

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31-1 WAS HELD NOVEMBER 12, 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, Jared Carda – Co-op Architects, Kim Bail, David Wickstrom, Tom Oster (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.

26-069 Consent Agenda.

Motion by Clanton, second by Doll to approve the agenda with the additions of Travel Reimbursement and Approve Assistant Boys Basketball Coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Cordell, second by Lermeney to approve the Minutes of the October 8, 2025, Regular Meeting and approve the Financial Report. Motion carried.

	GENERAL	CAPITAL OUT.	SPECIAL ED	BOND RED.	FOOD SERV.
Beginning Balance	159,796.16	2,342,539.31	268,251.79	149,500.50	(4,804.24)
Receipts:					
Local sources	18,258.74	21,709.17	7,728.28	4,026.62	6,695.41
County sources	1,153.50				
State sources	105,640.00				
Federal sources	11,457.00			129,662.50	5,460.66
Accounts Receivable					
Total Revenue	136,509.24	21,709.17	7,728.28	133,689.12	12,156.07
Disbursements	257,377.23	71,003.17	42,039.09		16,866.15
Acct Payable					
Total Disbursements	257,377.23	71,003.17	42,039.09		16,866.15
Ending Balance	38,928.17	2,293,245.31	233,940.98	283,189.62	(9,514.32)

OCTOBER PAYROLL AND BENEFITS

General	106,196.19
Federal Title/REAP	8,927.25
Superintendent & Secretary	17,071.39
Principals and Secretary	14,635.61
Business Manager	8,885.96
Custodians	18,478.50
X-Cur	27,627.44
Bus Driver	8,975.63
Special Education	37,329.59
Food Service	7,942.54

26-070 Approve Bills for Payment. Motion by Doll, second by Cordell to approve the bills. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

ABM	COPIER OVERAGES	7,363.25
AMAZON	SUPPLIES	1,185.78
AT&T	PHONE SERVICE	103.61
BH PEST CONTROL	CONTRACT SERVICE	700.00
BOWMAN COUNTY SCHOOL	CONTRACT SERVICE	1,560.00
BOWMAN GLASS	SUPPLIES	31.99
BUFFALO HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	158.05
CASEY PETERSON LTD	AUDIT SERVICE	30,106.34
CENEX FLEET	FUEL	57.49
CENTRAL DISTRIBUTION	SUPPLIES	857.63
CUMMINS SALES AND SERVICE	CONTRACT SERVICE	1,922.73
D&D SERVICE	BUS MAINTENANCE	979.83
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES/TRAVEL/FUEL	5,211.94
FIRE CARROT LABS	CONTRACT SERVICE	550.00
FOREMAN SALES & SERVICE	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	5,892.61
FRONTIER GLASS	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	363.00
GLINES ELECTRIC	CONTRACT SERVICE	2,067.28
GRAND ELECTRIC	UTILITIES	5,217.19
H&L SUPERVALU	SUPPLIES	154.06
HAUFF MID AMERICA SPORTS	SUPPLIES	2,176.54
HEALTH EQUITY	FEES	17.40
HEICKS SERVICE	CONTRACT SERVICE	1,250.00
HENDERSON, ELIZABETH	TRAVEL	167.50
IMPREST/JESSE STRICHERZ	OFFICIAL	584.40
IMPREST/JENNY BECKMAN	OFFICIAL	974.80
IMPREST/BRYN BROWN	OFFICIAL	150.00
IMPREST/JOHN LATHAM	OFFICIAL	100.00
IMPREST/JASON LATHAM	OFFICIAL	100.00
IMPREST/RAY GINSBACH	OFFICIAL	100.00
IMPREST/COHEN SMITH	OFFICIAL	100.00
IMPREST/HAYDEN PIHL	OFFICIAL	100.00
IMPREST/JO PIEKKOLA	OFFICIAL	527.00
IMPREST/BRAYDEN PADDEN	OFFICIAL	20.00
IMPREST/HILAREE EMMONS	OFFICIAL	287.20
IMPREST/LINDA DAHLGREN	OFFICIAL	365.90
IMPREST/SD DCI	BACKGROUND CHECK	100.00
IMPREST/KRISTA WARBI	OFFICIAL	298.90
IMPREST/ZETA DROL	OFFICIAL	215.60
IMPREST/PIONEER BANK	REG/STATE XC PER DIEM	435.00
IMPREST/PHILIP HS	VB TOURNEY FEE / REG XC	159.10
IMPREST/VOID CHECKS	VOID CHECKS	(250.00)
IMPREST/ANNIEKATE BURGH	OFFICIAL	150.00
IMPREST/KAMRY PADDEN	OFFICIAL	30.00
IMPREST/NHD IN SD	SCHOOL DUES	35.00
IMPREST/PIONEER BANK	REG STU CO PER DIEM	34.00
IMPREST/PIONEER BANK	FB PLAYOFF PER DIEM	322.00

IMPREST/CPS	DEPOSIT SLIPS	51.88
LITTLE MISSOURI RANCH SUPPLY	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	660.84
NATION CENTER NEWS	PUBLISHING/ADVERTISING	520.60
NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY	CONTRACT SERVICE	505.00
OLSON FUELS	FUEL	2,988.57
QUILL	SUPPLIES	174.11
SAFE GAURD MIDWEST	SUPPLIES	418.42
SUMMIT FIRE	CONTRACT SERVICE	1,017.50
TETRAULT, TABITHA	REIMBURSE TESTING	142.20
TMS	CONTRACT SERVICE	72.00
TOWN OF BUFFALO	UTILITIES / REC RENTAL	691.69
WEX BANK	FUEL	527.16
WRCTC	PHONE SERVICE	662.23
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	81,465.32
GRANTS		
APPLE INC	IPADS / SRSA GRANT	3,240.00
	TOTAL GRANTS	3,240.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
ABM	COPIER LEASE	1,781.89
BSN	REPLACEMENT FB UNIFORMS	708.48
CENTRAL DISTRIBUTION	SCRUBBER	5,138.33
MCGRAW HILL	HS ELA CURRICULUM	19,408.11
US BANK	CERT INTEREST	15,952.50
	TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	42,989.31
SPED		
AMAZON	SUPPLIES	812.35
ELAN FINANCIAL (VISA)	SUPPLIES	25.75
HC FOOD SERVICE	PREK SCREENING MEALS	27.50
SMALL TALK SPEECH	SPEECH SERVICES	2,340.00
STUGELMEYER, KYLEE	OT/PT SERVICES	3,637.50
	TOTAL SPED	6,843.10
BOND REDEMPTION FUND		
COMPUTERSHARE	BOND INTEREST	142,500.00
	TOTAL BOND REDEMPTION	142,500.00
FOOD SERVICE		
H&L SUPERVALU	FOOD	71.05
SYSCO	FOOD	2,832.38
US FOODS	FOOD	4,726.12
	TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	7,629.55
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	284,667.28

26-071A Travel Reimbursement. Kim Bail visited with the board regarding the travel reimbursements for parent mileage. She was concerned that parents didn't know what the voucher deadline was or if the vouchers had been received. She asked if a list of who had been paid was published. The board noted that the list of paid vouchers is in the June minutes, which are the official record of the district, and are published in the Nation Center News and the school website. Business Manager Henderson said that vouchers are due back no later than the end of the school fiscal year, which is June 30, and that parents are always welcome to contact the district offices to confirm that their voucher has been received. Mrs. Bail asked for the guidelines for transportation and mileage (which are on the website) be mailed to all

eligible parents or placed in the student handbooks. Mr. Messmer said he would add the policies to next year's handbooks.

26-071B Assistant Boys Basketball Coach. Principal Messmer shared that Jaren Beckman stepped down from his coaching position. Mr. Messmer recommended the board offer the coaching position to Camden Hett. Motion by Lermeney, second by Doll to offer and approve Camden Hett as the Assistant Boys Basketball Coach at \$2,976.00. Motion carried.

26-071C Policy Review. The board reviewed policies EBC – Emergency Plans, EBCA Bomb Threats, EBCB – Fire Drills, EBCC – Emergency Lockdowns, EBCD – Emergency Closings, and ECA – Buildings and Grounds Security as part of the accreditation review process. No changes were made to these policies.

OPEN FORUM: None

26-071 Policy Updates. Motion by Clanton, second by Lermeney to approve the second reading of policy JFCD – Bullying. Motion carried.

First reading of Policy GCDB/GCDB-E(1) – Background Checks and GCDBC – School Volunteer Background Checks. This is an update of the original policy that adds more requirements for keeping records secure and clarifies the background check requirements for volunteers.

26-073 Co-Op Architecture. Jared Carda and Tom Oster (via Zoom) from Co-op Architecture discussed the proposed CTE Building and Weight Room Addition with the board. The board discussed the differences between a pre-engineered metal and cast buildings including price and longevity. Tom Oster shared some preliminary financial information with the board and estimates of potential financing that would not require raising taxes. The board will finalize a plan of the needs for the buildings in December and plan for public input meetings after the first of the year.

26-074A NWAS Resolution to Dissolve the Multi-District. A meeting was held in Isabel on October 22 to discuss the future of the Muti-District (mobile units). The loss of teachers, loss of CTE status, and extra costs were the deciding factors for the NWAS board to recommend closing. Each school board would also need to approve the resolution.

Motion by Clanton, second by Cordell to approve Resolution #2026-2 Resolution to Dissolve the NWAS Multi-District (CTE):

Be it hereby resolved that each participating member of Northwest Area Schools Multi-District (CTE) must take action via a vote of the membership boards to dissolve the NWAS Multi-District (CTE) at the end of the 2025-2026 school fiscal year.

The Northwest Area Schools Multi-District may be dissolved by unanimous vote less one (1) of the member school districts.

The resolution to dissolve the Multi-District (CTE) shall be made prior to February 15, 2026.

The Center Board shall terminate the affairs of the Multi-District promptly following the end of the school fiscal year.

Resolution – The Harding County School District does hereby vote to dissolve the NWAS Multi-District effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school fiscal year.

Signed, Taz Olson, Board Chairman

Attest, Elizabeth Henderson, Business Manager

Roll Call Vote- Doll – Yes, Clanton – Yes, Lermeney – Yes, Cordell – Yes, Olson – Yes. Motion carried.

26-074B NWAS. President Olson and Supt Page discussed the NWAS report. The concerns now switch to what will happen to the NWAS Education Co-op (Sped Ed). Two schools (Faith and Harding County) are in favor of keeping it open while the rest of the schools would like to see it close. The co-op currently manages the federal IDEA funds for the member districts and there are concerns of how that would work in the future as well as making sure each district continues to meet their Maintenance of Effort. The co-op also coordinates special education services like speech, occupation and physical therapy, psychiatrist, and early education. The superintendents and business managers have a meeting scheduled with the State in December to discuss and answer questions.

26-075 Business Manager. Henderson gave the Business Manager report. The South Dakota Dept of Legislative Audit approved the 2024-25 fiscal audit, and a letter was presented to the board. Henderson also shared election updates as the legislature has changed what dates schools can hold elections. She also shared a tentative election agreement from the county. Changes to the agreement include a joint canvassing board and a slight increase in costs. The final agreement will be approved in January.

26-076 K-12 Principal Report. Principal Messmer gave the Principal/AD report. Congratulations again to the Cross Country team as the entire varsity team competed at state. Congratulations to the volleyball team on making it to State Volleyball as well. They will compete in Rapid City November 20 -22. Congratulations to the October Character Counts and Students of the Month:

Buffalo Elementary: Emersyn Holmes – Leadership

Harding County Middle School: Jazlyn Page “Student of the Month”

Zaylee Limpert - Innovative

Harding County High School: Macey Wendt “Student of the Month”

Porter Smith - Innovative

Tuesday, November 18 will be a bullying/social media safety presentation for all students. The Veterans Day program was a success. Thank you to the student council, Mrs. Hansen, Mrs. Vroman, and the teachers for their hard work.

26-077 Superintendent Report. Supt. Page gave the Superintendent report. The board agreed there would be No School on Thursday, November 20 so that students and staff could attend the State Volleyball tournament. Sam Kerr, our school attorney, is retiring this month. Supt Page will be reaching out to several recommended attorneys to find a replacement.

Supt Page also presented the board with the Gold ALL Award from the Associated School Boards. The Gold Award is the highest level that can be achieved and shows that the board puts in a great deal of effort for the students, staff, and community members and to earn this honor is a testament to that effort.

President Olson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Submitted By:

Elizabeth Henderson

Business Manager

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Taz Olson

Board President