

BACKGROUND INFORMATION – February 11, 2019
4:30 p.m. Executive Session
5:30 p.m. Regular School Board Meeting
Williams Administrative Building, Board Room

Executive Session

Background: School board members will enter into executive session to discuss personnel (SDCL-1-25-2.1).

Item 2d – Personnel

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

New Administrative Contract: Chad Hedderman, principal, Sturgis Williams Middle School, \$82,500.00, eff. for the 2019-20 school year; Brittan Porterfield, principal, Whitewood Elementary/Rural Schools, \$65,000.00, eff. for the 2019-20 school year.

Contract Amendment (Extracurricular): Jonathan Hanson, assistant boys’ basketball coach, Sturgis Williams Middle School, \$1,894.00, eff. for the 2018-19 school year.

New Hire (Support Staff): Kathleen Rosane-Gunnare, food service worker, Piedmont Valley Elementary, \$10.75/hour, eff. 1/28/2019; Dena Strand, food service worker, Sturgis Williams Middle School, 10.75/hour, eff. 1/28/2019; Jarrod Vandewater, maintenance-level 1, Building & Grounds, \$14.25/hour, eff. 2/4/2019.

Resignation (Certificated): Stephanie Baker, teacher, Piedmont Valley Elementary, eff. at the end of the 2018-19 school year; Jennifer Mayer, teacher, Stagebarn Middle School, eff. at the end of the 2018-19 school year.

Resignation (Support Staff): Tiffany Brand, food service worker, Sturgis Williams Middle School, eff. 1/18/2019; Kathleen Rosane-Gunnare, food service worker, Piedmont Valley Elementary, eff. 2/1/2019.

Consent Agenda 2f - Volunteers

Background: Community members who have volunteered to work in schools throughout the district: Leilani Shathuck

Consent Agenda 2g – Combined Election Agreement with the City of Piedmont

Background: The City of Piedmont is requesting an agreement to combine the June 4, 2019 election. Each entity shall share the cost of the joint election as outlined in the agreement. (ITEM 2g)

Item 4 – Conflict of Interest Waiver Authorization Pursuant to SDCL 3-23-3

Background: School board members and school administrators/officials are required 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

The Character Education trait for the month of February is “Courtesy,” which includes graciousness, politeness, consideration, and good manners.

Item 6 – Presentations

Casey & Petersons LLC Audit Report Presentation

Background: Casey & Petersons LLC will present the audit report summary.

Capital Outlay Presentation

Background: Brett Burditt will present a preliminary 2019-20 capital outlay budget. The computer lease agreement is a significant capital outlay expense and Mr. Jeff Ward will follow Mr. Burditt to present information about technology in our schools. (ITEM 6b)

Item 7a - Financial Reports

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

Item 7b – 2020-21 Academic Calendar

Background: At the January board meeting, the district presented the proposed 2020-21 academic calendar. There have been no changes to the proposed calendar. (ITEM 7b)

Item 7c – Intent to Renew Administrative Contracts

Background: According to the 2018-19 negotiated salary and benefits for administrators, administrators will be notified no later than the regularly scheduled March school board meeting of the board’s intent to renew their contract.

Item 7d – New Attendance Center Name

Background: The District needs to submit a name change to the Department of Education. The deadline is March 1, 2019. A survey was conducted in December that provided information that was used in determining the name of the new school located at Union Center. The name selected was Central Meade County School.

Item 8a – STEM Labs

Background: Capital Outlay dollars have been allocated for two STEM labs scheduled to be online next year. One lab will be installed at the new Stagebarn Middle School and another lab will be installed at the new attendance center being built at Union Center. Mr. Simmons will explain what a STEM lab is and answer any questions.

Item 8b – Graduation Requirements

Background: The Department of Education adjusted state graduation requirements. High School Principal Mr. Pete Wilson will provide a brief explanation of the changes that affects the high school.

Item 8c – Strength and Conditioning Coach

Background: The superintendent was approached about the possibility of employing the services of a strength and conditioning coach to enhance the physical potential of athletes in our programs. Black Hills Orthopedic and Sturgis Regional Health brought proposals to a subcommittee for review. To engage in an agreement with Sturgis Regional Health, the school would have been required to break the existing contract with Black Hills Orthopedic. Both entities proposed quality options for consideration. The subcommittee recommends honoring the current contract that the school has with Black Hills Orthopedic. Considering there was not a change to the existing contract no board action is required. Mr. Palmer, our activities director, will continue to investigate the possibility of employing the services of a strength and conditioning coach.

Item 8d – ASBSD School Board Recognition Week

Background: The Meade School District will join districts across the state to thank school board members for their leadership and service to our school district and community during South Dakota School Board Recognition Week from February 18-22, 2019. During School Board Recognition Week, the Meade School District invites students, staff and community members to take part in thanking its school board members.