

BACKGROUND, Monday, November 13, 2017

5:15 p.m. Dinner, Culinary Arts Class and Roundtable Discussion w/Legislators -SWMS Library

6:30 p.m. Regular School Board Meeting-Williams Administrative Building, Board Room

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

**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 4 – Presentation: South Dakota Accountability**

**Background:** Guyla Ness will present the South Dakota Accountability report.

### **Item 5 – Recognitions**

**Background:** November Character Trait of the Month is “citizenship,” which includes loyalty, patriotism, leadership, public spirit, volunteerism, and respect for authority.

### **Item 6a – Financial Reports**

**Background:** The financial reports for the month of November for the board’s review. (ITEM 6a)

### **Item 6b – Interim Superintendent Contract**

**Background:** The Meade District School Board has offered the interim superintendent contract to John Pederson. The contract begins on January 2 through June 29, 2018. This contract will be a six-month contract, 123 contract days, which includes ten (10) days of personal time off. Five contract days can be worked in the month of December 2017 if mutually approved by Donald Kirkegaard.

### **Item 6c – Personnel**

**Background:** The following personnel actions are presented for the Board’s consideration this month: New Hire (Administration): John Pedersen, interim superintendent, \$67,000.00 for six months, eff. 01/02/2017.

New Hires (Support Staff): Adam Lalicker, network administrator, district-wide, \$24.52/hour, eff. 11/06/2017; Melisa Clark, noon duty supervisor, Piedmont Valley Elementary, \$11.25/hour, eff. 10/04/2017; Jacqueline Hyman, special education paraprofessional, Sturgis Williams Middle School, \$11.25/hour, eff. 10/16/2017; Jericha Sisk, special education paraprofessional, Sturgis Williams Middle School, \$11.25/hour, eff. 10/27/2017; Tammy Tennyson, food service worker, Sturgis Williams Middle School, \$10.75/hour, eff. 11/08/2017.

New Hire (Extracurricular): Clint Hammerstrom, rural basketball coach, \$2,038.00, eff. for the 2017-18 school year; Casey Matt, rural basketball coach \$2,038.00, eff. for the 2017-18 school year; Jamie Spring, rural basketball coach, \$1,930.00, eff. for the 2017-18 school year; Megan Long, rural basketball coach, \$2,254.00, eff. for the 2017-18 school year; Shelane Graham, rural basketball coach, \$2,290.00, eff. for the 2017-18 school year; Krystal Keffeler, rural basketball coach, \$1,894.00, eff. for the 2017-18 school year.

Change of Assignment (Support Staff): Todd Battles, lead maintenance worker to supervisor,

Buildings & Grounds, district-wide, \$35,667 for an 8-month contract, eff. 11/01/2017; Randy Gross, general maintenance worker to lead maintenance worker, Buildings & Grounds, district-wide, \$16.82/hour to \$18.00/hour, eff. 11/01/2017; Eric Gill, technology technician to assistant network administrator, \$21.42/hour to \$22.60/hour, eff 11/13/2017.

Resignation (Support Staff): Misty Jutting, custodian, Sturgis Elementary, eff. 10/18/2017.

Resignation (Extracurricular Activities): Ian Walton, assistant middle school basketball coach, Sturgis Williams Middle School, eff. for the 2017-18 school year.

#### **Item 6d – Rural School Attendance Center Architect Contract**

**Background:** The building committee will be making a recommendation to the board on a possible architect for the rural school attendance center.

#### **Item 6e – Summerset-Stagebarn Middle School Name**

**Background:** At the October meeting, the board discussed possible names for the new Summerset-Stagebarn middle school. Stagebarn Middle School, Summerset Middle School, Summerset-Stagebarn Middle School were all possible names that were discussed at that time.

#### **Item 6f – Additional Piedmont Valley Bus Route**

**Background:** Currently, we have three bus routes in the Piedmont area that are at capacity that makes it difficult for adequate seating for students. We are requesting to add a fourth bus route and adjustments to the current three bus routes. Harlow's is working on hiring another bus driver. There will be an expense for the additional route and a reduction for the original three routes. Final numbers are yet to be determined.

#### **Item 6g – Board Policy AH: Conflict of Interest Disclosure and Authorization**

**Background:** This is the third and final reading of School Board Policy AH: Conflict of Interest Disclosure and Authorization. There have been no changes to this policy. (ITEM 6f)

#### **Item 6h – Board Policy GBCA: Staff Conflict of Interest**

**Background:** This is the third and final reading of School Board Policy GBCA: Staff Conflict of Interest. There have been no changes to this policy. (ITEM 6h)

#### **Item 6i – Special December Board Meeting**

**Background:** The board will need to decide if it is a necessity to set a date for a special board meeting in December.

#### **Item 6j – Date & Time for 2018 School Board Election**

**Background:** The Board is required each year to set the date for the school board election (SDCL 13-7-10). This action must be taken no later than January. The date requested for the election is June 5, 2018.

#### **Item 6k – American Education Week**

**Background:** American Education Week is observed in all communities annually for informing the

public of the accomplishments and needs of the public schools and to secure cooperation and support of the public in meeting those needs.

#### **Item 6l – Ride Across SD (RASDak) Facilities Use Request**

**Background:** The board received a request from RASDak to use the Sturgis Williams Middle School facilities and grounds. The group would be arriving on Thursday, June 7 and leaving the morning of Friday, June 8, 2018. They are requesting access to the gym for camping indoors, locker rooms for showers, as well as the green space outside for outdoor campers.

#### **Item m – Designate Official Newspaper**

**Background:** The board will need to designate an official newspaper for Meade School District. The Journal announced that the Meade County Times-Tribune would no longer be published. The journal will publish a new Northern Hills page, inside the Journal, which will cover the towns of Sturgis, Belle Fourche, Lead-Deadwood and Spearfish.

#### **Item 6n – RFP for Superintendent Search**

**Background:** In the past, the Meade School District has used a consulting firm to assist in the search process for a superintendent. Typically, boards will request a RFP (request for proposal) and then select a consulting firm. I anticipate that we will receive at least four proposals for consideration. The board will need to select a committee to review the RFPs, schedule interviews and make a recommendation to the board in December.

#### **Item 7a – Soccer Transition**

**Background:** The district met with soccer representatives to discuss the possible soccer transition for the school district to assume full responsibility for high school soccer for the 2018-19 school year. A brief summary of the meeting will be given at the November board meeting.

#### **Item 7b – Projected Rural Attendance**

**Background:** Whitewood Elementary & rural principal, Bev Rosenboom, has provided projected enrollments for the rural schools through 2019. Mr. Kirkegaard will discuss the report and answer any questions. (ENCL 7b)

#### **Item 7c – Annual Audit Exit Interview**

**Background:** Casey Peterson and Associates concluded their annual audit for Meade School District. Courtney Mack, Don Kirkegaard, and Brett Burditt attended the annual audit exit interview with Casey Peterson and Associates. Brett Burditt will give a report and answer any questions on the exit interview.

#### **Item 7d – Accounts Payable Position**

**Background:** The district has posted an accounts payable position. The business office would like to be able to have a start date of January or February, which would allow cross training for payroll and accounts payable.

### **Item 7e – Intermediate/Middle School Principal Position**

**Background:** The application deadline closed on Friday, November 10, 2017. Courtney Mack will appoint an interview committee. Interviews will begin the end of November.

### **Item 7f – Policy GCDB: Criminal Background Checks**

**Background:** This is the second reading of School Board Policy GCDB: Criminal Background Checks. There are changes to the policy since the first reading in October and those changes are highlighted in yellow. Mr. Kirkegaard will answer any questions you might have regarding the policy.

### **Item 7g – ASBSD 2017-18 Legislative Resolutions & Positions**

**Background:** The ASBSD 2017-18 Legislative Delegate Assembly is Friday, November 17, 2017 in Pierre, SD. The purpose of our discussion this evening is to focus on the new and/or amended positions in an effort to provide the board's delegates, Mike Isaacson and Bryce Richter direction on how to vote. (ITEM 7g)

### **Item 7h – NSBA Annual Conference**

**Background:** The NSBA Annual Conference and Exposition is the one national event that brings together education leaders at a time when domestic policies and global trends are combining to shape the future of our students. The conference is in San Antonio, Texas, April 7 through 9, 2018.