

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31-1 WAS HELD MAY 13, 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, Jaylene Stirling, Nellie Duprel, Sam Olson.

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.

26-159 Consent Agenda.

Motion by Doll, second by Lermeney to approve the Agenda with the additions of Preliminary Budget, SDHSAA Elections, and NWS Executive Session. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes of April 14th, 2026 Regular Meeting

Approve Financial Report

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

	GENERAL	CAPITAL OUT.	SPECIAL ED	BOND RED.	FOOD SERV.
Beginning Balance	(42,715.49)	2,878,237.33	250,671.77	272,713.58	(26,945.78)
Receipts:					
Local sources	52,234.68	136,656.63	32,321.02	16,753.11	6,048.62
County sources	1,475.64	2,449.30	950.93	494.58	
State sources	97,170.00				
Federal sources	40,452.40				3,884.67
Accounts Receivable					
Total Revenue	191,332.72	139,105.93	33,271.95	17,247.69	9,933.29
Disbursements	230,103.65	41,781.89	45,023.22	250,000.00	17,136.22
Acct Payable					
Total Disbursements	230,103.65	41,781.89	25,023.22	250,000.00	17,136.22
Ending Balance	(81,486.42)	2,975,561.37	238,920.50	39,961.27	(34,148.71)

APRIL PAYROLL AND BENEFITS

General	108,294.06
Federal Title/REAP	8,659.25
Superintendent & Secretary	17,078.99
Principals and Secretary	14,635.61
Business Manager	8,885.96
Custodians	19,039.32
X-Cur	2,056.68
Bus Driver	8,814.36
Special Education	36,974.22
Food Service	8,972.00

26-160 Approve Bills for Payment. Motion by Doll, second by Clanton to approve the bills. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

ABERDEEN AWARDS	SUPPLIES	3,125.00
AMAZON	SUPPLIES	229.69
BH WINDSHIELD REPAIR	VEHICLE MTNCE	210.00
BUFFALO HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	327.51
CENEX FLEETCARD	FUEL	531.79
CENTRAL DISTRIBUTION	SUPPLIES	2,203.91
DOUBLETREE	STATE STU CO ROOMS	1,710.00
ELAN FINANCIAL	TRAVEL / SUPPLIES	10,889.18
ELMORE, LAURIE	REIMBURSE NHD TRAVEL	756.42
GRAND ELECTRIC	UTILITIES	6,680.96
H&L SUPERVALU	SUPPLIES	114.42
HAMPTON INN	STATE FFA TRAVEL	3,096.00
HAND, TALIA	REIMBURSE NHD TRAVEL	1,101.41
HC TRUST	REGION WRESTLING/GBB/BBB	1,240.75
HENDERSON, ELIZABETH	TRAVEL	542.40
HETT PLUMBING	CONTRACT SERVICE	434.06
IMPREST/SPEARFISH HS	TRACK FEES	180.00
IMPREST/BOWMAN HS	TRACK FEES	300.00
IMPREST/BISON SCHOOL	ACADEMIC OLYMPICS LUNCH	125.00
IMPREST/WEX BANK	FUEL	767.70
IMPREST/PBT	STATE FFA PER DIEM	2,450.00
IMPREST/AT&T	PHONE SERVICE	103.30
IMPREST/BELLE FOURCHE CC	GOLF FEES	180.00
IMPREST/SD PRINCIPALS CONFERNCE	REGISTRATION	250.00
IMPREST/LAKE WAGGONER GOLF	GOLF FEES	70.00
IMPREST/WALL COMMUNITY GOLF COURSE	GOLF FEES	70.00
IMPREST/TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS	TRACK FEES	175.00
IMPREST/ELKS GOLF COURSE	GOLF FEES	70.00
IMPREST/NEWELL GOLF COURSE	GOLF FEES	100.00
INFINITE CAMPUS	ANNUAL FEES	1,066.40
LERMENY, JULIA	REIMBURSE NHD TRAVEL	912.53
MARC	SUPPLIES	2,613.29
NATION CENTER NEWS	PUBLISHING/ADVERTISING	387.40
NWAREA SCHOOLS	SUPPLIES	162.56
NWTIRE	BUS MAINTENANCE	1,347.51
OLSON FUELS	FUEL	3,952.95
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE	451.50
PROPOINT	PROPANE	5,976.00
PYE-BARKER	CONTRACT SERVICE	2,086.75
ROLPH, DANETTE	REIMBURSE NHD TRAVEL	1,044.40
TMS	CONTRACT SERVICE	72.00
TETRAULT, TABITHA	REIMBURSE TESTING	165.67
TOWN OF BUFFALO	UTILITIES	455.93
TURBIVILLE PHOTOGRAPHY	SUPPLIES	88.00
US FOODS	ACADEMIC AWARDS	464.62
WENDT, LISA	REIMBURSE NHD TRAVEL	728.39

WENDT, TRACEY	REIMBURSE NHD TRAVEL	1,948.81
WRCTC	PHONE SERVICE	649.51
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	62,608.72
GRANTS		
ELAN FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES - TITLE	101.00
MISSOULA CHILDRENS' THEATRE	CONTRACT SERVICE - REAP	3,175.00
	TOTAL GRANTS	3,276.00
CAPTIAL OUTLAY		
ABM	COPIER LEASE	1,781.89
CENTRAL DISTRIBUTION	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	25,023.43
CO-OP ARCHITECTURE	ARCHITECURAL FEES	5,000.00
HETT PLUMBING	CONCESSION STAND	4,191.14
US BANK	CERT PRINCIPAL / INTEREST	250,952.50
US BANK	FEES	750.00
	TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	287,698.96
SPED		
ELAN FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES	143.99
PRAIRIE PERFORMANCE PT	PT SERVICES	844.00
SMALL TALK SPEECH	SPEECH SERVICES	1,620.00
	TOTAL SPED	2,607.99
BOND REDEMPTION FUND		
COMPUTERSHARE (WELLS FARGO)	BOND INTEREST	142,500.00
	TOTAL BOND REDEMPTION	142,500.00
FOOD SERVICE		
SYSCO	FOOD	510.93
US FOODS	FOOD	5,734.45
	TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	6,245.38
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	504,937.05

26-160B SDHSAA Constitutional Amendments / Elections. Principal Messmer and Board Member Clanton reviewed the proposed constitutional amendments to be voted on with the board. Motion by Clanton, second by Doll to vote yes on Constitutional Amendments 1, 2, and 3 and to vote for Jeff Kosters for Division IV Representative. Motion carried. The amendments reflect changes to when high school eligibility begins for students; participation post-graduation; and how eligibility is determined if a school closes.

26-161 School Pasture Lease. President Olson read two bids received for the school pasture lease.
 Floyd Ranch, LLP: \$50/acre or \$3,100/year for at 3-year total of \$9,300
 Will maintain fences

Lane Stirling, \$30.50/acre or \$1,891/year for a 3-year total of \$5,673

Motion by Clanton, second by Doll to accept the high bid from Floyd Ranch, LLP. Motion carried.

26-162 SPED Comprehensive Plan. SPED Director Nellie Duprel reviewed the annual changes to the Special Education Comprehensive Plan. The only changes this year were to remove Northwest Area Schools from the plan. Motion by Lermeney, second by Cordell to approve the SPED Comprehensive Plan for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried.

26-163 Approve Certified Contracts. Motion by Doll, second by Cordell to approve the following certified contracts for 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.

26-164 Offer Classified Contracts. Motion by Lermeny, second by Clanton to offer the following classified contracts: Maddie Feist – ½ time Paraprofessional; Brandi Pihl – Paraprofessional; Danette Rolph – Paraprofessional; Lisa Wendt – Paraprofessional; Justine Giannonatti – Head Cook; Tanya Tilus – Assistant Cook; Jeana Tausan - Administrative Assistant; Tristin Wammen - Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith – Custodian; Deanne Wipf – Custodian; Deb Long – PT Custodian; Kelly Messmer – Driver’s Education. Motion carried.

26-165 Offer and Approve Summer School Teaching Contracts. Motion by Cordell, seconded by Doll to offer and approve summer school teaching contracts to Marisa Hett, Chereste Messmer, Tabitha Tetrault, and Lynnette Stugelmeyer. Motion carried.

OPEN FORUM: Sam Olson, representing the Harding County Community Foundation discussed the lower playground space at the old gym with the board. The HCCF has received a matching donation for a community project and they would like to resurface the basketball court and add pickleball striping and a net. It most likely wouldn’t happen until next spring. The board was receptive to the project.

26-166 First Reading Athletic / Coaches Handbook. First reading was held for the 2026-27 student athlete and coaches handbooks.

26-166B Preliminary Budget. Supt Page reviewed the preliminary budget with the board for the 2026-27 school year.

26-167 Facilities Discuss – Next Step. The board discussed the upcoming public informational meeting regarding the building projects. This is the opportunity to invest in the future and keep pushing the school and district to be better. The meeting will be held on Monday, May 18, 2026 at 6pm.

26-168 NWAS. President Olson and Supt Page discussed the NWAS report. Faith School District was designated for records retention and will handle any unemployment claims if necessary. The mobile units will all be moved by June 1st to their final destinations. Dakota Diamond Auctions will handle the surplus auction.

Motion by Clanton, second by Cordell to enter into executive session at 6:43pm in accordance with SDCL 1-25-2(1) regarding NWAS Personnel. Motion carried. The board was declared out of executive session at 6:52pm.

26-169 Business Manager. Henderson gave the Business Manager report. The pasture lease was discussed. Henderson will update and send to Floyd Ranch to be signed.

26-170 K-12 Principal Report. Principal Messmer gave the Principal/AD report. Congratulations to the February Character Counts and Students of the Month:

Buffalo Elementary: Tenley Kari - Honest

Harding County Middle School: Kynlee Cordell - “Student of the Month”

Weston Wendt - Industrious

Harding County High School: Addisyn Comes “Student of the Month”

Brayden Padden - Industrious

Overall attendance was at 95.3% for the district for the year. Congratulations to Gabriela Flores, Sofia Flores, Easton Wammen, Brylee Crago, Acacia Hausman, Dace Tenold, Tatum Tetrault, Dayne Wammen, Keira Wammen, Maci Wammen, Rhyden Thompson, and Brody Williams for perfect attendance for the year. Early results for state testing are looking better than the state average.

26-171 Superintendent Report. Supt. Page gave the Superintendent report. Supt Page reviewed the summer maintenance schedules. He is working on a plan for the retaining wall at the old gym and looking at graveling the parking lots.

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

Submitted By:

Elizabeth Henderson
Business Manager

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Taz Olson
Board President