

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31-1 WAS HELD JULY 15, 2026, AT 5:30 PM. AT THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL LIBRARY.

Members Present: Randy Routier, 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: Ricky Sarsland, Justin Abrahamson.

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.

26-197 Consent Agenda.

Motion by Lermeny, second by Doll approve the agenda with the addition of Executive Session, Approve the minutes of the June 10, 2026 Regular Meeting and the June 23, 2026 Special Meeting, approve the financial report, and approve the end of the year bills. Motion carried.

JUNE 2026 End Of Year Bills

Capital Outlay

Chadron Motors, 2020 Dodge Ram, \$31,599

Total Capital Outlay, \$31,599

Total End of Year Expenses, \$31,599

JUNE PAYROLL AND BENEFITS

General	101,690.99
Federal Title/REAP	7,319.46
Superintendent & Secretary	16,994.59
Principals and Secretary	14,551.27
Business Manager	10,992.15
Custodians	14,309.65
X-Cur	869.69
Bus Driver	3,773.10
Special Education	28,276.71
Food Service	5,959.38

26-198 Supplement Food Service Budget. Motion by Clanton, second by Cordell to transfer \$38,500 from the General Fund to the Food Service Fund. Motion carried.

Discussion was held about the remaining lunch bills. The board directed Henderson to publish the outstanding lunch bills at the time of the minutes being printed. Additional notices have been sent.

Steve Nation \$598.00

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26-199 Supplement the 2025/26 Budget. Henderson reviewed a supplemental budget with the board. Motion by Doll, second by Lermenly to approve the following supplemental budget. Motion carried.

General Fund Means of Finance

- 10-1510, Interest, \$3,000
- 10-3111-001, State Aid, \$32,675
- 10-3112, State Apportionment, \$3,500
- 10-4149, SRSA Grant, \$5,050
- 10-5110-001, Operating Transfers, \$26,200
- Total General Fund, \$70,425

General Fund Expenditures

- 10-1131, High School – SRSA Grant, \$3,450
- 10-2213, Tuition Reimbursement, \$1,200
- 10-2213, SRSA Grant, \$1,600
- 10-2227, Technology, \$8,800
- 10-2547, Property Services, \$3,675
- 10-6201, Volleyball, \$8,000
- 10-6550, Activities Bus, \$1,700
- 10-6901, Track/Cross Country, \$10,000
- 10-6905, National History Day, \$8,000
- 10-6912, Golf, \$6,000
- 10-6914, Wrestling, \$18,000
- Total General Fund, \$70,425

Capital Outlay Means of Finance

- 21-1110, Ad Valorem Taxes, \$18,000
- 21-192, Local Donations, \$50,000
- Total Capital Outlay, \$68,000

Capital Outlay Expenditures

- 21-2533, Architect/Engineering, \$18,000
- 21-2535-002, Concession Stand, \$50,000
- Total Expenditures, \$68,000

Bond Redemption Means of Finance

- 31-4900, Federal Revenue, \$700
- Total Bond Redemption, \$700

Bond Redemption Expenditures

- 31-5000, Fees, \$700
- Total Bond Redemption, \$700

Food Service Means of Finance

- 51-4810, Federal Reimbursement, \$5,500
- 51-1690, Miscellaneous, \$950.00
- 51-1613, Misc Food Sales, \$1000
- 51-4810-024, Supply Chain Asst, \$4750
- Total Food Service, \$12,200

Food Service Expenditures

51-2561, Food Service, \$12,200

Total Food Service, \$12,200

26-200 2026-27 Student Handbooks, 2nd Reading. Motion by Clanton, second by Cordell to approve the second reading of the 2026-27 Elementary and Middle School/High School Handbooks. Motion carried.

26-201A Executive Session. Motion by Lermeny, second by Doll to enter into executive session at 5:34pm in accordance with SDCL-1-25-2(1) for personnel and SDCL 1-25-2(2) for Student Matter. Motion carried. The board was declared out of executive session at 6:18 pm.

26-201B Open Enrollment. Motion by Clanton, second by Lermeny to table the open enrollment request at this time. Motion carried.

26-202 Approve Street Resolution. Motion by Lermeny, second by Cordell to approve the Petition to Vacate Streets and Alleys as presented. Motion carried.

Petition to Vacate Streets and Alleys

Comes now Harding County School District, Petitioner, pursuant to SDCL 9-45-7 through SDCL 9-45-12, and hereby petitions Harding County for a Resolution vacating the following streets and alleys, all located in the Revised Plat of the Southeast Quarter of Section 19, Township 19, Range 5 East, as recorded in North Buffalo Addition, Page 3 in the Harding County Register of Deeds on December 21, 1959, in Harding County, South Dakota:

- A. Alley running north and south through Block L between Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, 7, 8, 9, 10;
- B. Alley running north and south through Block H between Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, 7, 8, 9, 10;
- C. Fourth Avenue between Block H and Block L; and
- D. North Fifth Street between Block F and Lots 4 and 5 of Block L and Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of Block H;

1. Harding County School is the owner of the below described property adjoining the above alleys and streets:
 - a. Block F: All
 - b. Block H: All
 - c. Block L: All
2. Harding County School seeks to vacate the streets and alleys for the following reasons:
 - a. There are no improved roads placed where the streets and alleys are designated by the plat.
 - b. Harding County School desires to utilize these areas for the purposes of its business. Vehicle traffic through the center of the property would be undesirable and restrictive to the purposes desired.
 - c. Harding County School acknowledges that there may be sewer and water utilities placed in alleys and streets and agrees not to hinder access to said utilities./
3. That the alleys and streets sought to be vacated were platted in 1959 and have not been used or traveled as streets or alleys at any times since the plat was recorded, to the Petitioners knowledge.
4. Attached is a copy of the revised Plat of the SE1/4 of Section 19, Township 19, Range 5 East, Black Hills Meridian showing the replatting of Block G of North Buffalo. This copy has been highlighted to reflect ownership and areas sought to be vacated.

5. Petitioner seeks to have this Petition filed with the Auditor or Clerk, that Notice be given and a hearing be held as provided in SDCL 9-45-8. Thereafter, Petitioner seeks a Resolution vacating the alleys and streets referenced herein.
6. That attached hereto is a proposed Resolution.

Signed, Taz Olson, Harding County School District
Attest, Elizabeth Henderson, Business Manager.

26-203 Approve Coaching Contracts. Motion by Doll, second by Clanton to approve 2026-27 coaching contracts: Head Cross Country - Holly Costello; Head Football- Jay Wammen; Assistant Football - Waylon Sabo; Junior High Football - Camden Hett; Head Volleyball - Tammy Bruha; Assistant Volleyball - Lynnette Stugelmeyer; Junior High Volleyball - Sydney Pedersen; Head Wrestling - Casey Olson; Assistant Wrestling - Brandon Padden; Assistant Wrestling - Ashley Padden; Head Boys Basketball - Waylon Sabo; Assistant Boys Basketball - Camden Hett; Head Girls Basketball - Jay Wammen; Assistant Girls Basketball - Ray Ginsbach; Head Track - Cher Messmer; Assistant Track - Brandon Padden; Assistant Track - Nancy Johnson; Head Golf - Jeana Tausan; Athletic Director – Kelly Messmer. Motion carried

OPEN FORUM: None

President Olson declared the 2025-2026 school board adjourned at 6:23 pm.

27-001 Organization of New School Board. Business Manager Henderson gave the Oath of Office to Tawni Cordell.

Election of Officers: Lermeny nominated Olson for President and Doll for Vice President. Seeing no other nominations, Olson was appointed President and Doll was appointed Vice President.

27-002 Call to Order. President Olson called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

26-003 Consent Agenda. Motion by Cordell, second by Doll to approve the consent agenda:

- a. Designate Business Manager, Elizabeth Henderson, as Custodian of Accounts.
- b. Designate Pioneer Bank and Trust as official depository.
- c. Designate Nation Center News as official Legal Newspaper.
- d. Designate Superintendent Josh Page as the authorized representative for all state and federal programs.
- e. Designate KSB as the Legal Counsel.
- f. Set the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. as the date and time for the regular school board meetings.
- g. Authorize the Superintendent to close school in case of inclement weather or other emergencies.
- h. Set school board compensation at none.
- i. Adopt the policies of the FY 2025 - 2026 School Board.
- j. Establish rates and salaries for the 2026 - 2027 School year:
 1. Paraprofessionals that are half-time or more are eligible to receive fringe benefits, the same as full-time staff members.
 2. Substitute teacher salary at \$125.00 per day for subs. If a sub works for a month, for a long-term absence, the daily rate may be contracted up to \$150 per day. No mileage will be paid for any substitutes.
 3. Elementary student room and board at \$150 per month for maximum of 9 months for the first child and \$75 per month for each additional child to a maximum of \$300

per month. This compensation is in effect when the family moves to Buffalo and the total cost of the room and board is less than or equal to the cost of mileage if a bus is not provided.

4. Mileage rate for staff is 70 cents per mile (or state rate), meals at state rate and room allowance at actual cost. Meals will only be paid for overnight trips.
5. Scorekeepers and timer salary at \$10 per game for basketball, volleyball, wrestling and football.
6. Admission charges for school activities - \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. Free admission to staff & their spouses, workers, Senior Citizens and peace officers in uniform. Activity tickets - \$30 for adults, \$15 for students and \$50 for couples.
7. District will pay for Activity Bus Driver physical.
8. Custodial sub pay at \$15.00 per hour.
9. Activities Bus driving salaries at: \$18 per hour. Meals and lodging will be paid when it is an overnight trip. On overnight trips, salary will not be paid from 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM unless it involves driving time. Minimum pay per trip shall be \$50.
- k. Authorize Business Manager to publish salaries and ESSA notices.
- l. Authorize the Superintendent to act in absence of business manager.
- m. Appoint Josh Page as LEA asbestos coordinator.

Motion carried.

27-004 Designate Propane Provider. Propane Bids for the 2026 - 2027 school year were received and opened. Two bids were received:

Olson Propane: July 15, 2026 through June 30, 2027, \$1.19/gal

Propoint: July 15, 2026 to June 30, 2027, \$1.21/gal

Motion by Clanton, second by Doll to accept the Olson Propane bid for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion carried.

27-005 Bills for Payment. Motion by Clanton, second by Lermenly to approve bills for payment. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

AMAZON	FY 25 SUPPLIES	266.29
ASBSD	FEES	1,078.26
AQUACHEM	CONTRACT SERVICE	325.00
AT&T	PHONE SERVICES	106.84
BSN SPORTS	FB EQUIPMENT	1,296.00
BUFFALO HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	3,275.04
CENEX FLEETCARD	FUEL	59.93
CENTRAL DISTRIBUTION	SUPPLIES	266.48
CNA SURETY	BOND	175.00
DALE, LON	CONTRACT SERVICE	1,953.81
ELAN FINANCIAL (VISA)	TRAVEL/SUPPLIES	8,312.94
GAME ONE	FB EQUIPMENT	1,256.22
GLINES ELECTRIC	CONTRACT SERVICE	1,271.62
GRAND ELECTRIC	UTILITIES	5,013.95
GRAND ELECTRIC	CONTRACT SERVICE	1,670.00
GOLDENWEST	CONTRACT SERVICE	21,057.00
HC WEED & PEST	CONTRACT SERVICE	559.80
HUB INTERNATIONAL	PROPERTY INSURANCE	34,444.00

HUB INTERNATIONAL	DEDUCTIBLE BUYBACK	4,239.49
HETT PLUMBING	CONTRACT SERVICE	870.18
IMPREST/HEALTH EQUITY	FEES	34.80
IMPREST/WEX BANK	FUEL	912.96
IMPREST/LON DALE	CONTRACT SERVICE	5,024.39
IMPREST/DAVID DOUGLAS	REIMBURSE SUPPLIES	157.53
IMPREST/JEANA TAUSAN	REIMBURSE FUEL	32.01
IMPREST/JODY MONCUR	REIMBURSE CONF TRAVEL	498.21
LODGE AT DEADWOOD	TRAVEL	652.00
LYONS, JEWEL	NHD TRAVEL	2,138.58
MONUMENT HEALTH	DOT TESTING	65.00
NCN	PUBLISHING/ADVERTISING	40.20
NEUVISION	CONTRACT SERVICE	150.00
OLSON FUELS	FUEL	1,087.03
PERFORMANCE OFFICE PAPERS	COPY PAPER	2,797.90
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE	300.00
PROPOINT	PROPANE - SUMMER FILL	2,365.50
RAS	WORK COMP	11,016.67
RUNNINGS	EQUIPMENT	229.99
SASD	DUES	1,488.00
SDI INNOVATIONS	SUPPLIES	155.22
SDUSA	DUES	700.00
SDSTE	DUES	30.00
SHI	MICROSOFT LICENSES	2,564.20
TMS	CONTRACT SERVICE	3,443.66
TOWN OF BUFFALO	UTILITIES	507.61
WRCTC	PHONE SERVICES	636.08
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	124,525.39
GRANTS		
BHSSC	TIE MEMBERSHIP	900.00
	TOTAL GRANTS	900.00
CAPTIAL OUTLAY		
ABM	COPIER LEASE	1,781.89
APPLE	IPADS	8,480.00
BSN SPORTS	XC UNIFORMS	1,509.24
CENTRAL DISTRIBUTION	BLDG MAINTENANCE	17,542.63
CENTRAL DISTRIBUTION	CUSTODIAL EQUIPMENT	18,677.86
COOP ARCHITECTURE	ARCH FEES	15,000.00
HORIZON FINANCIAL BANK	BUS LEASE PAYMENT	34,819.44
HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT	CURRICULUM - MS/HS MATH	22,822.97
HUB INSURANCE	PROPERTY INSURANCE	84,272.00
NO RED INK	SUBSCRIPTION	2,250.00
OLSON CONSTRUCTION	CONCESSION STAND	10,338.56
RIDDELL	FB EQUIPMENT	2,023.45
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA	LED LIGHTS PAYMENT	11,220.40
STERLING COMPUTERS	STUDENT COMPUTERS	37,470.20
SUI	ACCT SOFTWARE	11,300.00
ULINE	EQUIPMENT	1,646.79
	TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	281,155.43

SPED		
ELAN FINANCIAL (VISA)	SUPPLIES	143.99
PRAIRIE PERFORMANCE PT	PT SERVICES	1,376.00
RAS	WORK COMP	4,488.28
SMALL TALK SPEECH	SPEECH SERVICES	1,200.00
	TOTAL SPED	7,208.27
FOOD SERVICE		
RAS	WORK COMP	816.05
	TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	816.05
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	414,605.14

27-006 Nwas Representative. Motion by Doll, second by Clanton to appoint Taz Olson to be the Nwas delegate for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried.

27-007 Appoint ASBSD Delegates. Clint Doll was appointed as the ASBSD delegate with Billy Clanton as the alternate. The Joint Convention will be held in Sioux Falls August 6-7, 2026.

27-008 Nwas Report. President Olson gave the Nwas report. A lease agreement through October 1 is being prepared for the offices in Isabel. The auction proceeds were approximately \$260,000.

27-009 Business Manager. Henderson gave the Business Manager report. Casey Peterson will be conducting the audit beginning July 28.

26-012 K-12 Principal Report. The Principal Report was discussed. Football practice starts on August 6th and Cross-Country and Volleyball practices begin on August 10th & 13th respectively. Thank you to the Harding County Hospital Association for paying for the concussion testing again this year and the Monument Health Clinic in Buffalo and Southwest Healthcare in Bowman for providing physicals for our student athletes.

25-013 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. An informational meeting about the CTE/Phase II building project will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 6pm.

President Olson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Submitted By:

Elizabeth Henderson
Business Manager

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Taz Olson
Board President