

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31-1 WAS HELD NOVEMBER 18, 2024, AT 5:30 PM. AT THE HARDING COUNTY SCHOOL MUSIC ROOM.

Members Present: Taz Olson, Billy Clanton, Clint Doll, Randy Routier and Tawni Cordell. Administration Present: Superintendent Josh Page, Business Manager Elizabeth Henderson, Principal/A D Kelly Messmer.

Visitors Present: BJ Padden, Traci Routier, Danette Rolph, Matt Rolph

President Clanton called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

25-068 Consent Agenda. Motion by Routier, second by Olson to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Approve Agenda

Approve the Minutes of the October 23, 2024 Special Meeting

Approve the Financial Report.

Motion carried.

	GENERAL	CAPITAL OUT.	SPECIAL ED	BOND RED.	FOOD SERV.
Beginning Balance	89,765.75	1,812,848.18	262,388.37	657,956.75	7,861.48
Receipts:					
Local sources	15,209.44	18,963.86	6,513.47	5,742.61	11,506.24
County sources	1,691.00				
State sources	83,365.00				
Federal sources	19,481.00				
Accounts Receivable					
Total Revenue	119,746.44	18,963.86	6,513.37	5,742.61	11,506.24
Disbursements	281,768.46	44,262.00	43,942.04		16,516.06
Acct Payable					
Total Disbursements	281,768.46	44,262.00	43,942.04		16,516.06
Ending Balance	(72,256.27)	1,787,550.04	224,959.80	663,699.36	(12,871.30)

OCTOBER PAYROLL AND BENEFITS

General	102,972.09
Federal Title/REAP	11,092.90
Superintendent & Secretary	16,613.20
Principals and Secretary	15,112.83
Business Manager	8,842.42
Custodians	18,337.34
X-Cur	27,781.94
Bus Driver	7,918.16
Special Education	37,522.24
Food Service	7,509.10

25-069 Approve Bills for Payment. Motion by Doll, second by Cordell to approve the bills. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

ABM	COPIER OVERAGES	4,424.44
AMAZON	SUPPLIES	409.42
AQUACHEM	CONTRACT SERVICE	325.00
ASBSD	FEES	75.00
BH TITLE COMPANY	FEES	374.00
BISON GRAIN COMPANY	BLUE BIRD REPAIRS	500.00
BUFFALO HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	150.32
CENTRAL DISTRIBUTION	SUPPLIES	3,625.71
CHAOS & CO	SUPPLIES	205.27
COLLIERS SECURITIES	CONTRACT SERVICE	300.00
DC INC	SUPPLIES	227.69
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	SUPPLIES/TRAVEL/FUEL	3,265.50
FIRE CARROT LABS	CONTRACT SERVICE	550.00
FLOYDS TRUCK CENTER	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	1,348.74
GAME ONE	SUPPLIES	117.79
GRAND ELECTRIC	UTILITIES	7,491.07
H&L SUPERVALU	SUPPLIES	86.36
HAUFF MID AMERICA SPORTS	SUPPLIES	1,690.60
HC REC CENTER	RENTALS	700.00
HEALTH EQUITY	FEES	15.40
HENDERSON, ELIZABETH	TRAVEL	167.50
HETT, CAMDEN	CONTRACT SERVICE	40.00
HEICKS SERVICES	CONTRACT SERVICE	1,250.00
IMPREST/JESSE STRICHERZ	VB OFFICIAL	288.70
IMPREST/TODD MOHR	VB OFFICIAL	322.20
IMPREST/KELCEE VROMAN	VB OFFICIAL	40.00
IMPREST/BRYN BROWN	OFFICIAL	90.00
IMPREST/PIONEER BANK	PER DIEM - STU CO, XC, VB	362.00
IMPREST/AT&T	PHONE SERVICE	86.77
IMPREST/JO PIEKKOLA	OFFICIAL	615.50
IMPREST/JENNIE GLINES	OFFICIAL	350.00
IMPREST/KAMRY PADDEN	OFFICIAL	70.00
IMPREST/BROCK BESLER	OFFICIAL	75.00
IMPREST/CHET ANDERSON	OFFICIAL	142.10
IMPREST/NAYATI BICKERDYKE	OFFICIAL	175.00
IMPREST/EVAN MEYER	OFFICIAL	100.00
IMPREST/JIM WILKINSON	OFFICIAL	100.00
IMPREST/WEX BANK	OFFICIAL	228.72
IMPREST/JENNY BECKMAN	OFFICIAL	252.10
IMPREST/LEXY ROLPH	OFFICIAL	20.00
IMPREST/NHD IN SD	DUES	35.00
IMPREST/PHILIP HS	REGION XC	73.90
IMPREST/DOUGLAS SCHOOL	VB TOURNAMENT	50.00
IMPREST/LINDA DAHLGREN	OFFICIAL	289.70
IMPREST/ERIN GIMBEL	OFFICIAL	155.00
IMPREST/BELLE FOURCHE SCHOOL	JH WRESTLING	50.00
IMPREST/SD DCI	BACKGROUND CHECK	43.25

IMPREST/CPS	DEPOSIT SLIPS	50.85
J-J TRUCKING	CONTRACT SERVICE	967.45
KAUFFMAN LAW	ATTORNEY	5,391.14
LODGE AT DEADWOOD	ROOMS	300.00
LYNN JACKSON	ATTORNEY	1,577.50
MONUMENT HEALTH	TESTING	30.00
NATION CENTER NEWS	PUBLISHING/ADVERTISING	327.12
NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY	CONTRACT SERVICE	366.50
OLSON FUELS	FUEL	2,898.34
OLSON PROPANE	PROPANE	5,379.17
ROCKINGTREE LANDSCAPE	SPRINKLER WINTERIZATION	600.00
ROUTIER, TRACI	REIMB. INSTRUMENT RENTAL	1,958.96
SANFORD OCC MED	DOT TESTING	70.00
SDBCA	COACHING DUES	96.00
SUMMIT	CONTRACT SERVICE	1,524.80
TMS	CONTRACT SERVICE	72.00
TOWN OF BUFFALO	UTILITIES	1,043.92
WESTERN STATES	CONTRACT SERVICE	1,125.00
WRCTC	PHONE SERVICE	441.27
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	55,574.77
GRANTS		
NAVIGATE 360	CONTRACT SERVICE - REAP	1,604.14
IXL	CONTRACT SERVICE - ESSER 3B	5,550.00
	TOTAL GRANTS	7,154.14
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
ABM	COPIER LEASE	1,696.70
AMAZON	EQUIPMENT	146.00
BSN SPORTS	UNIFORMS/EQUIPMENT	1,527.91
GSPORTS	WRESTLING EQUIPMENT	1,235.25
NEW VISION SECUIRTY	SECURITY SYSTEM UPGRADE	43,635.58
S&T CUSTOM PLUMBING	REPLACE WATER HEATER/STORAGE TANK	21,470.83
STERLING COMPUTERS	EQUIPMENT	782.92
US BANK	CERT INTEREST	18,655.00
WRCTC	PHONE LEASE	267.13
	TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	89,417.32
SPED		
AMAZON	SUPPLIES	402.23
ELAN FINANCIAL (VISA)	SUPPLIES	7.27
H&L SUPERVALU	SUPPLIES	27.17
HEALTH EQUITY	FEES	5.85
HC FOOD SERVICE	PREK SCREENING MEALS	26.25
SMALL TALK SPEECH	SPEECH SERVICES	2,160.00
WAGNER, KYLEE	OT/PT SERVICES	3,277.50
	TOTAL SPED	5,906.27
BOND REDEMPTION FUND		
SD FIT	BOND PRINCIPAL	151,515.15
COMPUTERSHARE	BOND INTEREST	142,500.00
	TOTAL BOND REDEMPTION	294,015.15

FOOD SERVICE

CANS	FOOD	226.80
SYSO	FOOD	1,972.11
US FOODS	FOOD	5,343.55
	TOTAL FOOD SERVICE	7,542.46
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	459,610.11

25-070 Northwest Area Schools. Supt Page shared information about the future of Northwest Area Schools. At present, the cooperative is looking at being in operation through the end of the 2025-26 school year. To keep the mobile units, they would need to increase the annual assessment fee from \$93,000 per year to \$113,000 per year. In addition to budget concerns, the mobile units no longer fulfill all of the educational requirements set forth by the State for CTE classes and instructors are becoming more difficult to find. The member districts are continuing to look at options as to the future of the mobile units.

OPEN FORUM –

Matt Rolph asked if the new Alternative Instruction policy would have an affect on current Dual Credit course policies. Mr. Messmer shared that it would not have an affect on current dual credit policies as the new policy only pertains to alternative instruction (home school) students.

25-071 First Reading: Policy IGDKB. First reading was held for Policy IGDKB – Alternative Instruction Policy (Home Schooled Students). This policy is to provide clear guidelines for families choosing Alternative Instruction Education (Home schooling) while ensuring students meet the necessary academic standards. For this policy, alternative instruction means students who are home schooled in 1 or more subject areas. A few of the main points of the new policy include: all alternative instruction must take place off-site of the school; alternative instruction students wishing to receive a Harding County diploma must complete more than half of their required core credits through Harding County (special consideration may be requested through the Board on a case-by-case basis); and all families must comply with state laws and regulations.

Motion by Routier, second by Doll to approve the first reading of Policy IGDKB - Alternative Instruction Policy (Home Schooled Students). Motion carried. Second and final reading will be held in December. A full copy of the policy is available at the office of the business manager.

25-057 NWAS Report. The NWAS report was discussed..

25-058 Business Manager. Henderson gave the Business Manager report. Henderson met with auditor Deidre Budahl and Toby Morris of Colliers Securities to discuss the bond redemption fund as it nears the end of its term. Morris said that the fund was maturing as expected at that this should be the last year the district will need to levy taxes for the bond fund. The bond itself does not come due until 2027, however the interest and dividends accrued at a high enough rate to reach pay off two years early. (Capital Outlay certificates are separate from this and will continue until 2030.)

25-041 K-12 Principal Report. Principal Messmer gave the Principal/AD report. Congratulations to the students of the month and character counts winners:

Buffalo Elementary – Confident – Rylan Wammen
 HC Middle School – Self Discipline – Sofia Turbiville
 HC High School – Self Discipline – Kordell Bruha

HC Middle School – Student of the Month – Trevor Clanton
HC High School – Student of the Month – Raelee Hunsucker

The seniors completed the National Career Readiness Exam in October and all students earned a certificate. Great job to the seniors! Congrats to the Girls Cross Country Team for placing 12th at the State Meet. Congratulations to the Rancher Volleyball team for making it to the SoDak16 and the to the Rancher Football team for making it to the playoffs as well. Winter sports are rapidly approaching, and some have already begun.

25-042 Superintendent Report. Supt. Page gave the Superintendent report. The retaining wall work is on track. They installed anchors and rods to pull the wall back into place. They will continue to monitor and tighten the system throughout the fall and winter. The new door access system through the Homeland Security Grant is installed and working great. We are working to streamline the pickup and drop off zones in front of the school. We ask that parents only park on the west side of the loop and to allow vehicles to maneuver on the east lane and to travel slowly and watch for children.

President Clanton declared the meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm.

Submitted By:

Elizabeth Henderson
Business Manager

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William Clanton
Board President