

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31-1 WAS HELD SEPTEMBER 9, 2026, AT 5:30 PM. AT THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL LIBRARY.

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

Visitors Present: BJ Padden.

Vice President Doll called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Unless otherwise noted, all Board action was by unanimous decision.

27-035 Consent Agenda.

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

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes of the August 12, 2026 Regular Meeting

Approve the Financial Report

Motion carried.

	GENERAL	CAPITAL OUT.	SPECIAL ED	BOND RED.	FOOD SERV.
Beginning Balance	501,354.76	2,384,573.52	358,354.11	144,485.52	(3,540.75)
Receipts:					
Local sources	8,139.29	17,140.84	1,677.77	790.55	8,384.89
County sources	400.50				
State sources	97,221.00				
Federal sources					
Accounts Receivable	70,015.76				598.00
Total Revenue	175,776.55	17,140.84	1,677.77	790.55	8,982.89
Disbursements	125,668.44	139,273.25	8,038.36		4,735.15
Acct Payable	105,353.32		25,135.55		5.10
Total Disbursements	231,021.76	139,273.25	33,173.91		4,740.25
Ending Balance	446,109.55	2,262,441.11	326,857.97	145,276.07	701.89

AUGUST PAYROLL AND BENEFITS

General	105,103.33
Superintendent & Secretary	17,622.95
Principals and Secretary	15,085.65
Business Manager	9,302.24
Custodians	22,744.77
X-Cur	909.21
Bus Driver	0.00
Special Education	29,949.91
Food Service	4,859.07

27-036 Bills for Payment. Motion by Lermeney, second by Cordell to approve the bills for payment.
Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

AMAZON	SUPPLIES	1,977.60
ASBSD	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	1,000.00
AT&T	PHONE SERVICE	107.84
BUFFALO HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	2,043.96
BUFFALO RANCH SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	35.99
CENTRAL DISTRIBUTION	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	6,017.72
D&D	BUS MAINTENANCE	1,087.46
ELAN FINANCIAL (VISA)	SUPPLIES/TRAVEL	4,425.46
EMC INSURANCE	REISSUE CHECK	1,902.00
FLOYDS TRUCK CENTER	REPAIR & MTNCE	10,645.16
GLINES ELECTRIC	REPAIR & MTNCE	2,468.12
GOLDENWEST	CONTRACT SERVICE	250.00
GRAND ELECTRIC	UTILITIES	6,648.89
H&L SUPERVALU	SUPPLIES	61.91
HEALTH EQUITY	FSA FEES	19.40
HEINRICH SEPTIC	CONTRACT SERVICE	451.35
HETT PLUMBING	CONTRACT SERVICE	903.89
HUDL	CONTRACT SERVICE (FB, VB, BB)	6,000.00
IMPREST/BLOSSOMS AND BREW	SUPPLIES	106.50
IMPREST/WEX BANK	FUEL	854.43
IMPREST/HOLLY COSTELLO	FIRST AID COURSE	35.00
IMPREST/MISSOULA CHILDRENS	DEPOSIT 2027	500.00
IMPREST/SD DCI	BACKGROUND CHECKS	150.00
IMPREST/FAITH SCHOOL	XC FEE	60.00
IMPREST/DAVID DOUGLAS	REIMBURSE SUPPLIES	67.30
IMPREST/PIONEER BANK	PER DIEM	120.00
IMPREST/PETTY CASH	STATE GBB	30.00
IMPREST/KRISTA WARBI	VB OFFICIAL	300.20
IMPREST/BOWMAN SCHOOL	XC FEE	60.00
IMPREST/PHILIP MEYER	FB OFFICIAL	337.20
IMPREST/ADAM NESS	FB OFFICIAL	177.00
IMPREST/JUSTO TOBAR	FB OFFICIAL	177.00
IMPREST/JEREMY HENWOOD	FB OFFICIAL	180.60
IMPREST/TODD HOLMES	FB OFFICIAL	180.60
IMPREST/JENNY BECKMAN	VB OFFICIAL	153.80
IMPREST/REFUND	VEHICLE TITLES	(4.00)
KSB SCHOOL LAW	ATTORNEY	913.50
LMC	LMC DUES	1,000.00
MARC	SUPPLIES	1,802.16
MRG HAUFF	SUPPLIES	83.00
NASSP	NHD / STU CO FEES	480.00
NCN	PUBLISHING/ADVERTISING	437.59
OLSON FUELS	FUEL	2,001.16
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE	300.00
SCHOLASTIC	SUPPLIES	761.10
SDASBO	REG FEE	150.00
SD DOE	SUBSCRIPTIONS	140.00
TEAMLAB	FB FIELD PAINT	550.00

TMS	FEES	78.50
TOWN OF BUFFALO	UTILITIES	803.35
US FOODS	BACK TO SCHOOL / INSERVICE	842.11
WRCTC	PHONE SERVICE	658.51
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	60,533.36
GRANTS		
CAREER SAFE	OSHA TRAINING - SRSA	1,295.00
GOLDENWEST	J-TOUCH (2) - SRSA	4,263.98
NAVIGATE 360	TRAINING	1,768.56
	TOTAL GRANTS	7,327.54
CAPTIAL OUTLAY		
ABM	COPIER LEASE	1,781.89
AMAZON	CURRICULUM - NOVELS	125.40
BUFFALO HARDWARE	CARPET/PAINT	421.82
CENTRAL DISTRIBUTION	CUSTODIAL	5,220.12
COOP ARCHITECTURE	ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES	5,000.00
DAKTRONICS	SCOREBOARDS	42,812.00
EDIA	SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION	4,800.00
EMC INSURANCE	ADD MODULAR	7,440.00
GLINES ELECTRIC	BLDG REPAIR AND	3,728.99
HETT PLUMBING	CONCESSION STAND	9,932.50
HOUGHTON MIFFLIN	ELEM MATH SUBSCRIPTION	21,507.34
IXL	SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION	6,520.00
NWEA	MAPS TESTING	4,565.00
PEARSON	AIMSWEB	1,046.25
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE	439.95
QUAVER	ELEM MUSIC SUBSCRIPTION	1,800.00
RIDDELL	JH FOOTBALL HELMETS	1,427.45
SCHOOL SPECIALTY	CHAIRS - ELEM	2,310.05
	TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	120,878.76
SPED		
PEARSON	TESTING FEES	180.00
PRAIRIE PERFORMANCE	PT SERVICES	5,390.00
TIMBER LAKE SCHOOL DIST	CONTRACT SERVICE	4,000.00
SMALL TALK SPEECH	SPEECH SERVICES	810.00
STUGELMEYER, KYLEE	OT SERVICES	1,039.50
	TOTAL SPED	11,419.50
FOOD SERVICE		
H&L SUPERVALU	FOOD	204.54
SYSCO	FOOD/MILK	1,664.84
US FOODS	FOOD/MILK/SUPPLIES	7,294.16
	TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	9,163.54
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	209,322.70

27-037 Conflict of Interest. None at this time.

27-038 Extra-Curricular Contracts. Motion by Clanton, second by Lermenly to offer and approve the following contracts:

Kelcee Vroman, Long-term Sub – Music
Tammy Bruha – Yearbook Advisor

Erin Wammen – FFA Advisor
Erin Wammen – National Honor Society Advisor
Tonja Hansen – Student Council Advisor
Tonja Hansen – National History Day Advisor
Tonja Hansen – Prom
Tracey Wendt – Prom
Jewel Lyons – Librarian

Motion carried.

27-039 Approve Contracts. Motion by Cordell, second by Clanton to approve the following contracts: Kaitlin Peterson – paraprofessional, Cierra McTaggart – paraprofessional/5th grade science, David Douglas – head maintenance. Motion carried.

President Olson arrived at 5:37 after attending the NWS meeting.

27-040 Budget & Tax Levy Approval. Supt Page reviewed the 2026-27 budget with the board. It was noted that a budget amendment will be made for the capital outlay fund when more information is available regarding architectural fees. Motion by Lermeny, second by Cordell to approve Resolution #2026-3 as follows:

Let it be resolved, the School Board of Harding County School District, after duly considering the proposed budget and its changes thereto, and in accordance with SDCL 13-11-2 hereby approves and adopts its proposed budget and thereto, to be its Annual Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. The adopted annual budget levy requests are as follows:

General Fund	
Ag Property	\$1.051/1000 AV
Owner Occupied	\$0.669/1000 AV
Other Property	\$4.867/1000 AV
Capital Outlay Fund	\$1,350,000 (equivalent to Max Levy)
Special Education Fund	\$510,000
Bond Redemption Fund	\$300,000

Motion carried. The final approved budget will be published separately.

27-041 NWS Report. President Olson gave the NWS report. The audit was moved to the end of September, so contracts for administrators were extended for an extra week for Mr. Lenk, and two weeks for Ms. Meyer. There was an insurance claim on the hospitality mobile unit as it froze over the winter and had broken pipes and equipment.

27-042 Set Special Meeting Date(s). Motion by Clanton, second by Doll to set/adjust the following meetings:

September 16, 2026 – Special Meeting – Informational only about CMAR (Construction Manager at Risk), 5:30pm at the school library

October 14, 2026 – Regular Meeting will be held at 4:00pm (time change) and a Special Community Meeting regarding the CTE Building / Multipurpose-Weight Room Addition at 6:00pm in the school commons. This meeting will be much like the two previous community meetings. Motion carried.

27-043 Business Manager. Henderson gave the Business Manager report. Auditors will be here in October.

26-044 K-12 Principal Report. Principal Messmer gave the principal report. Thank you to the Student Council and Mrs. Hansen for all of their hard work in making homecoming a success. The junior and senior classes will be touring the Teddy Roosevelt Presidential Library in Medora on September 16. MAPS testing has begun and is a good indicator of how well we will perform on the Smarter Balanced tests in the spring.

25-045 Superintendent Report. Supt. Page gave the Superintendent report. The new CTE Consortium director will be here on September 28th to introduce and tour the programs we currently have. The old ticket booth is being donated and moved to Centennial Park to be used for storage. The construction trades class will fix it up and move it in the next few weeks.

President Olson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Submitted By:

Elizabeth Henderson
Business Manager

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Taz Olson
Board President