

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #31-1 was held on September 16, 2026 at 5:30 PM in the HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL LIBRARY.

Members Present: Clint Doll, Tawni Cordell, Dillon Lermeney, Billy Clanton, Taz Olson.
Administration Present: Supt Josh Page, Business Manager Elizabeth Henderson

Visitors Present: BJ Padden, Jared Carda – COOP Architecture, Andrew Scull and associates– Scull Construction.

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.

27-049 Consent Agenda. Motion by Doll, second by Cordell to approve the agenda.
Motion carried.

27-050 – Open Forum – None

27-051 Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Discussion. Jared Carda with Co-Op Architecture and Andrew Scull and associates with Scull Construction discussed the process, pros and cons of Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) with the board and answered questions. A CMAR gives more budget and scheduling certainty and allows the school to choose which company they want to work with. In a design-build-bid process, the district would be required to go with the lowest bid regardless of quality of work. The board asked questions regarding subcontracting, bonds, and timelines. By choosing a CMAR earlier in the process, they can work with architects to help keep cost down. They also noted that most companies do their best to work with local subcontractors as much as possible, depending upon the scope of the project.

In order to hire a CMAR, the district needs to complete a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Similar to a bid, the district would advertise for proposals from construction companies and then review and select a company. This would be contingent upon financing and bonds being approved.

In order to be out to bid in the spring, Carda recommended the board begin the RFP process as soon as they can since it can take several weeks to complete. He also noted that moving forward with surveys and geotechnical aspects of the project would keep everything on schedule. If the project were to pause, the reports could be used in the future.

President Olson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:47pm.

Submitted By:

Elizabeth Henderson
Business Manager

Taz Olson
Board President

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