

BACKGROUND INFORMATION – March 13, 2017
4:45 p.m. Executive Session-Williams Administrative Building, Board Room
5:30 p.m. Regular School Board Meeting

Executive Session

Background: School board members will enter into executive session to discuss employee negotiations (SDCL-1-25.4), and marketing/negotiations (SDCL-1-25.5).

Consent Agenda Item 2d – Open Enrollment Requests

Background: Open enrollment requests received by the district:

Consent Agenda Item 1f - Volunteer

Background: Community member/s who have requested to volunteer to work in schools throughout the district: Thomas Reeve.

Item 4- Conflict of Interest

Background: House Bill 1214 requires board members and school administrators/officials 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 5 – Recognitions

Background: Students of the Month are listed in each principal's reports. The Character Education word of the month for March is "Cooperation," which involves help, assistance, support, teamwork, and working together.

Item 6 – Casey & Peterson Associates

Background: Casey Peterson & Associates will give a presentation on the district 2015-2016 audit.

Science Committee Presentation

Background: Kristin Wheaton, K-12 Science Chair will present the new science curriculum.

Capital Outlay Presentation

Background: Brett Burditt will present a preliminary 2017-18 capital outlay budget.

Item 7a – Financial Reports

Background: The monthly financial reports, Exhibit A, B, C, and D, for the board's review. (ITEM 7a)

Item 7b – Personnel

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

New Hire (Certificated): Shelby Bauer, teacher, Piedmont Valley Elementary, \$39,675.00, eff. for the 2017-18 school year; Bailey Stover, special education teacher, Atall, \$39,675.00, eff. for the 2017-18 school year; Sarah Scherer, special education teacher, Sturgis Intermediate School, \$39,675.00, eff. for the 2017-18 school year; Megan Meister, special education teacher, Sturgis

Williams Middle School, \$39,675.00, eff. for the 2017-18 school year; KayDe Roth, teacher, Sturgis Elementary, \$39,675.00, eff. for the 2017-18 school year; Meggan Purkett, teacher, Sturgis Williams Middle School, \$39,675.00, eff. for the 2017-18 school year; Brandy McCloud, special education teacher, Sturgis Brown High School, \$39,675.00, eff. for the 2017-18 school year; Courtney Cassen, teacher, Piedmont Valley Elementary, \$39,675.00, eff. for the 2017-18 school year.

New Hire (Support Staff): Cathy Kuenzel, special education paraprofessional, Sturgis Williams Middle School, \$10.75/hour, eff. 2/22/2017; Ward Anderson, library paraprofessional, Sturgis Elementary, \$10.75/hour, eff. 3/10/2017.

New Hire (Extracurricular): Jason Schlichtemeier, middle school activities director, \$3,870.00, eff. for the 2017-18 school year.

Resignation (Certificated): Stacie Bayon, teacher, Piedmont Valley Elementary, eff. at the end of the 2016-17 school year; Cierra McTaggart, teacher, Enning, eff. at the end of the 2016-17 school year.

Resignation (Support Staff): Randi Pogue, library paraprofessional, Sturgis Elementary, eff. 3/9/2017; Melissa Ash, special education paraprofessional, Sturgis Williams Middle School, eff. 2/15/2017.

Resignation (Extracurricular): Mike Friedel, assistant middle school track coach, Sturgis Williams Middle School, eff. at the end of the 2016-17 school year.

Change of Assignment (Certificated): Megan Jones, teacher, change of assignment from Sturgis Brown High School to Sturgis Williams Middle School, eff. for the 2017-18 school year; DeVee Dietz, teacher, change of assignment from Sturgis Williams Middle School to Sturgis Brown High School, eff. for the 2017-18 school year.

Item 7c –Stage Stop Mini Mobile Office Demo and Removal Bids

Background: On March 2, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., the district received and opened bids for the disposal of the Stage Stop mini mobile office building on the Stagebarn property. Two bids were received, Greenscape for \$13,500 and Summit Construction for \$24,875.

Item 7d – Authorize to Call for Bids-Bid Package 2 of the Stagebarn Construction

Background: Architecture Incorporated and Scull Construction are ready to advertise for bids on Bid Package 2 for the Stagebarn construction project. Bids will be opened on April 4, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Item 7e – Union Center Property

Background: The district received a land purchase agreement from John Rhoden for a five-acre parcel to be platted in Section 20 of T7N, R12E of BHM, Meade County, South Dakota for a purchase price of \$50,000. The purchase agreement is contingent on the property appraising for the purchase price and soil tests prove that the soil is suitable and the drain field has the capability to function correctly. (ITEM 7e)

Item 7f – Special Board Meeting Date and Time

Background: Mr. Kirkegaard is recommending a special board meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. The board will be discussing gross maximum price for the Stagebarn Middle School and accept or reject bids for Bid Package 1 for the excavation and utility work for the Stagebarn Middle School project.

Item 7g – 2018-19 Academic Calendar

Background: After receiving staff feedback, the district moved the January 2019 in-service to February following parent-teacher conferences. The first day of school is August 27, 2018; Christmas vacation starts on Friday, December 21, 2018 and ends Tuesday, January 1, 2019. (ITEM 7g)

Item 7h – 2017-18 Rural Calendar

Background: The rural schools have been on a four-day school week for the last two years and this continues to work well for parents, students, and teachers. The rural schools will continue with the four-day school week for the 2017-18 school year. (ITEM 7h)

Item 7i – Whitewood Elementary 6th Grade Students

Background: The Whitewood Elementary 6th grade students were moved to the Sturgis Williams Middle School for the 2016-17 school year. The district would like to continue with the Whitewood Elementary 6th graders attending SWMS for the 2017-18 school year.

Item 7j – Midco Phone Service Provider Contract

Background: The District can realize some cost savings by using SIP sessions over the district's wide-area network instead of having so many POTS (Plain Old Telephone Service) lines. Midco has provided a quote for 25 SIP sessions (each SIP session allows one inbound/outbound call shared among all sites) and 10 POTS lines which are needed to maintain fax, elevator, and alarms. The reduction of POTS lines by 46 along with adding the cost of the SIP sessions results in a savings of about \$18,000 a year. Midco said they could have a contract put together prior to Monday's board meeting, it will be emailed as soon as it is received.

Item 7k – Girls Softball Cooperative with Spearfish

Background: Vaughn Smith has requested a girls' softball cooperative between Sturgis Brown High School and Spearfish High School. Participation will be limited to students in grades 7th – 12th. (ITEM 7k)

Item 7l – M & B Cleaning Contract

Background: M & B Cleaning have requested to end their Sturgis Brown High School cleaning contract due to the lack of staffing which makes it difficult to perform the services as required. They are requesting to end cleaning services on May 31, 2017.

Item 8a – Board of Equalization

Background: The third Monday of March is the time of year when local communities review with the Board of Equalization any contested property assessments. As per SD Codified Law 10-11-13, the governing body from each incorporated municipality together with a member of the school board will meet for the purpose of equalizing the assessment of property.

The following board members represent the school district: Dennis Chowen, Sturgis Board of Equalization; Bob Burns, Summerset Board of Equalization; Charlie Wheeler, Piedmont Board of Equalization; and Corey Johnson, Whitewood Board of Equalization.

Item 8b – Negotiations with MEA

Background: Since the 2017 legislative session ended, the terms of the MEA Negotiated Agreement for the 2017-18 school year need to be discussed and new terms negotiated. The district will be arranging negotiations with MEA at a mutually agreed upon date. The board members on the negotiations committee are Bryce Richter, Courtney Mack, Bob Burns, and Curtis Johnson.

Item 8c – Legislative Action and Impact on Meade School District

Background: The legislative session ended on Friday, March 10, 2017. Mr. Kirkegaard will update the board on what impact the legislative action will have on the school district.

Item 8d – Excavation and Utility Bids for Stagebarn Middle School

Background: The excavation and utility bids will be opened on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Kirkegaard would like the building committee members to be present at the bid opening.

Item 8e – Gross Maximum Price for Stagebarn Middle School

Background: Scull Construction will be presenting their gross maximum price for the Stagebarn Middle School prior to the special board meeting on March 23, 2017. The board will discuss GMP and take action at the March 23, 2017 board meeting.

Item 8f – Central Meade County Community Center Contract

Background: The district is expecting the Central Meade County Community Center contract for the 2017-18 school year. The contract will outline the fees for using the community center. The board will receive a copy of the contract once it has been received.

Item 8g – School Board Policy EFC/JNB: Child Nutrition Program Financial Rights & Responsibilities

Background: New regulations require districts to have a policy in place to outline the financial rights and responsibilities of the school district and parent/guardians of students. This is the first reading of board policy EFC/JNB: Child Nutrition Program Financial Rights and Responsibilities. Mr. Kirkegaard will answer any questions regarding the new policy.

Item 8h – Kindergarten Screening

Background: School registration for kindergarten and screenings for birth to six-year-old children are being held this month at four locations throughout Meade School District. These screening are a great indicator of the number of kindergarten students who will be enrolling in the district next fall. (ITEM 8h)

Item 8i – SEDC Land Purchase Proposal

Background: SEDC has inquired about the purchase of land east of the high school and south of the flood plain. The request will be presented to the building committee with recommendations to the board at a later board meeting.

Item 8j – City of Sturgis TIFD #14

Background: The City of Sturgis Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public Hearing on Tax Increment District #14. The hearing will be held at the Sturgis City Hall on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 5:30 P.M.