

BACKGROUND INFORMATION – Tuesday, October 13, 2020
5:30 p.m. Regular School Board Meeting
Executive Session **will follow** the Regular School Board Meeting

*Tour of Sturgis Williams Middle School will start at 5:00 PM **before** the Regular School Board Meeting.

Item 1d– Personnel

Background: The following personnel are presented for the board's consideration:

New Hire: (Certified Staff): Lyndee Fogelman, school nurse, Sturgis Elementary, \$38,270.00, eff. 9/21/2020.

(Support Staff): Anna Sheldon, lunch/playground, Piedmont Valley Elementary, \$11.25/hour eff. 9/28/2020.

Petition to Advance Contract Addendum:

Staff	Former Ed Differential	New Ed Differential	Amount of Advance
Meehan, Alex	BA	BA+24	\$1050.00
Anderson, Jami	MA	MA+12	\$600.00

Item 1e – Open Enrollment & In-District Transfer Requests

Background: The following open enrollment and in-district transfer requests have been received:

Item 2 - Waiver Authorization Pursuant to SDCL 3-23-3

Background: Board members and school administrators/officials need to request a conflict of interest waiver before participating in or voting upon a decision concerning an application in which that member has a direct personal or financial interest.

Item 4 - Recognitions

Background: The October Character Trait of the month is “Responsibility,” which includes accountability, thinking before taking action, and doing what you are supposed to do.

Item 6 – Bear Butte Creek Historic Preservation Project

Background: Ross Lamphere will update the board on the proposed Bear Butte Creek Historic Project.

Item 6a – Financial Reports

Background: The monthly financial reports for the board's review. Brett Burditt will answer any questions you might have regarding the financials. (ITEM 6a)

Item 6b – Amend the 2020-21 School Calendar

Background: The district is requesting to amend the 2020-21 school calendar existing quarter end date from October 30th to the proposed November 6th quarter end date.

<u>Quarter End Dates</u>		<u>Quarter End Dates</u>	
Oct. 30	38 days	Nov. 6	43 days
Jan. 22	47 days	Jan. 22	42 days
March. 26	41 days	March. 26	41 days
May. 27	42 days	May. 27	42 days

Item 6c – Mental Health Days – November 23 & 24, 2020

Background: Attached are the State required hours of instruction per grade level along with our hours of instruction for the 2020-21 school year. As the start of the school year has been a challenge for all, there has been considerable discussion about the mental health of our staff and students. The district would like the board to consider using Monday, November 23rd and Tuesday, November 24th as mental health days for the students and staff of the district.

Item 6d – COVID-19 Policies and Procedures

Background: At this time there are no recommendations to change the Back to School Plan, any changes to the plan would occur during this action item.

Item 6e – Special Board Meeting – Gavel Training

Background: Associated School Board Governance workshop with Jim Holbek will be Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Item 6f – Approval of School Policies

Background: School policies and procedures are updated on a regular basis to stay in alignment with state laws and regulations. The district would like to reaffirm the approval of last year’s policies that have been set in place.

Item 7a – COVID-19 Update

Background: Mr. Kirkegaard will give an update on current COVID-19 numbers and the rapid testing program that is available to school districts.

Item 7b – Official Fall Enrollment

Background: Official enrollment count was September 25 for the 2020-21 school year. Mr. Kirkegaard will discuss the official enrollment numbers and answer any questions. (ITEM 7b)