAITH SCHOOL	JHGBB FEE	70.00
IMPREST/TIMBER LAKE SCHOOL	SODAK 16 VB	420.80
IMPREST/IPSWICH SCHOOL	FB PLAYOFFS	456.05
MARC	SUPPLIES	1,094.45
NATION CENTER NEWS	ADVERTISING/PUBLISHING	287.70
NEW VISION	CONTRACT SERVICE	504.50
OLSON FUELS	FUEL	2,193.92
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE	250.00
PROPOINT	PROPANE	3,517.13
ROCKINGTREE	CONTRACT SERVICE	600.00
SD OFFICE OF FIRE MARSHALL	BOILER INSPECTION	140.00
TG REPAIR	VEHICLE MTNCE	83.35
TMS	FEES	72.00
TOWN OF BUFFALO	UTILITIES / REC RENT	1,559.83
WEST RIVER TELEPHONE	PHONE SERVICE	658.80
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	28,807.41

CAPTIAL OUTLAY

ABM	COPIER LEASE	1,781.89
AMAZON	MS TEXTBOOKS	125.40
HAUFF MID AMERICA	EQUIPMENT	230.00
PEARSON	SUBSCRIPTION	900.00
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE	439.95
	TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	3,477.24

SPED

AMAZON	SUPPLIES	95.75
PEARSON	SUBSCRIPTION	112.50
SMALL TALK SPEECH	SPEECH SERVICES	2,340.00
KYLEE WAGNER	OT SERVICES	2,376.50
	TOTAL SPED	4,924.75

FOOD SERVICE

SYSCO	FOOD	1,479.32
US FOODS	FOOD	5,072.05
	TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	6,551.37
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	43,760.77

26-084 Set Election Date. Motion by Clanton, second by Doll to set the election date as June 2, 2026. Motion carried. There is one board member up for election this year.

26-085 Policy Update. Motion by Doll, second by Cordell to approve the second reading of Policy GCDB/GCDB-E(1) – Background Checks and GCDBC – School Volunteer Background Checks. Motion carried.

26-086 Co-Op Architecture. Supt Page reviewed a proposal for services from Co-op Architecture for Phase I of the proposed building project. This step including schematic design of the proposed building, financial projections, public engagement/outreach, and attending board meetings as needed. Motion by Lermeny, second by Doll to approve the Phase I proposal from Co-op Architecture. Motion carried.

26-087 Establishing a School Foundation Program. President Olson and Superintendent Page discussed the idea of establishing a school foundation that could be utilized for donations to projects, groups, or other uses by the school. The board was in agreement that it would be beneficial to the district. Supt. Page will reach out to the SD Community Foundation for further information and assistance.

26-88 NWAS. President Olson and Supt Page discussed the NWAS report. Four of the six districts in the SPED Cooperative have submitted their letter to withdraw from the co-op. Discussion was held and it was decided that the potential future costs to keep the co-op running exceed its usefulness. Supt Page will submit a letter to withdraw from the co-op.

President Olson shared the updates regarding the dissolution of the mobile units. Each district will receive one mobile unit. As there is no fair way to distribute them, the recommendation is to draw for order of choosing which mobile unit the district will receive. There is additional Perkins funds available for updated equipment if the district receiving the unit can continue to run a qualified program.

26-089 Business Manager. Henderson gave the Business Manager report. Henderson shared that she will be updating the coding for the wrestling program from boys extracurricular to co-curricular to better align with how the program has grown over the last few years. The changes will be for coding with no budget changes at the present time.

26-090 K-12 Principal Report. Principal Messmer gave the Principal/AD report. Congratulations to the November Character Counts and Students of the Month:

Buffalo Elementary: Brady Thompson - Thankful

Harding County Middle School: Corbyn Floyd "Student of the Month"

Maizy Ogren - Grateful

Harding County High School: Brylee Risty "Student of the Month"

Shawn Glines - Grateful

Congrats to the cross country, football, and volleyball teams for being awarded Academic All-State. Congrats to the Football All Conference athletes – Lincoln Wickstrom, Hayden Pihl, Shawn Glines, Kyle Stadler, Tyrel Koan, Elim Simmons (honorable mention) and Revyn Floyd (honorable mention); and to the Volleyball All Conference athletes – Kamry Padden, Lexy Rolph, Mya Glines, Brayden Padden, and Macey

Wendt. Congratulations to All-State Football Lincoln Wickstrom, and All State Volleyball – Kamry Padden (honorable mention).

26-091 Superintendent Report. Supt. Page recommended KSB School Law as our new school attorney as Sam Kerr has retired. The board was in agreement and Supt Page will return the agreement. The Perkins grant opened this week and Supt Page will work on submitting that and will also watch for the Workforce Education Grant to open in January.

President Olson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Submitted By:

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Business Manager

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Taz Olson

Board President