MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31-1 WAS HELD AUGUST 12, 2026, AT 5:30 PM. AT THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL LIBRARY.

Members Present: Taz Olson, Billy Clanton, Tawni Cordell, Clint Doll, Dillon Lermeny. Administration Present: Superintendent Josh Page, Business Manager Elizabeth Henderson, Principal/AD Kelly Messmer (phone).

Visitors Present: Abby Landphere, Evelyn Landphere, BJ Padden, Jesse Glines, Tonja Montgomery Hansen.

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.

27-015 Consent Agenda.

Motion by Clanton, second by Cordell approve the consent agenda as follows:

Approve Agenda with addition of Executive Session (1-25-2(2) Student Matter), and CTE/Mutipurpose Building Discussion

Approve Minutes of the July 15, 2026 Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting and July 21, 2026 Special Meeting

Approve the Financial Report

Motion carried.

	GENERAL	CAPITAL OUT.	SPECIAL ED	BOND RED.	FOOD SERV.
Beginning Balance	**692,065.21**	**2,633,456.29**	**394,924.42**	**143,944.88**	**544.06**
Receipts:					
Local sources	2,731.08	26,297.71	1,216.50	540.64	76.98
County sources	478.50				
State sources	97,221.00				
Federal sources					
Accounts Receivable	6,012.00				1,305.00
Total Revenue	**106,442.58**	**26,297.71**	**1,216.50**	**540.64**	**1,381.98**
Disbursements	155,635.20	228,012.35	9,895.56		815.29
Acct Payable	141,517.83	47,168.13	27,891.25		4,651.50
Total Disbursements	**297,153.03**	**275,180.48**	**37,786.81**		**5,466.79**
Ending Balance	**501,354.76**	**2,384,573.52**	**358,354.11**	**144,485.52**	**(3,540.75)**

JULY PAYROLL AND BENEFITS

General	110,162.40
Superintendent & Secretary	17,622.95
Principals and Secretary	15,085.65
Business Manager	9,302.24
Custodians	21,150.24
X-Cur	909.21
Bus Driver	0.00
Special Education	30,578.54
Food Service	4,650.74

27-016 Bills for Payment. Motion by Doll, second by Lermeny to approve the bills for payment. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND		
AMAZON	SUPPLIES	7,803.37
AT&T	PHONE SERVICE	106.84
BIO CORPORATION	SUPPLIES	191.49
BUFFALO HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	1,426.49
CENEX FLEETCARD	FUEL	140.95
DALE, LON	CONTRACT SERVICE	3,377.94
ELAN FINANCIAL (VISA)	FEES/SUPPLES	14,092.36
EMC INSURANCE	VEHICLES / ADDS	4,383.00
ET SPORTS	SUPPLIES	95.57
GAME ONE	SUPPLIES	1,291.92
GLINES, TIM	VEHICLE MTNCE - 2020 TR / 2010 VAN	166.87
GOLDENWEST	CONTRACT SERVICE	250.00
GRAND ELECTRIC	UTILITIES	5,891.78
H&L SUPERVALUE	SUPPLIES	67.26
HEALTH EQUITY	FEES	38.80
HETT PLUMBING	CONTRACT SERVICE	1,618.66
IMPREST/JAY WAMMEN	REIMBURSE SUPPLIES	148.34
IMPREST/WEX BANK	FUEL	629.38
IMPREST/HC TREASURER	TITLE/PLATES	82.40
IMPREST/DAVID DOUGLAS	REIMBURSE SUPPLIES	81.04
IMPREST/LYNNETTE STUGELMEYER	REIMBURSE FIRST AID CLASS	35.00
KSB SCHOOL LAW	ATTORNEY FEES	850.50
MONUMENT HEALTH	SD DOT TESTING	65.00
NATION CENTER NEWS	PUBLISHING/ADVERTISING	549.77
NW TIRE	ROUTE BUS MTNCE	901.08
OLSON FUELS	FUEL	1,313.81
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE	300.00
REGION IV ADMINISTRATORS	DUES AND FEES	500.00
SANFORD HEALTH	DOT TESTING	35.00
SASD	DUES AND FEES	899.00
SCHOOL SPECIALTY	SUPPLIES	1,230.36
SDI INNOVATIONS	SUPPLIES	198.59
STERLING COMPUTERS	SUPPLIES	1,374.55
STUBS TIRE AND LUBE	VEHICLE MTNCE	920.09
TMS	CONTRACT SERVICE	78.50
TOWN OF BUFFALO	UTILITIES	710.69
WRCTC	PHONE SERVICE	640.20
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	**52,486.60**
GRANTS		
ELAN FINANCIAL (VISA)	SRSA EQUIP	8,960.00
	TOTAL GRANTS	**8,960.00**
CAPTIAL OUTLAY		
ABM	COPIER LEASE	1,781.89
AMAZON	EQUIPMENT / BOOKS	419.10
BAIER CONSTRUCTION	CARPET	5,447.00
BSN SPORTS	UNIFORMS - VOLLEYBALL	3,006.08

BUFFALO HARDWARE	CARPET/PAINT	5,421.10
CENTRAL DISTRIBUTION	GYM FLOORS	5,570.90
CO-OP ARCHITECTURE	ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES	5,000.00
DENZIN, MICK	CARPET	1,591.00
ELAN FINANCIAL	EQUIPMENT	9,272.51
EXPLOREK12	SUBSCRIPTIONS - HS/MS SCIENCE	1,316.40
HIGHT, TROY	IMPROV OF SITES - FB FIELD	4,626.94
HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT	CURRICULUM - HS SCIENCE	13,793.29
HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT	CURRICULUM - ELEM SCIENCE	23,536.97
K-LOG	ELEMENTARY DESKS	9,265.70
MCGRAW HILL	CURRICULUM - PERSONAL FINANCE	3,519.34
MCGRAW HILL	CURRICULUM - HS SCIENCE	5,705.03
S/N CONSTRUCTION	CONCESSIONS STAND	40,000.00
	TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	**139,273.25**
SPED		
CRISTY DAVIS	SUMMER SPEECH	1,080.00
PRAIRIE PERFORMANCE	PT SERVICES	630.00
RELAY HUB	CONTRACT SERVICES	1,514.00
	TOTAL SPED	**3,224.00**
FOOD SERVICE		
IMPREST/H&L SUPERVALU	SUPPLIES	9.18
	TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	**9.18**
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**203,953.03**

27-017 Review Open Meeting Rules. Business Manager Henderson reviewed the open meetings guide from the SD Attorney General's office with the board as required by SDCL 1-25-13.

27-018 Conflict of Interest. None at this time.

27-019 Approve Volunteer Coaches. Motion by Doll, second by Clanton to approve the following volunteer coaches: Marisa Hett - volleyball, Sadie Podzimek – volleyball, Ray Ginsbach – football, David Wickstrom – wrestling, BJ Padden – wrestling, Taz Olson – wrestling, Grey Gilbert – wrestling, Brady Harkless – wrestling, BJ Padden – track, Wally Stephens – track, Richard Long – JH football, Keegan Hett – JH football. Motion carried.

27-020 Offer Contracts. Motion by Lermeny, second by Cordell to offer the following contracts:

Kaitlin Peterson – paraprofessional, $21.00/hr
Cierra McTaggart – paraprofessional, $21.00/hr
David Douglas – Head Maintenance Supervisor, $27.00/hr

Motion carried.

27-021 Bond Resolution. Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a meeting of the School Board of Harding County School District 31-1, of Harding County, South Dakota, was held on August 12, 2026 at 5:30 o'clock p.m.

The following members were present: Tawni Cordell, Taz Olson, Billy Clanton, Dillon Lermeny, and Clint Doll and the following were absent: none.

Member Olson then introduced and moved the adoption of the following

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 2

RESOLUTION DECLARING NECESSITY AND EXPEDIENCY FOR ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, CALLING AN ELECTION THEREFORE AND HIRING PROFESSIONALS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Harding County School District 31-1, Harding County, South Dakota, as follows:

(1) Declaration of necessity. The School Board hereby finds, determines, and declares that it is necessary and expedient for the School District to borrow an amount not to exceed $4,950,000 and, subject to voter approval, to issue its general obligation school bonds in one or more series for that purpose. The bonds shall mature no earlier than one year and no later than 20 years from their respective dates of issuance and shall bear interest at such rates, payable at such times, as the School Board may determine. The proceeds of the bonds shall be used to finance school improvements, including: (a) constructing an approximately 9,350-square-foot multipurpose weight and locker room addition; (b) constructing an approximately 9,600-square-foot career and technical education building addition; (c) furnishing and equipping those additions; and (d) paying the costs of issuing the bonds.

(2) Election. The question of authorizing the issuance of such bonds shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District at a bond election which is to be held on the 3rd day of November 2026, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 7:00 o'clock p.m. The question shall be in substantially the following form:

SHALL THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 31-1, HARDING COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA, ISSUE ITS NEGOTIABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FOUR MILLION NINE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($4,950,000), TO BE ISSUED IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, PROVIDED THAT NO SERIES EXCEEDS THE DISTRICT'S CONSTITUTIONAL DEBT LIMIT, BEARING INTEREST AT RATES DETERMINED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD, AND MATURING FROM ONE (1) YEAR TO NOT MORE THAN 20 YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF ISSUANCE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING: (A) CONSTRUCTING AN APPROXIMATELY 9,350-SQUARE-FOOT MULTIPURPOSE WEIGHT AND LOCKER ROOM ADDITION; (B) CONSTRUCTING AN APPROXIMATELY 9,600-SQUARE-FOOT CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION BUILDING ADDITION; (C) FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING THOSE ADDITIONS; AND (D) PAYING THE COSTS OF ISSUING THE BONDS?

SHALL THE ABOVE PROPOSITION BE APPROVED AND THE BONDS ISSUED?

3. Ballot Certification, Polling places and Judges. The ballot certification, polling places and judges and clerks for said election shall be selected according to South Dakota Law.

4. Voter Registration Deadline. The Business Manager is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of voter registration and deadline therefore, as required by law. The deadline for voter registration shall not be less than fifteen (15) days prior to the election. The Business Manager shall give notice of the availability of registration officials and state when registration will be terminated and the effect of a failure to have registered. Such notice shall be published in

official newspapers of the District at least once each week for (2) two consecutive weeks, the last publication to be not less than (10) ten nor more than (15) fifteen days before the deadline for registration.

5. Notice of Election. The Business Manager is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of school bond election, said notice to be published in the official newspaper for the District once each week for two (2) successive weeks before said date of election. The second notice shall be published not less than four (4) days nor more than ten (10) days before the election.
6. Ballots. The Business Manager is authorized and directed to cause printed ballots to be prepared for use at said election in substantially the form on file with the Business Manager and to publish with the second notice of election.
7. Canvass. Said election shall be held and conducted and the votes cast thereat shall be counted, certified and canvassed according to law within six (6) days of the election.
8. Hiring of Professionals. Meierhenry Sargent LLP of Sioux Falls, South Dakota is hereby designated as bond counsel for this issue and Colliers Securities LLC, hereby designated as underwriter for this issue. The President and Business Manager are authorized to execute such documents as are necessary to carry out the intent of this paragraph.
9. Authorization of Officers. The Superintendent, School Board President and Business Manager are authorized to sign any acknowledgement, certificates or documents required by bond counsel or the underwriter in connection with the Bonds.

Member Clanton moved for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Motion was seconded by Member Cordell and upon vote being taken the following voted AYE: Lermeny, Cordell, Clanton, Doll, and Olson and the following voted NAY: none

Whereupon said motion was declared duly passed and adopted and was signed and attested by the President and Business Manager.

Signed: Taz Olson, President

Attest: Elizabeth Henderson, Business Manager

OPEN FORUM:

Abby Landphere spoke with the board, requesting that they would like to open enroll their daughter for athletics.

Jesse Glines asked about the bond resolution.

27-021 Wellness Policy. Motion by Doll, second by Cordell to approve the review of the Wellness Policy (IGAJ). No changes were made. Motion carried.

Executive Session. Motion by Cordell, second by Lermeny to enter into executive session at 5:52pm in accordance with SDCL 1-25-2(2) for a student matter. Motion carried. The board was declared out of executive session at 6:08pm.

27-023 Open Enrollment Application. The board reviewed open enrollment application for Student A. Motion by Lermeny, second by Doll to approve the open enrollment application for Student A. Lermeny – Yea, Cordell - Yea, Olson - Nay, Clanton – Nay, Doll Yea. Motion carried.

27-024 Policy Review. Policies IGD – Extra-curricular activities, IGDI – Interscholastic Activities, and JECB – Open Enrollment were reviewed regarding an update to wording regarding SDHSAA guidelines. Proposed policy IGDIA/JECDE would require out-of-district residing alternative instruction students to enroll in a set number of classes within the district in order to participate in activities. Motion by Clanton, second by Cordell to table first reading of the changes and proposed policy to future date. Motion carried.

27-025 Approve Negotiated Agreement. Motion by Doll, second by Lermeny to approve the negotiated agreement. Motion carried.

27-026 Smarter Balanced Testing. Principal Messmer reviewed the 2025-26 Smarter Balanced Testing results with the board.

27-027 2026-27 Transportation Plan. Supt Page reviewed the bus routes for the current year with the board. Yellow buses will run to Reva and Camp Crook again this year with the larger transit van going to Ludlow. Depending upon future enrollment, we may need to look at a larger option for Ludlow within the next few years.

27-027B CTE/Multipurpose Building Discussion. The board discussed whether to go with a design-build or construction manager-at-risk for the new building and other items they had learned at the ASBSD/SASD convention in Sioux Falls. No decisions were made at this time. Supt Page said he would reach out to Jared Carda at Co-Op for next steps.

27-028 NWAS Report. President Olson gave the NWAS report.

27-029 Business Manager. Henderson gave the Business Manager report. Audit is finished and annual report will be submitted this week.

26-030 K-12 Principal Report. The Principal Report was discussed. Fall practices have started. Staff will be back on Monday, August 17 and students will begin on August 19.

25-031 Superintendent Report. Supt. Page gave the Superintendent report. Thank you to the custodians and summer workers for all their hard work. The school looks excellent, everything is finishing up and preparing for school next week.

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

Submitted By:

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Elizabeth Henderson	Taz Olson
Business Manager	Board President

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