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## *Board says no to land sale*

# School board reorganizes; budget, tax request OK'd

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

Outgoing board member Curt Nupen was recognized for his six years of service. The Piedmont resident also served on the school board for six years during the 1980s.

Re-elected board members Bob Burns of Black Hawk and Bryce Richter of Sturgis and new member Curtis Johnson of Piedmont were then sworn into office.

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

During the meeting, the members unanimously approved the \$27.7 million budget for 2016-17.

The General Fund of \$18,007,467 represents an increase of \$1,250,254 or 7.46 percent. This increase is due to increases in health care costs and in wages and benefits for teachers, support staff and administrators.

The Capital Outlay Fund increased \$256,358, or 4.8 percent from last year, for a total of \$5,582,550. Factors contributing to the increases in this fund include renovations at Sturgis Brown High School, Williams Administrative Building and the rural schools, and lighting upgrades in the high use areas at Sturgis Elementary, Piedmont Valley Elementary and Whitewood Elementary.

The Special Services Fund increased by \$416,723 or 12.35 percent, going from \$3,375,121 to \$3,791,844. This increase is the result of an increase in child count and increases in health care costs and wages and benefits.

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# SBHS homecoming is Oct. 10-14

“Scoopers Across America” is the theme of this year’s Sturgis Brown High School homecoming to be held Monday, Monday, Oct. 10, through Friday, Oct. 14.

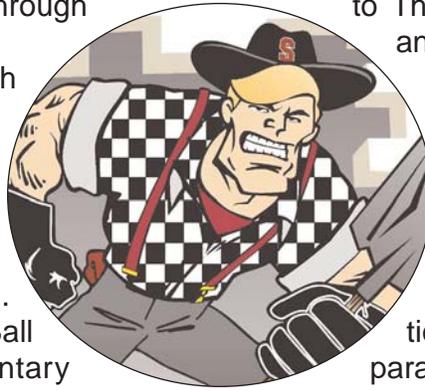
Spirit Week kicks off Monday with coronation, which begins at 7 p.m. in the west gym at the high school. Each day of Spirit Week students and staff will dress according to that day’s theme.

The parade will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, 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 Spearfish 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 2016-17 are now on sale

Activity tickets for the 2016-2017 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

Sturgis Brown High School students involved in extra-curricular activities and members of high school-sponsored clubs or organizations are once again selling Scooper Value Cards as a fundraiser. Proceeds help defray the cost of athletic and fine arts activities at the school.

The card, which costs \$10, makes available discounts from area businesses on products or services. Discounts include a half order of steak tips for \$4.99 at The Knuckle Grill, a free medium pizza when a large pizza is purchased at menu price at Domino’s Pizza, and a free small sundae when a small sundae is purchased at menu price at Dairy Queen.

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. 29 through Sept. 5.

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*Check out the dates for open houses*

# First day of school is Monday, Aug. 29

The 2016-17 school year in Meade School District begins Monday, Aug. 29. 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. 15, through Friday, Aug. 19, 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. 25.

## **Piedmont Valley Elementary School Grades K-6**

Registration for new students will be 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16, and Wednesday, Aug. 17 at the school located at 16159 Second Street, Piedmont. Students who were enrolled at Piedmont last year do not have to re-enroll, however any changes in contact information should be made at this time.

An open house at the school will be held from 2:30-4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25.

## **Rural Schools (Grades K-8)**

Registration for new students and an open house for all students will be held from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at each school.

## **Whitewood Elementary School Grades K-6**

Registration for new students is 9 a.m.-3 p.m. beginning Monday, Aug. 15, at the school located at 603 Garfield Street, Whitewood.

An open house will be 1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at the school. Meal tickets will be available for purchase at that time.

## **Sturgis Williams Middle School Grades 6-8**

New students may register from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 16-17, in the school office at 1425 Cedar Street.

An open house for all students and their parents will be held from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, at the school.

## **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. 15.

An orientation for freshmen and students new to the school and their parents will be held Tuesday, Aug. 23, beginning with an open house at the school from 5-6:15 p.m. and a presentation from 6:15-6:40 p.m. in the west gym.

Immediately following the presentation for freshmen and new students will be an activities meeting for all students who will be participating in extra-curricular activities during the 2016-17 school year. This will also be held in the west gym.

For those students who will be attending the SBHS Academy, a meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, in Room 201 of the Alternative Education/Academy Building. This meeting is required for students and their parents and will cover rules and expectations of the Academy.



## Board members sworn into office

Meade School District Business Manager Brett Burditt, right, administers the oath of office to re-elected school board members, from the left, Bryce Richter and Bob Burns and new member Curtis Johnson.

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The 2016-17 Pension Fund budget is \$312,000, which includes \$12,000 for annuity payments. This fund is down from \$498,300 in 2015-16. As a result of this year's education funding legislation, the pension levy will be eliminated and school districts will be required to move all money from the Pension Fund to the General Fund. Districts have until 2021 to spend down that fund before it is merged into the General Fund. In Meade School District, the Pension Fund levy will be eliminated for 2016 payable in 2017; however, \$1.5 million will be available over the next five years for early retirement benefits at a maximum of \$300,000 per year.

The school district's tax request for the budget, in dollars per thousand, will be: General Fund: Ag \$1.568, same as last year, Owner Occupied \$3.687, down from \$4.075, Other \$7.630, down from \$8.727; and Special Education Fund: \$1.505. Due to the new funding formula, school districts are now required to request a total amount needed for Capital Outlay with the levy then set based on that request. In Meade School District, the Capital Outlay Fund request is \$5,333,282.

The board took action on the proposal by the City of Sturgis to purchase 323.3 acres of land surrounding Sturgis Brown High School.

The first motion, which passed on a 9-0 vote, authorized the superintendent and school district attorney to work with the City of Sturgis in preparing documents for the exchange of real property adjacent to Sturgis Elementary School with property adjacent to Francis Case Technology facility.

The second motion, which also passed on a 9-0 vote, authorized the superintendent and school district attorney to negotiate with the City of Sturgis for the relocation of the rodeo grounds from Ball Park Road to the high school campus. The document would include the location of the rodeo grounds, purchase price if applicable, scheduling, liability of the City and Meade School District, and maintenance and upkeep of the rodeo grounds.

The third motion was to sell the 323.3 acres of land to the City of Sturgis for the appraised price of

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# 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. 15

**Sturgis Brown High School:** Monday, Aug. 29

**Sturgis Williams Middle School:** Thursday, Sept. 1

**Piedmont:** Friday, Sept. 23

**Whitewood:** Tuesday, Sept. 13

**Rural Schools:** Thursday, Sept. 22

SBHS seniors are reminded to submit one digital or wallet-sized head-and-shoulders photo by Thursday, Dec. 1, by emailing it to sbhsjournalismmedia@gmail.com or dropping it off in Room 155. The senior photos will be used in the yearbook as well as by the school and local newspapers.

# School hours for 2016-17

Beginning with the first day of school on Monday, Aug. 29, 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 p.m.

2nd & 3rd: 8:10 a.m.-3:05 p.m.

4th & 5th: 8:05 a.m.-3:10 p.m.

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

**SWMS:** 8:05 a.m.-3:18 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 & 4th: 7:40 a.m.-2:40 p.m.

5th & 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.

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\$2,995,000. This motion included two 66-foot easements across school property for the City to access the property, with the easements good for one year from the date of sale.

This motion was amended to include the sale of 20 acres of the old Cavalry Shooting Range to the City at a price of \$1 per acre with the stipulation that the 20 acres would remain of green space and that there would be no commercial or residential development of that land. The total number of acres and cost of land in the main motion would then be reduced accordingly.

The vote on the amendment passed 7-2 with Bryce Richter and Joe Urbaniak voting no. The vote on the main motion as amended failed on a 4-5 vote. Voting in favor of selling the land were Bob Burns, Dennis Chowen, Curt Nupen and Charlie Wheeler; voting against selling the land were Michael Isaacson, Corey Johnson, Courtney Mack, Richter and Urbaniak.

# Inservice kicks off school year

The inservice for Meade staff, which heralds the beginning of the new school year, will be held Tuesday through Thursday, Aug. 23-25.

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 Meade School Board President Bryce Richter. School board members, administrators and new teachers will be introduced, after which Superintendent Don Kirkegaard will address the staff.

The remainder of the day is dedicated to building-level meetings and the first two of three MacBook training sessions for all sixth through eighth grade teachers and those new to the high school.

Activities for day two include the final training on the MacBook, training for sixth through eighth grade staff about the new social studies materials, and department-level and grade-level meetings.

The final day of inservice consists of preparing for the first day of school and building-level meetings. Topics to be discussed include policies and procedures, handbooks, Smarter Balanced assessment, online reading and math programs, goals and expectations, teacher evaluations and self-assessments, and attributes of a good teacher/employee.

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

Free and reduced-price breakfast and lunch are available 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 for those in grades K-8 and \$2.90 for those in grades 9-12.

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.

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/](http://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. 15.

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 all students and \$2.10 for adults. Lunch costs \$2.80 for K-8 students, \$2.90 for 9-12 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](http://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.



# This Old School House

## 1937 Mato Paha

The first edition of the Mato Paha of Sturgis High School by the staff of Quill and Scroll and members of the journalism class was published in 1937 and was dedicated to the "cause of future education in Sturgis." (There are earlier editions of the high school yearbook, but evidently not by Quill and Scroll members.)

In 1937, the senior class totaled 55 students; juniors, 54; sophomores, 61; freshmen, 66.

Activities included "S" Club, football, basketball, Girls Athletic Association [sports for girls were kittenball, basketball, volleyball], band, orchestra, mixed chorus, concert ensemble, Girls Glee Club, debate, declam, journalism, Cap and Bells, and Quill and Scroll.

The following was advice to prospective students:

"You should go to a good school for your own advancement, because it gives a richer meaning to life, it increases your earning capacity, it gives you an opportunity to find what to do for a living, it shows you how to use your spare time profitably, and it affords character training. Other than going to school for your own good, all citizens of the state and nation are interested in your schooling because it is through education that you become a better citizen, and thus benefit the state, the home and industry."

faculty

			
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# School board meeting rescheduled to Aug. 15; special meeting set for capital outlay projects

The August meeting of the Meade School Board will be held one week later than normal due to the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. That Aug. 15 meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the board room of the Williams Administrative Building, 1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis.

Among the agenda items for the Aug. 15 meeting will be a presentation by the Spearfish architectural firm of Williams and Associates regarding the remodeling project for the second floor classrooms in the Williams Administrative Building.

The remodeling project is needed in order to accommodate Sturgis Elementary School fifth-graders who will be relocating to the building beginning with the 2017-18 school year. The first part of the remodeling project occurred this past school year when all the classroom windows were replaced.

A special meeting will be held the end of August, either Aug. 22 or Aug. 29, for the purpose of discussing future capital outlay projects. Those projects include a possible middle school in Summerset and land purchase, and a possible new school in the rural area. There will be no action taken at this meeting on these projects.

The regular September meeting of the school board is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, in the board room of the Williams Administrative building. It will be at this meeting that the school board members will act on letting bids for the remodeling of the second floor classrooms in the Williams Administrative Building.

The agenda, background information and attachments for all board meetings are posted on the district website the Friday before the meeting.



Meade School Board members will meet in special session the end of August to discuss future capital outlay projects. Included in that discussion is a possible middle school in Summerset, an architectural rendering of which is pictured above. The proposed 110,000 square foot two-story building would house sixth through eighth grade students, but could be expanded to include fifth grade. The school would be built on the site of the old Stagebarn Elementary School off Sturgis Road. To view the architectural site drawings and floor plans, go to:

[www.meade.k12.sd.us/files/4014/6962/9994/Middle\\_School\\_Plans.pdf](http://www.meade.k12.sd.us/files/4014/6962/9994/Middle_School_Plans.pdf)

# Become a school volunteer

Educating youth takes a community effort, and because of that the Meade School Board is encouraging parents, guardians and other interested patrons 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, below, and clip and mail it to the district office or complete it online by going to the district website: [www.meade.k12.sd.us/files/2614/2775/2374/Volunteer\\_Form.pdf](http://www.meade.k12.sd.us/files/2614/2775/2374/Volunteer_Form.pdf)

## MEADE SCHOOL DISTRICT VOLUNTEER SIGNUP 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. 26 for Dakota Players' production of 'The Superhero Show'

Auditions for the Dakota Players' original production of "The Superhero Show" will be held at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, in the gym at Sturgis Elementary School.

All Meade School District students in kindergarten and above are invited to audition for this production, which is sponsored by the Sturgis Area Arts Council. Home schooled students are also welcome to try out.

The musical is designed with parts suitable for every skill and experience level. No advance preparation is needed to audition, however students should come prepared to sing and dance.

In addition to the onstage roles, older students are needed to help with the technical aspects of the show which includes learning how to operate sound and lighting equipment.

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. Attendance is mandatory so those who have conflicts with other activities should not audition.

The following is a synopsis of the production:

Polly Partridge and the Eyewitness News Crew bring live coverage of all the action on Superhero

Day, a special day of celebration in the town of Sunnyville.

Sunnyville is home to the beloved group of heroes known by all as The Superhero Alliance. Everyone in town is thrilled to celebrate Superhero Day - all that is except for Dr. Catastrophe and his gang of henchmen, the Chemical Scavengers. Dr. Catastrophe is determined to ruin Superhero Day by turning everyone into super villains.

Meanwhile, Polly Partridge's nephew Paul discovers that he, too, has super power. But will Paul use his powers for good or for evil?

Join Paul and the rest of the gang as they learn that being true to ones self is the ultimate key to happiness.

Performances will be 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, and

Saturday, Oct. 1, 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 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. 2 and Jan. 6

A training for persons wishing to serve as substitute teachers in Meade School District will be held from 9-10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 2, and again Friday, Jan. 6,

2017, 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.

# New vaccination requirements for all students entering sixth grade

Beginning with the 2016-17 school year, all students entering sixth grade are required to receive Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) and MCV4 (meningococcal ACYW) vaccines.

Vaccine requirements for kindergarten entry have been in place for many years, but this is the first such requirement for middle school-aged students.

The change is a direct result of Senate Bill 28, which was passed by the 2016 South Dakota Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Dennis Daugaard. The legislation added meningococcal infection to the list of diseases specified in South Dakota law for which the Department of Education can require vaccination for school entry.

With this change, school entry requirements for South Dakota sixth grade students and all transfer students in sixth through twelfth grades include:

- One dose of Tdap
- One dose of MCV4

If a child is 10 years of age when entering the sixth grade, he or she has 45 days after his or her 11th birthday to be vaccinated.

## Registration underway for after-school program at Piedmont Valley Elementary

The Meade School District Capable Kids licensed after-school program begins Monday, Aug. 29, at Piedmont Valley Elementary School. The program is open to any child in kindergarten through sixth grade and runs from 2:35-6 p.m. during the school week.

Cost is \$183.89 per month or \$9.57 per day for one child. For a second child in the immediate family, the cost is \$139.61 per month or \$7.27 per day, and for a third child and additional children in the immediate family, the cost is \$95.45 per month or \$4.97 per day.

All necessary forms need to be completed and

tuition payment received before a child can attend the program. Enrollment forms are available at Piedmont Valley Elementary School and on the Meade School District website:

[www.meade.k12.sd.us/index.php/piedmont-valley-elementary/capable-kids/](http://www.meade.k12.sd.us/index.php/piedmont-valley-elementary/capable-kids/)

Each day students will receive a nutritious snack. As a way of nurturing, stimulating and developing the students cognitive and physical skills, a variety of enrichment and academic opportunities are provided.

For more information, call Piedmont Valley Elementary School at 787-5295.

## Public welcome at all school board meetings

All meetings of the Meade School Board 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 Meade School District.

The school board meets on the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the board room located in the Williams Administrative Building, 1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis.

The following are the regular meetings dates for the 2016-17 school year.

Aug. 15,* 2016	Feb. 13, 2017
Sept. 12, 2016	March 13, 2017
Oct. 10, 2016	April 10, 2017
Nov. 14, 2016	May 8, 2017
Dec. 12, 2016	June 12, 2017
Jan. 9, 2017	July 10, 2017

\*This is the third Monday of the month.

# Summer: The time for capital outlay projects

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

The summer's biggest project was at the high school where

approximately \$551,000 was spent on remodeling the front entrance and vestibule, and relocating the main office as a way of providing more security and safety for students and staff.

In addition, the project included

relocating the offices of the principal, assistant principal, activities director, nurse, counselors and all administrative assistants plus the staff work room and conference room.

Other projects at the high school include new culverts, irrigation and drainage improvements for the new soccer field, exterior painting of the main school building and the repair of the east and west service roads. The district maintenance building, which is located on the high school campus, received a new roof.

At Sturgis Williams Middle School, new LED lights were installed, 10 classrooms were painted to match the rest of the school, water fountains were replaced, and the skylights in Grunwald Auditorium were replaced.

In the rural area, Atall, Union Center and Opal Schools received new central air. A stair lift chair was installed at Atall while Opal received new flooring and a new coat of paint. The Enning School was also repainted.

Painting also occurred at Woodle Field where all hand rails are now red.

Other projects included the installation of hand washing stations at Whitewood and Sturgis Elementary Schools.

*Employees of Lowe Roofing of Whitewood replace the skylights on Grunwald Auditorium. The skylights are original to the building which was completed in 1958.*



# Dill steps down as SBHS drama coach

After 25 years of directing productions for Sturgis Brown High School, drama coach June Dill has decided to retire from that extra-curricular position. She will, however, continue on staff as an English and drama teacher. "It was just time," she explained, about leaving the job for which she is clearly passionate.

Though she did some acting while attending the University of South Dakota and during the summers at the Black Hills Playhouse, June doesn't consider herself an actor. "I actually was more into directing while at the Playhouse. In my second year there, I took over the box office. My love has always been directing, scenery and costuming."

She attended a job fair in Sioux Falls where she talked to then-SBHS Principal Rich Deaver and then-Activities Director Bob Peterson who were looking to fill a freshman English position and were hopeful that same person would also be willing to organize a drama club at the school. She later traveled to Sturgis for the interview, after which Principal Deaver took her to the Sturgis Community Center to show her the new theatre. "That theatre was the selling point for me," she said.

"The first year I was here we went to the State One Act Competition and saw O'Gorman High School perform 'Where the Wild Things Are' and on the drive back home we talked about how that production would be neat to do for the children of the school district. That is how the annual children's production came about," she explained.

For many years she directed four productions a year - a musical, a main stage play, a one act play and a children's show. In 2007 that was cut to three productions. "With four productions, it seems we were spending too much time constructing sets," she said.

The highlight of her quarter century as drama coach is the kids. "The kids have absolutely been the best. But then, most extracurricular advisers would say the same about their students," she says matter-of-factly. The most difficult thing for her is the kids' busy schedules. "They are not only juggling other extracurricular activities," she said, "but are also juggling jobs. To get everybody to a rehearsal is difficult."

It was during her third year at SBHS that she thought she'd be fired. "During lunch break for a children's show practice, I went home and some of the kids went to McDonald's. When I got back to rehearsal, the kids, who were all giggling, asked me if I had a good lunch. I knew immediately that something had happened," said Dill.

"One of the props in the play was a plastic toy gun and evidently they had taken that prop with them to McDonald's," she explained. "On their way back to practice, one of the kids sitting in the front seat of the car

handed the toy gun to a student in the back seat. Of course the police saw this, pulled them over and made them lay on the ground, spread eagle."

"I was mortified," she continued. "Luckily Rich [Principal Rich Deaver] didn't do anything. Now it is funny, but it certainly wasn't then!"

She will be available to assist and guide her successor, but there are some activities she might pursue.

"One day in drama class we were watching a pantomime group competition and the kids were very excited about trying that," she said. Or, she might resurrect the improv troop she led during the 1990s in conjunction with the district's Safe and Drug Free Schools Office.

Dill said she will miss watching new students blossom into talented young adults, but she feels the time is right to take her final bow.



**June Dill**



## Nupen thanked

Meade School Board member Curt Nupen, pictured to the right in the photo, receives a certificate from board president Bryce Richter on his retirement from the school board. Curt was a school board member for 12 years. He served six years in the 1980s and most recently from 2009-12 and 2013-16.

## 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 and General Mills box tops.

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

**Whitewood Elementary:** Land O'Lakes milk caps, General Mills box tops, 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 recycling programs, schools can receive money for student incentives, student trips, school equipment and educational supplies.

## Donations of band instruments are being accepted

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](http://www.meade.k12.sd.us/files/6214/3285/0619/FileJO.pdf)

## Meade School District Calendar for 2016-17

The following is the approved calendar for the 2016-17 school year. Any snow days will be made up by adding additional days at the end of the school calendar. Furthermore, Feb. 20 (Presidents' Day), March 17 (Spring Break), and April 17 (Easter Monday) could be used as make-up days at the discretion of the Meade School Board upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

Inservice	Aug. 23-25, 2016
First Day of School	Aug. 29, 2016
Labor Day (no school)	Sept. 5, 2016
Parent-Teacher Conferences:	
Middle School: 4-7 p.m.	Oct. 3, 2016
High School: 4-7 p.m.	Oct. 4, 2016
Elementary Schools: 4-7 p.m.	Oct. 4, 2016
All Schools: 4-7 p.m.	Oct. 6, 2016
Inservice Day (no school)	Oct. 7, 2016
Native Americans' Day (no school)	Oct. 10, 2016
Inservice Day (no school)	Nov. 4, 2016
Thanksgiving Vacation (no school)	Nov. 23-25, 2016
Christmas Vacation (no school)	Dec. 21-Jan.2
Inservice Day (no school)	Jan. 13, 2017

Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school)	Jan. 16, 2017
Parent-Teacher Conferences:	
High School: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 13, 2017
Middle School: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 14, 2017
Middle & High Schools: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 16, 2017
Presidents' Day (no school)	Feb. 20, 2017
Parent-Teacher Conferences:	
Elementary Schools: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 21, 2017
Elementary Schools: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 23, 2017
Inservice Day (no school)	Mar. 16, 2017
Spring Break (no school)	Mar. 17, 2017
Good Friday/Easter Monday (no school)	April 14-17 2017
Inservice Day (no school)	April 24, 2017
Graduation	May 21, 2017
Last Day of School	May 24, 2017

# 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\*\*  
P.O. Box 90, Piedmont, S.D. 57769  
Ethan Dschaak, principal.....787-5295; fax:787-5954

### Sturgis Brown High School

12930 E. Highway 34, Sturgis, S.D. 57785  
Toll-free 1-888-568-3514  
Pete Wilson, principal.....347-2686; fax:347-0225  
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; fax:347-3769  
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; fax:720-0190  
Dave Olson, assistant principal.....347-5232

### Whitewood Elementary School

603 Garfield, Whitewood, S.D. 57793  
Bev Rosenboom, principal.....269-2264; fax:269-2099

## Superintendent

1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis, S.D. 57785  
Don Kirkegaard.....347-2523 x2; fax:347-0005  
Toll-free 1-877-522-6251

## Business Manager

1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis, S.D. 57785  
Brett Burditt.....347-2523 x1; fax:347-0005  
Toll-free 1-877-522-6251

## Buildings and Grounds

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

## 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  
Julie Dobler.....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; fax:347-8089  
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