MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #31-1 was held on NOVEMBER 4, 2026 at 5:30 PM in the HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL LIBRARY.

Members Present: Clint Doll, Tawni Cordell, Dillon Lermeny, Billy Clanton, Taz Olson.
Administration Present: Supt Josh Page, Business Manager Elizabeth Henderson, Principal Kelly Messmer
Visitors Present: BJ Padden

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.

27-094 Approve Agenda. Motion by Clanton, second by Lermeny to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

27-095 CMAR Public Interest Resolution. Motion by Lermeny, second by Cordell to adopt resolution 2026-4, Approving CMAR Engagement in Public Interest:

WHEREAS, the Harding County School District #31-1 is engaged in a CTE/Multi-purpose addition construction projects requiring specialized planning, design, and construction management;

WHEREAS, the District has determined that engagement of a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) will provide greater budget and schedule certainty, allow for collaborative design-build coordination, and enable the District to select a qualified contractor based on qualifications rather than lowest bid alone.

WHEREAS, the use of a CMAR is in the public interest because it promotes efficient project delivery, supports local subcontracting where possible, and aligns with the District's educational and operational priorities.

WHEREAS, the proposed CMAR services will not unreasonably duplicate the scope of existing separate architect or engineer contracts, but will be in addition to those services, ensuring complementary rather than conflicting responsibilities.

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that financing and bond approvals are prerequisites for CMAR engagement, and that early initiation of surveys, geotechnical work, and RFP processes will keep the project on schedule.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED that the Harding County School District #31-1 Board of Education:

1. Approves the engagement of a CMAR for the District's construction projects, finding it to be in the public interest and consistent with the District's mission and operational needs.

2. Directs(ed) the Superintendent to initiate the RFP process for CMAR services, in accordance with applicable procurement laws and policies, and to ensure that the CMAR scope complements existing architect and engineer contracts.

3. Authorizes(ed) the Superintendent to proceed with necessary site surveys, geotechnical investigations, and other preparatory work to support timely CMAR selection and project delivery.

4. Directs that any CMAR engagement be contingent upon the District's securing of required financing and bond approvals.

ADOPTED this 4th day of November, 2026, by the Board of Education of Harding County School District #31-1.

Members Present: Clint Doll, Tawni Cordell, Dillon Lermeny, Billy Clanton, Taz Olson
Signed: Taz Olson, President, Board of Education
Signed: Josh Page, Superintendent
Signed: Elizabeth Henderson, Business Manager

Motion to approve the resolution carried.

27-096 Construction Manager Candidate Decision. Discussion was held about the interviews that had taken place on October 28 with JE Dunn, Scull Construction, and RCS. The board considered past experience and performance, comparable project experience, school construction experience, scheduling and availability and project management history in addition to the cost proposals for each company.

Motion by Doll, second by Cordell to hire JE Dunn Construction for the Construction Manager at Risk for the CTE & Multipurpose, Weight Room, and Locker Room project.
Roll call vote: Doll – Yes, Cordell – Yes, Lermeny – Yes, Clanton – Yes, Olson – Yes.
Motion carried.

27-097 Open Comment. None

The regular November school board meeting will be postponed to November 16, 2026 at 4:00pm.

President Olson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

Submitted By:

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Elizabeth Henderson	Taz Olson
Business Manager	Board President

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