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School board reorganizes: Budget adopted, day and time of meetings changed

The old school board adjourned and the new Meade School Board was seated during the annual July meeting.

Outgoing board members Shelli Grinager and Chad Legner were each presented a school bell in recognition of their years of service, after which newly elected board members Mike Isaacson and Corey Johnson, both of Sturgis, and Charlie Wheeler of Piedmont were sworn into office.

A number of organizational items including election of officers were decided at the meeting. Bryce Richter of Sturgis, who is beginning his third year on the board, was elected president, while five-year board member Courtney Mack, also of Sturgis, was re-elected as vice president.

During the meeting, the members unanimously approved the \$25.9 million budget for 2015-16. The general fund of \$16,757,213 represents an increase of \$233,393 or 1 percent. This increase, while small, can be attributed to minimal increases in full-time equivalent positions, freezing of the district's contribution for health care, and moving 15 percent of contracted busing from the general fund to the capital outlay fund. Also increasing by approximately 1 percent is the special services budget that went from \$3,313,749 to \$3,375,121 for an increase of \$61,372.

The pension fund increased \$52,000 or 11.6 percent for a total budget in that fund of \$498,300. The capital outlay fund increased \$454,202 or 9.3 percent, going from \$4,871,900 to \$5,326,192. Factors contributing to increases in capital outlay are technology purchases including the second year of a one-to-one computer initiative, this time at the middle school.

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SBHS homecoming is Sept. 21-25

"Night at the Movies" is the theme of this year's Sturgis Brown High School homecoming to be held Monday, Sept. 21, through Friday, Sept. 25.

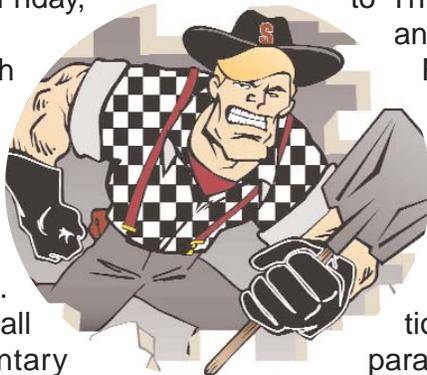
Spirit Week kicks off Monday with coronation, which begins at 7 p.m. in the west gym at the high school. Each day of Spirit Week students and staff will dress according to that day's theme.

The parade will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, beginning from Ball Park Road near Sturgis Elementary School. The parade will head north to Farley

Street, east to Third Street, north to Douglas Street, east to Junction Avenue, north to Main Street, west to Third Street, south to Sherman Street and west to Fifth Street and Ball Park Road, where it will disband.

Homecoming week concludes Friday with the football game against Douglas at 6 p.m. at Woodle Field followed by a dance at the high school.

Area businesses and organizations interested in participating in the parade with a float or other entry should call the high school at 347-2686.



Activity tickets for 2015-16 are now on sale

Activity tickets for the 2015-2016 school year are now on sale.

The activity tickets, which cost the same as last year, can be purchased at the high school, during registration and open houses at

all Meade District schools, and at the first few home football and volleyball games.

The student ticket, available to any Meade District student in kindergarten through 12th grade, sells for \$25 and is good for the entire school year.

The adult activity ticket can be purchased for \$40 and the ticket for senior citizens (55 years and over) costs \$20. Both tickets con-

tain 15 punches each. The price for a yearly family pass, which is good for parents and K-12 students, is \$100.

The activity ticket will also admit the holder to all high school plays, musicals and concerts. It is not valid for any state-sanctioned athletic tournaments.

Without an activity ticket, admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Scooper cards on sale

This is the 14th year that Sturgis Brown High School students involved in extra-curricular activities and members of high school-sponsored clubs or organizations are selling Scooper Value Cards as a fundraiser.

The card, which costs \$10, makes available discounts from more than 20 area businesses on products or services, such as \$5 off an oil change, half price day pass to the Sturgis Community Center and \$2 off an appetizer, to list just a few.

Proceeds help defray the cost of athletic and fine arts activities at the high school. Those interested in purchasing a card but who are not contacted by a student should call Activities Director Mike Paris at 347-4487. The cards are on sale from Aug. 31 through Sept. 7.

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First day of school is Monday, Aug. 31

The 2015-16 school year in Meade School District begins Monday, Aug. 31. Prior to that day, new student registration, orientations and open houses will be held.

All students new to the district are required to bring to registration a report card or transcript of grades from their previous school and a certified copy of their birth certificate. In addition, they will be asked to provide race and ethnicity information.

Also required are immunization records. New students will not be admitted to school unless and until the school nurse has received and verified those records.

Sturgis Elementary School Grades K-5

Registration for new students will be 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17, through Thursday, Aug. 20, at the office of Sturgis Elementary, 1121 Ball Park Road.

Students who were enrolled at Sturgis Elementary last year or kindergartners who registered last spring do not have to re-enroll.

The Sturgis Elementary open house will be held from 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27.

Piedmont Valley Elementary School Grades K-6

Registration for new students will be 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, and Thursday, Aug. 20 at the school located at 16159 Second Street, Piedmont. Students who were enrolled at Piedmont last year do not have to re-enroll, though any changes in contact information should be made at this time. Food service personnel will be present to sell meal tickets.

An open house will be held from 2:30-4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27.

Whitewood Elementary School Grades K-6

Registration for new students is 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17, through Friday, Aug. 21, at the school, located at 603 Garfield Street, Whitewood.

An open house will be 1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, at the school. Meal tickets will be available for purchase at that time.

Rural Schools Grades K-8

Registration for new students and an open house for all students will be held from 9:30-11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, at each school.

Sturgis Williams Middle School Grades 6-8

New students may register from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday Aug. 18-19, in the school office at 1425 Cedar Street.

An orientation and open house for students new to SWMS and their parents (this also includes students coming for the first time from Whitewood, Piedmont and the Rural Schools) will be 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, in Grunwald Auditorium.

An open house for all other students not listed above and their parents will be 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, in the lobby of SWMS.

Sturgis Brown High School Grades 9-12

New students may register at the high school student services office any time between 8 a.m.-3 p.m. beginning Monday, Aug. 17.

An orientation for freshmen and their parents will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, in the west gym at the high school. Administrators will talk about the transition to high school followed by a mock school day during which the freshmen will have an opportunity to locate their classrooms and meet their teachers.

An activities meeting for all students who will be participating in extra-curricular activities during the 2015-16 school year will be held at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, in the west gym at the school.

District to stock EpiPens

Meade School District will maintain a supply of epinephrine auto injectors (EpiPen) pursuant to state law and Meade School District Policy JHCDB.

These epinephrine auto injectors will be for use in an emergency situation of a severe allergic reaction causing anaphylaxis, regardless of whether or not the student has a prescription for an epinephrine auto injector or has been diagnosed with an allergy.

School nurses and staff will be trained to recognize symptoms of severe allergic or anaphylactic reaction. An anaphylactic reaction is a progressive whole body allergic reaction that can be fatal and can occur with hypersensitivity to food, insect stings, medication or other allergens.

To view the school district policy, click on the link: www.meade.k12.sd.us/files/9914/3448/3892/FileJHCDB.pdf



Nathan Derksen with Derksen Floors of Rapid City begins sanding the 20-year-old maple floor at Grunwald Auditorium as part of the refinishing process of the floor. In 1995, a volunteer committee headed by Bruce Hubbard, chairman, Curt Liedtke, treasurer, Ken Howell, publicity chairman, and Arnie Luptak, Richard Deaver and Bob Peterson organized a campaign that raised \$64,373 for the purchase of that hardwood floor which, coincidentally, was installed by Derksen Floors. The floor, with rubber padding underneath, replaced the tile floor that had been in Grunwald since it opened in 1956.

Tackling capital improvement projects

It may be summer vacation for students, but for buildings and grounds staff and area contractors it is time to work on capital improvement projects.

The most noticeable work is at the high school where more than \$450,000 is being spent on remodeling several classrooms and the west gym locker room, repairing the east gym wall, replacing the roof on the ag building, sealing the west gym walls, and installing LED lights throughout the entire building including both gyms.

In the Williams Administrative

Building, the gym floor is being refinished and the windows on the second floor are being replaced. The floor of Grunwald Auditorium is also being refinished while areas of Sturgis Williams Middle School are getting new paint and carpet.

Whitewood Elementary is getting its parking lot paved and receiving improvements to the exterior landscape. The school's heating and airflow controls are also being upgraded, as are the heating and airflow controls at Francis Case Curriculum and Technology Building.

A retaining wall is being built along the fire lane access road at Sturgis Elementary School and a privacy fence will be installed around the playground. Piedmont Valley Elementary will receive improvements to its playground while the modular unit that is being relocated there from Stagebarn will be remodeled.

In the rural area, Elm Springs School is being painted and receiving air conditioning, a new roof is being installed at Hereford, and both Opal and Atall Schools are receiving generators.

Free and reduced-price breakfast and lunch are available in Meade School District

Free and reduced-price breakfast and lunch are available in the Meade School District to students from families whose household income falls within eligibility guidelines.

The district is able to offer a lower cost or no charge for these meals because it participates in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, both of which are federally-assisted programs.

The reduced price for breakfast is 30 cents while the cost for a reduced lunch is 40 cents. The full price for those meals is \$1.85 for breakfast and \$2.80 for lunch.

In certain cases, foster children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals regardless of the income of the household in which they reside.

Not only do the participating

children receive a nutritionally balanced meal, but the school district benefits when a high number of students participate in the program.

Those benefits include an increase in Title I services, additional federal funds for the food service department, increased eligibility of the district for federal and state grants, and an increased reimbursement rate of costs relating to school internet use and phone services.

To view the eligibility guidelines and to apply for free or reduced-price breakfast and lunch, fill out the online application at:

www.meade.k12.sd.us/index.php/food-service/

Applications are also available at all schools and the food service office.

For further information or for help in completing the application, call Meade School District Food Service Office at 347-3601.

Meal ticket info

Breakfast and lunch tickets are available through Meade Food Service Office located at 1121 Ball Park Road, Sturgis, from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. beginning Monday, Aug. 17.

Full-price meals are as follows:

Milk Tickets

20 milk ticket: \$10

Breakfast Tickets

20 meal ticket:

K-12, \$37; adult, \$42

10 meal ticket:

K-12, \$18.50; adult, \$21

5 meal ticket:

K-12, \$9.25; adult, \$10.50

Lunch Tickets

(Includes ½ pint milk)

20 meal ticket:

K-12, \$56; adult, \$66

10 meal ticket:

K-12, \$28; adult, \$33

5 meal ticket:

K-12, \$14; adult, \$16.50

Single meals are available. Breakfast is \$1.85 for students and \$2.10 for adults. Lunch costs \$2.80 for students and \$3.30 for adults. One-half pint of milk purchased separately is 50 cents.

Parents can manage their child's meal account via the internet

Parents can deposit money directly into their child's meal account and can receive emails regarding that account balance through the website:

www.MySchoolBucks.com

For parents with more than one child in Meade School District, payments for all children can be done from the same online account.

In addition, automatic email updates about low account bal-

ances or negative balances for each child are available.

For those who choose not to take advantage of the online service, Meade Food Service will continue to accept advance payments by cash or check. When paying in that manner, the student's ID number must be included so payment is credited to the correct account.

For further information, call food service at 347-3601.

School hours for 2015-16

Beginning with the first day of school on Monday, Aug. 31, the regular hours for the schools of Meade School District are as follows:

Sturgis Elementary

Kindergarten: 8:15 a.m.-3 p.m.
1st: 8:15 a.m.-3:05 p.m.
2nd: 8:10 a.m.-3:05 p.m.
3rd: 8:10 a.m.-3:05 p.m.
4th: 8:05 a.m.-3:10 p.m.
5th: 8:05 a.m.-3:10 p.m.

SBHS: 8:05 a.m.-3:08 p.m.

SWMS: 8:05 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

Piedmont

Kindergarten: 7:50 a.m.-2:35 p.m.
1st: 7:50 a.m.-2:35 p.m.
2nd: 7:50 a.m.-2:40 p.m.
3rd: 7:40 a.m.-2:40 p.m.
4th: 7:40 a.m.-2:40 p.m.
5th: 7:40 a.m.-2:45 p.m.
6th: 7:40 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

Whitewood: 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Rural Schools: 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Schedule for school pictures

Meade School District is again making available to all its students the opportunity to have their pictures taken by LifeTouch School Portraits. The following is the schedule for each school.

Sturgis Elementary: Thursday, Sept. 17

Sturgis Brown High School: Monday, Aug. 31

Sturgis Williams Middle School: Friday, Sept. 4

Piedmont: Wednesday, Sept. 30

Whitewood: Wednesday, Sept. 16

Rural Schools: Thursday, Sept. 24

SBHS seniors are reminded that one digital or wallet-sized head-and-shoulders photo must be submitted by Tuesday, Dec. 1, by emailing it to sbhsjournalismmedia@gmail.com or dropping it off in Room 1. The senior photos will be used in the yearbook and by the local newspaper.

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<http://www.k12.sd.us/Listserv/MeadeInTouchNewsletter.htm>

Fill out the form on that page, or send an email to listserv@k12.sd.us with the following in the message body:

subscribe MeadeInTouchNewsletter

Inservice kicks off the new school year

The inservice for Meade staff, which heralds the beginning of the new school year, will be held Tuesday through Thursday, Aug. 25-27.

The first day begins at the Sturgis Community Center with refreshments and exhibits prior to the 8 a.m. kickoff. Opening ceremonies include the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem followed by greetings from Superintendent Don Kirkegaard and Meade School Board President Bryce Richter. The school board members, administrators and new teachers will be introduced, after which the superintendent will address the staff.

The remainder of the morning is dedicated to department and grade-level meetings. During the afternoon, staff will attend meetings at their respective schools.

Activities for day two include MacBook training for high school staff, social studies training for sixth through eighth grade staff, and a writing workshop for elementary staff.

For the final day of inservice, middle school staff will receive MacBook training while all other staff will be in their classrooms preparing for the new school year.



Meade School District Business Manager Brett Burditt, left, administers the oath of office to newly elected board members, from the left, Corey Johnson, Charlie Wheeler and Mike Isaacson.

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The school district's tax request for the budget, in dollars per thousand, will be: General Fund: Ag \$1.568, down from \$1.782, Owner Occupied \$4.075, down from \$4.252, Other \$8.727, down from \$9.106; Special Education Fund: \$1.35, same as last year; Capital Outlay Fund: \$3, same as last year; Pension Fund: \$0.30, same as last year.

The budget can be viewed by clicking this link:

www.meade.k12.sd.us/files/4714/3653/5600/ITEM_4b_2015-16_Budget.pdf

The new board changed both the start time and day for the monthly board meetings. The meetings will now begin one hour earlier - at 5:30 p.m. - and will be held a day earlier - on the second Monday of each month, instead of the second Tuesday.

The board members approved a 2.5 percent cost of living increase in the contract with Harlow's School Bus Service for busing of students during the 2015-16 school year. The cost for general transportation now totals \$836,512.

Other organizational items included the appointment of the principals as district truancy officers, the hiring of Bruce Hubbard as attorney for the district, the appointment as federal compliance coordinators Brett Burditt, ADA and asbestos, Deb Kerstiens, Section 504, and Jeff Ward, Title VI and Title IX, and the designation of the Meade County Times Tribune as the district's legal newspaper.

Board members agreed to a request by Meade County Emergency Management Director Angela Sutton to use school district facilities for shelter in case of a disaster or emergency.

The board also agreed to refinance the 2007 bonds used to pay for the construction of Sturgis Elementary. The bonds have an interest rate of 4.3 percent but can be refinanced at an anticipated rate of 3 percent for a savings of \$200,000. Approval of the bond resolution will take place at the Aug. 10 meeting.

Students restore 1948 tractor

High school students who were enrolled in the new agricultural mechanics class last school year received a unique opportunity: restoring a 1948 tractor. That tractor will be raffled or auctioned off in the spring of 2016.

The curriculum of the new class focuses on electricity, concrete, plumbing, global positioning systems, hydraulics, robotics and other shop-related activities, according to teacher Brett Monson. FFA experiential projects, ag mechanics career development events and proficiency awards are core components of the curriculum.

Monson said the offering of this career and technical education hands-on trade class is timely, particularly since South Dakota's demand for labor is increasing due to the shortage of certified mechanics. He said the classroom and shop content of the course is being enhanced by utilizing appropriate equipment and technology including the opportunity to restore a tractor.

The tractor, a 1948 Allis-Chalmers, was donated by



Putting the hood on the restored 1948 Allis-Chalmers tractor are, from the front left, Cole Job and Carl Gifford, and back left, Tate Overland and Gage Blakeman. Gifford was project leader.

Monson's father, Gary, of Webster, who also helped the students with the restoration.

Monson expressed his thanks to area businesses for sharing their time and talents, and for donating

paint, tires and parts for the tractor.

The details concerning the sale of the tractor haven't been finalized, but Monson hopes the proceeds can go into a fund so that the restoration project can become sustainable.

Become a volunteer in the school

Educating youth takes a community effort, and because of that the Meade School Board is encouraging parents, guardians and other interested patrons of the district to volunteer their time, knowledge and talents.

Members of the community bring new energies and resources into the schools and expand the walls of the classrooms. School volunteers enrich the educational program and strengthen the schools' relation-

ships with homes, businesses, public agencies and private institutions. All volunteers in the Meade School District do so without pay or employee benefits, except for workers' compensation.

For those interested in volunteering, fill out the form on the next page, and clip and mail it to the district office or complete it online by going to the district website as follows:

www.meade.k12.sd.us/files/2614/2775/2374/Volunteer_Form.pdf



"To Build Knowledge and Skills for Success Today and Tomorrow"
MEADE SCHOOL DISTRICT VOLUNTEER SIGN UP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

I want to volunteer at the _____ school/s.

I will be volunteering as a/an _____.

Do you have a physical condition that would endanger the health, safety or welfare of students in Meade School District? If yes, please explain.

Are you willing to submit to a background fingerprint check: _____ Yes _____ No

Have you ever had a criminal background check with the Meade School District?
_____ Yes _____ No If yes, when? _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, please explain:

Signature of volunteer

Date

_____ Please request fingerprint background check for volunteer.

Administrator Signature

Date

Auditions are Sept. 21 for Dakota Players' production of 'You Look Marvelous'

Auditions for the Dakota Players' original production of "You Look Marvelous" will be held at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, in the gym at Sturgis Elementary School.

All Sturgis and Whitewood students in kindergarten through eighth grade are invited to audition for this production, which is sponsored by the Sturgis Area Arts Council.

The musical is designed with parts suitable for every age, skill and experience level. No advance preparation is needed to audition.

Five days of intensive rehearsals will be held from approximately 3:30-8 p.m. every day that week in which the lines, staging, songs and dances will be learned.

This production is a retelling of the Hans Christian Anderson fable about the pitfalls of vanity and greed and the truth of the statement, "There are no stupid questions," such as, "Where are your clothes?"

Following is a synopsis:

Once upon a time there lived a Suzerain whose only worry in life

was to dress in elegant clothes. This Suzerain was so busy mismatching his wardrobe that the rest of the kingdom was in shambles. Enter the gypsies who, to



teach the Suzerain a lesson, devise a plan to convince the Suzerain that clothes made of their "magic thread" is just what is needed to distinguish the townsfolk for only those worthy can see it.

Naturally everyone chooses to praise the invisible work of these

gypsies in order not to be looked on as fools. While parading through town in his royal undergarments and invisible suit, the facade collapses. The young apprentices can't take it anymore and stop pretending to see something that is not there. Just because everyone else is saying something is true, doesn't mean it is. In the end, the Suzerain realizes the error of his ways and is able to laugh at himself and start fresh with the townsfolk.

Performances will be 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, and Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Sturgis Community Center Theatre. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for students. Children under five years of age are free. Meade School District activity tickets will not be honored.

Dakota Players is an outreach program of the Black Hills Playhouse. Support is provided by the State of South Dakota through the Department of Tourism and State Development, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Sturgis Area Arts Council.

Substitute teacher training is Sept. 4 and Jan. 8

A training for persons wishing to serve as substitute teachers in Meade School District will be held 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 4, and again on Friday, Jan. 8, 2016, in the Williams Administrative Building, 1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis.

The purpose of the training is to review the district's substitute teacher handbook and to answer questions about local procedures and policies.

For further information call the district office at 347-2523 or the curriculum office at 347-4454.

Changes at SWMS include new classes and administrators

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of two articles about the changes at Sturgis Williams Middle School and Sturgis Brown High School. The second article will run in October issue of *In Touch*.)

Excited is the word used by both Ann Nonnast, the new principal of Sturgis Williams Middle School, and Dave Olson, the new assistant principal, to describe how they feel about their new administrative positions and by the changes taking place at the school.

"We are adding more exploratory classes as a way to keep the kids interested and engaged in education," said Nonnast. The new classes, she said, will give all students an opportunity to explore more hands-on and participatory curriculum. "We have a lot of kids with very gifted thinking but who don't necessarily connect with traditional classroom learning. We believe these exploratory classes will appeal to them as well as the more traditional learners."

Teachers have jumped onboard. In fact, many took classes this summer to enhance their skills in a specific topic they want to teach. "The teachers are



Principal Ann Nonnast and Assistant Principal Dave Olson have been hired to lead SWMS commencing this school year. Previously, Nonnast served for six years as the school's assistant principal while Olson was a classroom teacher at Sturgis Brown High School for the past nine years.

excited about giving the students other opportunities and being able to know the students on a different level," said Nonnast.

Staff members are still finalizing content for the courses, which will be offered on a rotating basis every six weeks, but could include problem solving and creative activities based on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), study skills, art/technology, and life skills such as personal finance.

One course about meteorology will involve students using a green screen to broadcast daily weather reports to the rest of the school. The social studies and geography instructors want students to know more about the community in which they live, so

will be teaching local civics-related topics. English teachers will be offering an exploratory class about journalism during which students will create a multimedia publication.

"Hopefully these are classes that students will enjoy and are something that will pique their interest," said Olson.

Another major change concerns study halls. "Study halls as we know them will not exist," said Nonnast. "Instead, we will offer learning centers at the same time the exploratory classes are being held. If a student desires to go to the learning center, or if a student

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Modified 4-day week in effect at rural schools

Beginning this school year, the six rural schools of Meade School District will go to a modified Monday through Thursday four-day school week.

The calendar is not a true four-day school week because there are five weeks during the school year in which students attend all five days. "In addition, if there is no school on a Monday due to a holiday, there will be school on Friday of that week," explained Superintendent Don Kirkegaard.

By a unanimous vote at its May meeting, the school board approved the rural calendar that consists of 150 student days of 390 minutes per day for a total of 991.5 hours of student time. This compares to the traditional calendar of 170 student days of 345 minutes per day for a total of 994 hours of student time.

Even though the rural students will have fewer instructional days than other district students, they

will have a longer school day - 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. "This calendar will continue to provide and improve the quality of education that we have come to expect in our rural schools," said Kirkegaard.

The superintendent also cited additional advantages of the rural calendar, as follows: 1) Quality planning time for the rural teachers; 2) Reduction in travel for rural patrons; and 3) Similar schedule to surrounding schools. "The intent of the calendar," continued the superintendent, "is to help teachers with uninterrupted planning time and to provide a better environment for parents and students."

Responses to the modified calendar were very favorable. Of the 22 comments received from rural families with children in school, 20 were in support.

"The rural teachers are very supportive as are a vast majority of people out there," said Principal Bev Rosenboom.

Bells of thanks



Meade School Board President Bob Burns, center, presents bells to outgoing board members Chad Legner, left, and Shelli Grinager, right, in appreciation of their three years of service as school board members. Also going off the board after serving three years is Don Williamson, not pictured.

School board meetings are Aug. 10, Sept. 14

The August meeting of the Meade School Board will be held at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10, in the board room of the Williams Administrative Building, 1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis.

Agenda items up for action include financial reports, memorandum of understanding with Black Hills Special Services, bus route requests, school board committee assignments, personnel, school resource officer for the Sturgis Williams Middle School and Sturgis Brown High School, and the refinancing of

the 2007 bonds for Sturgis Elementary School.

Discussion items include the buildings and grounds capital outlay projects, special board meeting, school board policies, student handbooks, teacher inservice, and the grazing and haying lease for the land surrounding Sturgis Brown High School.

The regular September meeting of the school board is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, in the board room of the Williams Administrative Building.

The agenda, background

information and attachments for all board meeting are posted on the district website the Friday before the meeting.

All board meetings are open to the public and all actions authorized or required by law are taken at those meetings.

The school board welcomes attendance at meetings by employees, students, parents, and members of the community. Click below to view an informational brochure about the board meetings:

www.meade.k12.sd.us/files/4214/3774/5414/Board_Meeting_Info.pdf

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is behind in work, or if a teacher has assigned a student to the learning center, he or she will go there for extra help instead of attending an exploratory class that day," she said. Since staff will know in advance who will be attending the learning center, they will be able to give more specialized help.

The last major change for this school year concerns the rollout of the one-to-one laptop initiative.

During the first week of school, all students will receive instructions regarding their new MacBooks, including the proper uses of the device and how to log in and log out.

The students will each be assigned one laptop that they will use throughout the school year. At the beginning of each school

day, they will go to their homerooms to check out the devices for use during the day. At the conclusion of the day, they will return to their homerooms to check the devices back in.

Both Nonnast and Olson believe that parental involvement is a vital component of the school day and encourage parents to stop by the school. "We

absolutely need the parents to be involved and supportive of us and their children," said Nonnast.

"Dave and I are both here to help parents understand what their kids are doing in our school, to answer their questions and help get them involved with the school. Parents are more than welcome in this building anytime," she said.

Orientation, open house at SWMS is Aug. 26

An orientation and open house for students new to SWMS and their parents (this also includes students coming for the first time from Whitewood, Piedmont and the Rural Schools) will be 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, in Grunwald Auditorium at Sturgis Williams Middle School, 1425 Cedar Street, Sturgis.

An open house for all other students not listed above and their parents will be 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, in the lobby of SWMS.

Back-to-school information for all the schools in Meade School District can be found on Page 3 of this publication.



This Old School House

Aug. 14, 1945, meeting of Board of Education of Sturgis:

Motion made and seconded that the bills be allowed and paid in the usual manner. Motion carried and bills are as follows: regular salary claims, \$3,942.93; Sturgis Record, publishing, \$6.50; Paul S. Heide, auditing books, \$75; Educator Supply Co., supplies, \$8.40; Hall and McCreary Company, books, \$16.87; Sioux Falls Book and Stationery Co., supplies, \$44.56; Northwest Products Co., supplies, \$49.19; Ritchey's Music Shop, supplies, \$13.79; Williams Piano Company, supplies, \$10.22; Dakota Typewriter Exchange, supplies, \$243.59; Pioneer Publishing Co., library books, \$86.78; Comstock Publishing Co., library books, \$3.40; Museum, University of South Dakota, library books, \$0.50; E.H. Holtry, janitorial services, \$110; E.E. Grunwald, textbook fund, \$140.18; Industrial Chemical Laboratories, supplies, \$34.44; The American Asbestos Products Co., supplies, \$162.50; Montana Dakota Utilities Co., \$12.14; Sturgis Water Works Co, \$16.97; Black Hills Power and Light Company, \$14.63; Sturgis Lumber and Grain Company, repairs, \$3.30; H.O. Anderson and Son, repairs and supplies, \$16.31; Security Land and Abstract Co., bond premium, \$5; Herman Spilker, land, \$525; Daane Bros., improving grounds, \$88.

July 11, 1955, meeting of Board of Education Sturgis Independent School District of Meade County:

A motion was made by Watson, seconded by Lund, that Ray Running be hired to instruct the Korean Veterans on farm training class at the rate of \$18.75 per student. Motion carried.

Aug. 22, 1955, meeting of Board of Education Sturgis Independent School District of Meade County:

The purpose of the meeting was to consider and pass the annual tax levy as required by law. After a full discussion of required revenue to operate the schools of the District, and taking into consideration

the anticipated revenue from all sources, it was moved by Lund and seconded by Watson that there be levied against all taxable property in the District the following sums deemed necessary for the operation and conduct of the grade schools and high school of the district, as follows: For the General Fund: \$116,275; For the Sinking Fund (bonded indebtedness): 12,750 and that in addition thereto a levy of 5 mills be levied for building fund purposes as permitted by Chapter 56 of the 1953 Session Laws of the State of South Dakota, and that the Clerk certify these levies to the County Auditor by Sept. 1, 1955, as provided by law. Roll call vote was taken and all voted aye.

July 14, 1965, meeting of Sturgis Independent School District #12:

Attorney Williams Coacher requested that the board consider and make application for federal funds in support of facilities and instructors for a class to aid children with speech and hearing handicaps.

Mr. Coacher expressed his belief that there are probably enough children within the district with such handicaps to warrant such a program. The board agreed to investigate and determine the feasibility of a speech therapy class.

July 14, 1975, meeting of Meade Independent School District #101:

The purchase of milk for the 1975-76 school lunch program was awarded to Brown Swiss Milk Company per bid: first class, homogenized, Grade A Milk: half pints at \$.0977; gallons at \$1.3616.

The business manager was directed to give notice to the Meade County Auditor of the 1975-76 school year tax budget request authorizing the auditor to spread a levy upon the assessed valuation of Meade Independent School District #101 sufficient to raise the following tax amounts; General Fund: \$1,582,812; Special Education Fund: \$76,915; Capital Outlay Fund: \$300,000.



Free lunches served this summer

For the second summer in a row, Meade School District offered a summer lunch program free of charge to students 18 years of age and under. The district qualified for the federally-funded program because 50 percent or more of Sturgis Elementary School students received free or reduced-price school meals this past year. The average number of students served daily during the May 26-July 24 summer program totaled 170. According to Meade Food Service Director Joe Schaffer, the most served in one day was 210 students. Meade Food Service employees Wanda Barden, left, and Laurie Lorius, right, serve walking tacos in the cafeteria at Sturgis Elementary to students enrolled in the summer classes of Sturgis Area After School Program.

Machining class moves to Sturgis Industrial Park

The machining class that debuted in the second semester last year at Sturgis Brown High School received high marks from its instructor Chad Hedderman. "It was a huge success for the first year," he said, explaining that the 10 students enrolled learned how to safely operate a vertical mill and a horizontal lathe.

"The students worked on many different assignments of various difficulties," said Hedderman. "They even machined a couple parts that were used on the Buffalo Chip Bike Build motorcycles, machining many different parts down to the thousands of an inch," which, he explained, is less than the diameter of a human hair.

Beginning this school year the class will be taught at the Sturgis Industrial Park. Not only did the school

district receive a state economic development grant and matching funds for the machines for the new class, it also received an additional grant from the state's Future Fund and money from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development, which helped Sturgis Economic Development Corporation construct a building at the Industrial Park to house the machining class. That building will also serve as an incubator shop for start-up companies.

Also beginning this school year, a new instructor will be taking over the class because Hedderman is now the high school assistant principal. "I am looking to my replacement Cyle Miller, who is from St. Onge and a machinist by trade, to expand the program even further," he said. Hedderman added that enrollment in the class has jumped to 42.

An end to the 35-year-old Stagebarn facility



The 37,078-square-foot Stagebarn Elementary School, above, when it was in use as a second through sixth grade facility, and how it looked this summer, right, as it is being torn down to make way for a possible middle school.



Help your favorite school with its recycling efforts

Support your favorite school by helping the students earn money. The following is what each school collects and/or recycles.

Sturgis Elementary: General Mills box tops, Grocery Mart cash register receipts, Campbell's soup/food/drink labels, and Land O'Lakes milk caps.

Sturgis Williams Middle School: Campbell's Soup labels, General Mills box tops, aluminum cans.

Piedmont Valley Elementary: General Mills box tops, Campbell's Soup labels, Land O'Lakes milk caps, cash register receipts from Haggard's Grocery.

Whitewood Elementary: Land O'Lakes milk caps, General Mills box tops and used printer cartridges.

Rural Schools: Cash register receipts from Lynn's Dakota Mart and Family Thrift Center.

"S" Club: Lynn's Dakota Mart cash register receipts. For every \$10,000 collected in receipts, the club receives \$100.

By participating in these programs, schools can receive money for student trips, school equipment, student incentives and educational supplies.

Band instruments are needed at the middle school

The Sturgis Williams Middle School music department is asking for donations of new and gently used band instruments.

Although the district has a small inventory of instruments, students must often rent instruments from music stores.

A student joining band not only learns to play

the instrument, but to read music, perform alone and with others, understand music history and musical styles, and experience first-hand how music is part of life and culture.

For more information call music teachers Connie Feekes or Gary Nelson at the middle school, 347-5232.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

Meade School District may release the following student information as directory information pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act: Name, address, parent or guardian of student, date of birth, date of attendance, school attended, participation in school-recognized activities, weight, height, age and grade of members of athletic teams, grade in school, individual and group photographs pertaining to school activities, and awards, honors or achievements.

All or part of the information may also be used

in news articles recognizing students. If a student over 18 years of age or the parent or guardian of a student who is under 18 years of age refuses to permit the release of any of this information, written notification of such must be given to that student's principal.

Board Policy JO pertains to this act, and may be seen at the offices of the principals of all schools, the office of the superintendent and online at:

www.meade.k12.sd.us/files/6214/3285/0619/FileJO.pdf

Meade School District Calendar for 2015-16

The following is the approved calendar for the 2015-16 school year. Any snow days will be made up by adding additional days at the end of the school calendar. Furthermore, Feb. 15 (Presidents' Day), March 11 (Spring Break), and March 28 (Easter Monday) could be used as make-up days at the discretion of the Meade School Board upon recommendation of the superintendent.

Staff Inservice	Aug. 25-27, 2015	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school)	Jan. 18, 2016
First Day of School	Aug. 31, 2015	Parent-Teacher Conferences:	
Labor Day (no school)	Sept. 7, 2015	Middle School: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 8, 2016
Parent-Teacher Conferences:		High School: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 9, 2016
High School: 4-7 p.m.	Oct. 5, 2015	Middle & High Schools: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 11, 2016
Middle School: 4-7 p.m.	Oct. 6, 2015	Presidents' Day (no school)	Feb. 15, 2016
Elementary Schools: 4-7 p.m.	Oct. 6, 2015	Parent-Teacher Conferences:	
All Schools: 4-7 p.m.	Oct. 8, 2015	Elementary Schools: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 23, 2016
Inservice Day (no school)	Oct. 9, 2015	Elementary Schools: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 25, 2016
Native Americans' Day (no school)	Oct. 12, 2015	Inservice Day (no school)	Mar. 10, 2016
Thanksgiving Vacation (no school)	Nov. 25-27, 2015	Spring Break (no school)	Mar. 11, 2016
Inservice Day (no school)	Dec. 4, 2015	Good Friday/Easter Monday (no school)	Mar. 25-28, 2016
Christmas Vacation (no school)	Dec. 23-Jan. 1	Graduation	May 22, 2016
Inservice Day (no school)	Jan. 15, 2016	Last Day of School	May 24, 2016

Directory for Meade School District

Schools

Rural Schools

Bev Rosenboom, principal.....	269-2264
Atall	985-5916
16375 Atall Road, Union Center, S.D. 57787	
Elm Springs	798-2492
21309 Elm Springs Road, Wasta, S.D. 57791	
Enning	985-5364
Highway 34 Box 22, Enning, S.D. 57737	
Hereford	985-5380
15998 Cross S Road, Hereford, S.D. 57785	
Opal	748-2426
18010 Opal Road, Opal, S.D. 57765	
Union Center	985-5367
1700 Highway 34, Union Center, S.D. 57787	
Office	985-5532

Piedmont Valley Elementary School

16159 Second Street, Piedmont, S.D. 57769
Ethan Dschaak, principal.....787-5295

Sturgis Brown High School

12930 E. Highway 34, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
Toll-free 1-888-568-3514
Pete Wilson, principal.....347-2686
Chad Hedderman, assistant principal.....347-2686
Mike Paris, activities director.....347-4487
Academy.....347-9349

Sturgis Elementary School

1121 Ball Park Road, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
Chantal Ligtenberg, principal.....347-2386
Dave Olson, assistant principal.....347-2386

Sturgis Williams Middle School

1425 Cedar Street, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
Toll-free 1-888-567-8274
Ann Nonnast, principal.....347-5232
Dave Olson, assistant principal.....347-5232

Whitewood Elementary School

603 Garfield, Whitewood, S.D. 57793
Bev Rosenboom, principal.....269-2264

Superintendent

1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
Don Kirkegaard.....347-2523 x2
Toll-free 1-877-522-6251

Business Manager

1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
Brett Burditt.....347-2523 x1
Toll-free 1-877-522-6251

Buildings and Grounds

12940 E. Highway 34, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
Cody King, maintenance foreman.....347-2649

Communications Office

1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
Kristine Hubbard.....347-2523 x3

Curriculum and Technology

1610 Fulton Street, Sturgis**
Jeff Ward, director.....347-4454

Food Service

1121 Ball Park Road, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
Joe Schaffer, director.....347-3601

Nurses' Office

1121 Ball Park Road, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
Marcia Potts.....347-2610

School Social Worker

1121 Ball Park Road, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
Ginger Johnson.....347-2386

Special Services

1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
Chrissy Peterson, director.....347-2523 x4
Deb Kerstiens, assistant director.....347-2523 x4

Harlow's School Bus Service

2237 West Sherman, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
Andy Ellingsen, transportation manager.....347-5066

Woodle Field

600 Woodland Dr., Sturgis**.....347-2003

**Not a mailing address