

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31-1 WAS HELD JANUARY 14, 2026, 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, Anna Erk.

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.

26-101 Consent Agenda.

Motion by Clanton, second by Doll to approve the agenda with the addition of Executive Session for SDCL 1-25-2(4) after Nwas report. Motion Carried.

Approve Minutes of December 18th Special Meeting

Approve Financial Report

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

	GENERAL	CAPITAL OUT.	SPECIAL ED	BOND RED.	FOOD SERV.
Beginning Balance	149,817.42	2,648,581.72	339,389.44	219,937.86	(11,492.82)
Receipts:					
Local sources	37,439.69	59,030.45	22,801.67	12,025.15	7,227.20
County sources	50,182.87				
State sources	105,827.00				
Federal sources					3,537.67
Accounts Receivable					
Total Revenue	193,449.56	59,030.45	22,801.67	12,025.15	10,761.87
Disbursements	207,942.05	3,477.24	40,384.29		13,653.27
Acct Payable					
Total Disbursements	207,942.05	3,477.24	40,384.29		13,653.27
Ending Balance	135,324.93	2,704,134.93	321,806.82	231,963.01	(14,384.22)

DECEMBER PAYROLL AND BENEFITS

General	106,933.25
Federal Title/REAP	8,393.95
Superintendent & Secretary	17,078.99
Principals and Secretary	14,635.61
Business Manager	8,885.96
Custodians	15,360.21
X-Cur	1,212.27
Bus Driver	6,582.52
Special Education	35,459.54
Food Service	7,101.90

26-102 Approve Bills for Payment. Motion by Lermen, second by Clanton to approve the bills. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

AMAZON	SUPPLIES	370.54
AMERICINN	TRAVEL	172.00
AQUACHEM	CONTRACT SERVICE	325.00
ARCHITECTURAL SPECIALITIES	REPAIRS & MTNCE	420.40
BEST WESTERN RAMKOTA	STATE VB ROOMS	5,217.00
BUFFALO HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	2,003.27
CENTRAL DISTRIBUTION	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	5,967.97
COLLIERS SECURITIES	CONTRACT SERVICE	300.00
ELAN FINANCIAL (VISA)	TRAVEL/SUPPLIES	11,274.64
ELEVATION INN & SUITES	WR TRAVEL	1,422.00
FLOYDS TRUCK CENTER	MAINTENANCE	250.58
GRAND ELECTRIC	UTILITIES	6,766.02
H&L SUPERVALU	SUPPLIES	153.92
HAUFF MID AMERICA	SUPPLIES	509.85
HEALTH EQUITY	FEES	17.40
HETT PLUMBING	CONTRACT SERVICE	665.00
HC TRUST	REG VB LOSS	431.62
IMPREST/WADE BLANKENBAKER	OFFICIAL	560.60
IMPREST/CHASE VANDERBOOM	OFFICIAL	197.10
IMPREST/BROCK BESLER	OFFICIAL	507.00
IMPREST/JOHN LATHAM	OFFICIAL	507.00
IMPREST/LAURA JOHNSON	WR WORKER	100.00
IMPREST/DAVID WICKSTROM	WR WORKER	100.00
IMPREST/WEX BANK	FUEL - ACTIVITY BUS	321.82
IMPREST/SD DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	SCALE CERTIFICATION	84.00
IMPREST/CUSTER HIGH SCHOOL	WRESTLING FEE	200.00
IMPREST/ADAM NESS	GBB OFFICIAL	430.50
IMPREST/TANNER MCINERNEY	GBB OFFICIAL	477.40
IMPREST/ALEC LAPOV	GBB OFFICIAL	360.00
IMPREST/JEREMY GUTTIEREZ	GBB OFFICIAL	450.60
IMPREST/JOSEPH GUTTIEREZ	GBB OFFICIAL	360.00
IMPREST/WAYNE HUBER	GBB OFFICIAL	360.00
IMPREST/RC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL	WRESTLING FEE	600.00
IMPREST/RC AREA SCHOOLS	JH WRESTLING FEE	150.00
IMPREST/NEWELL SCHOOL	JH WRESTLING FEE	50.00
IMPREST/DAVID DOUGLAS	REIMBURSE SUPPLIES	248.15
IMPREST/CASEY LINDHOLM	GBB OFFICIAL	50.00
IMPREST/KAYDY PADDEN	JHGBB OFFICIAL	50.00
IMPREST/JO PIEKKOLA	OFFICIAL	50.00
IMPREST/BRAYDEN PADDEN	JHGBB OFFICIAL	50.00
IMPREST/KAYDENCE GILBERT	JHGBB OFFICIAL	50.00
IMPREST/JESSE STRICHERZ	GBB OFFICIAL	380.50
IMPREST/TRAVIS LADSON	GBB OFFICIAL	323.75
IMPREST/CAIN KOLAR	GBB OFFICIAL	311.50
IMPREST/HOT SPRINGS HS	WRESTLING FEE	100.00
IMPREST/GUNDERSON TRUCKING	SKIDSTEER RAMP/WELDING CLASS	95.00

IMPREST/GLENROCK JR/SR HS	WRESTLING FEE	200.00
IMPREST/BRAD MACKABEN	WRESTLING OFFICIAL	376.90
IMPREST/DYLAN KESZLER	WRESTLING OFFICIAL	598.00
IMPREST/CHASE TYSON	WRESTLING OFFICIAL	443.90
IMPREST/FRANK PAVICH	WRESTLING OFFICIAL	464.00
MESSMERK, KELLY	REIMBURSE WR ROOMS	2,781.04
NATION CENTER NEWS	PUBLISHING/ADVERTISING	132.62
NEW VISION SECURITY	ANNUAL SUPPORT	143.37
NWAS	SPRING ASSESSMENT	59,300.00
NW TIRE	ROUTE BUS MTNCE	410.21
OLSON FUELS	FUEL	2,682.19
PROPOINT	PROPANE	4,892.86
PAULSON, DARREN	WRESTLING OFFICIAL	592.50
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE / INK	132.79
RWP	YEARBOOKS	620.25
SD DOE	ZOOM LICENSE	26.40
STATELINE DESIGNS	SUPPLIES	36.00
TG REPAIR	VEHICLE MTNCE	87.40
TMS	CONTRACT SERVICE	72.00
TOWN OF BUFFALO	UTILITIES/REC RENT	2,633.55
TURBIVILLE PHOTOGRAPHY	SUPPLIES	264.00
WENDT, TRACEY	REIMBURSE SUPPLIES	149.62
WRCTC	PHONE SERVICE	648.96
WOLFF, LYNNETTE	REIMBURSE SUPPLIES	257.82
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	121,738.51
GRANTS		
IMPREST/HUNTER PINKE LLC	ASSEMBLY DEPOSIT	1,000.00
NCS PEARSON	SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,600.00
	TOTAL GRANTS	2,600.00
CAPTIAL OUTLAY		
ABM	COPIER LEASE	1,781.89
BAIER CONSTRUCTION	BLDG REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	3,366.00
BUFFALO HARDWARE	BLDG REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	88.87
DC INC	CONCESSION SEWER LINE	5,514.79
DENZIN, MICK	BLDG REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	536.00
ELAN FINANCIAL	FB STORAGE DOOR	2,011.43
EMERGENT3	SUBSCRIPTIONS	2,500.00
FOLLETT	LIBRARY SOFTWARE	1,217.40
	TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	17,016.38
SPED		
NWAS	SPRING ASSESSMENT	22,807.00
PRAIRIE PERFORMANCE PT	PT SERVICES	1,022.00
SMALL TALK SPEECH	SPEECH SERVICES	1,620.00
STUGELMEYER, KYLEE	OT SERVICES	1,309.50
USD CENTER FOR DISABILITIES	SPED CONFERENCE	640.00
	TOTAL SPED	27,398.50
FOOD SERVICE		
CHILD & ADULT NUTRITION	FOOD	701.28
GIANNONATTI, CHARLIE	SUPPLIES	277.12
SYSO	FOOD	840.13

US FOODS	FOOD	4,766.10
	TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	6,584.63
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	175,338.02

26-103 Offer/Approve Contracts. Motion by Clanton, second by Doll to approve the following contracts: Wayne Johnson, JH Boys Basketball Coach, \$2,778.00 and Deb Long, part-time custodian, \$25/hr. Motion carried.

26-104 Election Agreement. Motion by Lermeney, second by Cordell to approve the election agreement for the June 2, 2026, election with the county. Motion carried.

26-105 Policy Update. Motion by Doll, second by Lermeney to revise policy DJFA – Travel Reimbursement to Students. Motion carried. Updates to the policy: Meal allowance for lunch and supper will increase from \$5 to \$10 per meal for students traveling to district, region, or state events and an additional \$5 per night for overnight stays.

26-106 Co-Op Architecture. Supt Page is setting up two work/user groups to look at facility needs and design for a CTE building and potential weight room addition. Committees will include teachers, coaches, administration and two board members along with the architect. He will reach out with dates and scheduling for late January/early February.

OPEN FORUM: Anna Erk shared that she is in the process of completing her Praxis tests for high school sciences and that she has thoroughly enjoyed her transition to Harding County schools. The staff and students are wonderful to work with.

26-107 Establishing a School Foundation Program. Board members Clanton and Lermeney along with Supt Page and Business Manager Henderson met with Beth Massa from the South Dakota Community Foundation to discuss the options for a school foundation. Having a school foundation would allow donations to be made as tax deductible and allow the district to use the funds either as needed or with the donor's purpose in mind. Supt Page recommended establishing a mission/vision statement and looking into what the next steps would be.

26-108 NWAS. President Olson and Supt Page discussed the NWAS report. The mobile units were dispersed by lottery. Harding County received the Building Trades unit. Supt Page has been in contact with the state and paperwork is pending for program approval as Mr. Padden is a highly qualified building trades teacher. We will finalize Perkins Grants for additional equipment by the end of the month.

Motion by Clanton, second by Cordell to enter into executive session at 6:15pm in accordance with SDCL 1-25-2(4) regarding NWAS Negotiations. Motion carried. The board was declared out of executive session at 6:34pm.

26-109 Business Manager. Henderson gave the Business Manager report.

26-110 K-12 Principal Report. Principal Messmer gave the Principal/AD report. Congratulations to the December Character Counts and Students of the Month:

Buffalo Elementary: Keegan Wilcox - Positive

Harding County Middle School: Camden Peterson "Student of the Month"

Raegan Verhulst - Resolute

Harding County High School: Redmond Meyer "Student of the Month"

Kamry Padden - Resolute

Thank you to the HC PTO and Charlie for an excellent Muffins for Moms to close out December. A huge thank you to the wrestling volunteers who helped with the Rancher Tournament on December 30 – there were 18 teams and 180 wrestlers. Thank you to Mrs. Vroman and all the teachers/staff who helped to make the Christmas Program a success.

Clanton updated the board on SDHSAA discussions.

26-111 Superintendent Report. Supt. Page will continue to update on new bills as the legislative session starts this week. He will also put together the workgroups for the proposed CTE and weight room projects.

President Olson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Submitted By:

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Business Manager
The approximate cost of this publication is \$115.00.

Taz Olson
Board President