

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31-1 WAS HELD APRIL 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, Tonja Montgomery Hansen, Jared Carda. Toby Morris, Lane Stirling.

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.

26-142 Consent Agenda.

- Approve the Agenda
- Approve Minutes of March 16th, 2026 Regular Meeting
- Approve Financial Report

Motin by Clanton, second by Lermeney to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

	GENERAL	CAPITAL OUT.	SPECIAL ED	BOND RED.	FOOD SERV.
Beginning Balance	(56,235.52)	2,791,399.47	256,476.12	252,881.68	(24,666.05)
Receipts:					
Local sources	59,864.87	92,498.31	34,673.73	17,971.06	8,254.17
County sources	48,814.57	9,215.42	3,577.83	1,860.84	
State sources	117,563.96				
Federal sources	8,966.00				3,973.84
Accounts Receivable					
Total Revenue	235,209.40	101,713.73	38,251.56	19,831.90	12,228.01
Disbursements	221,689.37	14,875.87	44,055.91		14,507.74
Acct Payable					
Total Disbursements	221,689.37	14,875.87	44,055.91		14,507.74
Ending Balance	(42,715.49)	2,878,237.33	250,671.77	272,713.58	(26,945.78)

MARCH PAYROLL AND BENEFITS

General	107,651.06
Federal Title/REAP	8,474.20
Superintendent & Secretary	17,078.99
Principals and Secretary	14,635.61
Business Manager	8,885.96
Custodians	17,644.17
X-Cur	1,121.35
Bus Driver	8,432.11
Special Education	37,004.14
Food Service	7,135.38

26-143 Approve Bills for Payment. Motion by Doll, second by Cordell to approve the bills. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

ABERDEEN AWARDS	SUPPLIES	211.00
AMAZON	SUPPLIES	626.77
AQUACHEM	CONTRACT SERVICE	325.00
BROOKINGS INN	STATE GBB ROOMS	4,253.00
BUFFALO HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	498.43
CENEX FLEETCARD	FUEL	77.93
COCA COLA BOTTLING	SUPPLIES	150.00
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICE (VISA)	TRAVEL / SUPPLIES	10,180.69
GLINES, DILLON	REIMBURSE COACHING CLASS	70.00
GRAND ELECTRIC	UTILITIES	5,735.18
HALF BOX ARROW DESIGNS	MUSIC SHIRTS	260.50
HAUFF MID AMERICA	SUPPLIES	307.43
HEALTH EQUITY	FSA FEES	17.40
HENDERSON, ELIZABETH	TRAVEL/SUPPLIES	174.20
HC HOT LUNCH	HISTORY DAY JUDGES	121.50
IMPREST/PIIONEER BANK	PER DIEM - REG BBB	340.00
IMPREST/PIIONEER BANK	PER DIEM - GBB	3,301.00
IMPREST/RC CENTRAL HS	REG GIRLS WRESTLING	203.87
IMPREST/SD DCI	BACKGROUND CHECK	50.00
IMPREST/WEX BANK	FUEL	817.32
IMPREST/FAITH SCHOOL	SPELLING BEE LUNCHES	66.50
IMPREST/DOUBLETREE HOTEL	REGION WRESTLING	18.00
IMPREST/AT&T	PHONE SERVICE	101.81
IMPREST/SDHSAA	MS STU COUNCIL REGISTRATION	660.00
IMPREST/CHER MESSMER	REIMBURSE COACHING CLASS	35.00
IMPREST/PIIONEER BANK	PER DIEM - STATE STU CO	640.00
IMPREST/BOWMAN SCHOOL	TRACK FEE	150.00
IMPREST/PIIONEER BANK	PER DIEM - STATE HISTORY DAY	2,722.00
IMPREST/PIIONEER BANK	PER DIEM - AD CONFERENCE	100.00
LODGE AT DEADWOOD	AD CONFERENCE	348.00
NCN	PUBLISHING/ADVERTISING	127.50
NWTIRE	BUS MAINTENANCE	810.28
NEWVISION SECURITY	CONTRACT SERVICE	150.00
OLSON, CASEY	REIMBURSE WRESTLING SUPPLIES	295.14
OLSON FUELS	FUEL	2,898.49
PERRYMAN, DENISE	TRAVEL	174.20
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE	200.00
RAPID FIRE PROTECTION	CONTRACT SERVICE	1,347.79
SABO, WAYLON	REIMBURSE SUPPLIES	157.06
SANFORD HEALTH	DOT TESTING	70.00
STUBS TIRE & LUBE	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	135.05
TETRAULT, TABITHA	TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	2,800.00
TMS	CONTRACT SERVICE	72.00
TOWN OF BUFFALO	UTILITIES	483.29
WRCTC	PHONE SERVICE	656.09
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	42,939.42

GRANTS		
IMPREST/HUNTER PINKE	SPEAKER - SRSA	2,450.00
	TOTAL GRANTS	2,450.00
CAPTIAL OUTLAY		
ABM	COPIER LEASE	1,781.89
CO-OP ARCHITECTURE	ARCHITECT SERVICES	10,000.00
S/N CONSTRUCTION	CONCESSION STAND	30,000.00
	TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	41,781.89
SPED		
IMPREST/PBT	SPED CONFERENCE PER DIEM	456.00
PRAIRIE PERFORMANCE	PT SERVICES	3,922.00
RAISING ROBUST READERS	SUBSCRIPTION	195.00
SMALL TALK SPEECH	SPEECH SERVICES	2,700.00
STUGELMEYER, KYLEE	OT SERVICES	776.00
	TOTAL SPED	8,049.00
BOND REDEMPTION		
SDFIT	INVESTMENT	250,000.00
	TOTAL BOND REDEMPTION	250,000.00
FOOD SERVICE		
H&L SUPERVALU	SUPPLIES/FOOD	108.11
SYSCO	FOOD	1,654.92
US FOODS	FOOD	6,401.19
	TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	8,164.22
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	353,384.53

26-144 Toby Morris / Co-Op Architecture. Toby Morris of Colliers Securities and Jared Carda of Co-Op Architecture discussed the building project with the board. Mr. Morris discussed funding options including general obligation bonds, capital outlay certificates, and equity/cash on hand with the goal of no additional tax. The board will hold a public meeting on May 18, 2026 to discuss the building and funding plans.

OPEN FORUM: None

26-145 Approve Negotiations. Supt Page shared that the negotiation teams had met and agreed to the proposed changes. Motion by Doll, second by Clanton to approve negotiations with a \$2600 increase to teacher base pay, step and insurance. Motion carried.

26-146 Offer Teaching Contraction. Motion by Clanton, second by Cordell to offer contracts to the following employees for the 2026-27 school year: Jennifer Anders, Jamie Brown, Tammy Bruha, Holly Costello, Anna Erk, Tonja Montgomery Hansen, Marisa Hett, Jewel Lyons, Chereste Messmer, Jody Moncur, BJ Padden, Lynnette Stugelmeyer, Tabitha Tetrault, Erin Wammen, Jay Wammen, Tracey Wendt, David Wickstrom, CJ Wilson, Lynnette Wolf, Ray Ginsbach, Nicole Hurst, Nellie Duprel. Motion carried.

26-147 Approve Calendar. Motion by Cordell, second by Doll to approve the 2026-27 school calendar. Motion carried.

26-148 School Pasture Lease. The board reviewed the school pasture lease call for bids and made updates as necessary. Motion by Clanton, second by Lermeney to advertise for bid for a 3-year summer grazing lease on a per acre/per year basis. Bids are due by 3pm on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 to the

School Business Office. Motion carried. Additional information regarding the lease is available at the school office. Bids will be opened at the May 13, 2026 school board meeting.

26-149 SDHSAA Membership Resolution. Motion by Lermeney, second by Doll to approve Resolution 2026-4 Authorizing Membership in the South Dakota High School Activities Association

By resolution, the School Board of Harding County School District has authorized membership in the South Dakota High School Activities Association for the high school(s) under its jurisdiction as hereinafter listed:

This is to be for the period which begins July 1, 2026 and ends on June, 30, 2027 with the supervision, control, and regulation of any and all high school interscholastic activities being delegated to said Association.

In addition, the above-mentioned School Board has ratified the Constitution, By-Laws, and rules of the South Dakota High School Activities Association as of July 1, 2026 and agrees to conduct its activities programs within the framework of these instruments.

Signed, Taz Olson, Board President

Signed, Josh Page, Superintendent

Motion carried.

26-150 Resignations. Motion by Lermeney, second by Doll to accept resignations from Heath Page, Maintenance Supervisor and Joey Buchanan, SPED/Secondary Teacher. Motion carried. Motion by Clanton, second by Lermeney to advertise for Maintenance Supervisor. Motion carried. The board thanked Heath and Joey for their years of service with the district.

26-151 NWAS. President Olson and Supt Page discussed the NWAS report. Auction dates for surplus equipment, land and buildings are being worked out, but tentatively vehicles will be sold in May and real estate towards July. It was recommended that each district also keep track of Perkins inventory and expenses as well as the consortium.

Motion by Clanton, second by Doll to enter into executive session at 6:51pm in accordance with SDCL 1-25-2(4) regarding NWAS Negotiations. Motion carried. The board was declared out of executive session at 7:02pm.

26-122 Business Manager. Henderson gave the Business Manager report. She received the audit engagement letter from Casey Peterson. They are planning to be on site in late July / early August. There will be no election as there was only one school board position open and only one petition returned. Tawni Cordell will begin her second term in July.

26-123 K-12 Principal Report. Principal Messmer gave the Principal/AD report. Congratulations to the February Character Counts and Students of the Month:

Buffalo Elementary: River Olson - Helpful

Harding County Middle School: Gretta Lermeney "Student of the Month"
Swayde Wilson, Resilient

Harding County High School: Aniah Claypool "Student of the Month"
Tayce Tetrault - Resilient

Congratulations to the State History Day Regional winners; 13 students will move on to National Competition in Washington DC this summer. Middle School and High School students attended State Student Council in Rapid City and State FFA will be next week in Brookings. Prom went well and was well attended. Track and golf have started and are looking forward to cooperative weather.

26-124 Superintendent Report. Supt. Page gave the Superintendent report. Supt Page is working on a spring newsletter to go out the first week in May. The board also discussed plans for the public meeting regarding the building project to be held in May.

President Olson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Submitted By:

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

Taz Olson
Board President