

BACKGROUND INFORMATION – March 14, 2016
5:00 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 personnel (SDCL-1-25.1), Employee Negotiations (SDCL-1-25.4), and Marketing/Negotiations (SDCL-1-25.5).

Consent Agenda Item 2d – In-District Transfer Requests

Background: In-district transfer requests received by the district:

Consent Agenda Item 2e - Central Copying Machine Contract

Background: Our contract with Dakota Business for copying machines at Central Copying expires this year. It was a five year contract that was extended for two additional years. We received proposals from Dakota Business and Ricoh USA for a new five year contract. (ITEM 2e)

Consent Agenda Item 1f - Volunteers

Background: Community members that have requested to volunteer to work in schools throughout the district: Kelly Keffeler, Hannah Kinsley, Jenna Odle, Denee Lindren, Tyler Woods, and Bruce Gordon.

Item 4 – Recognitions

Background: Danika Gordon received a legislative commemoration, honoring her for being named one of the top two youth volunteers in South Dakota in the twenty-first annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

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 5 – New Content Standards & Social Studies Curriculum Materials

Background: Jeff Ward will present the new content standards for Social Studies, K-12 Technology and Fine Arts.

Kerry Skinner, Social Studies Department Chair, will present the recommended Social Studies curriculum materials.

Item 6a – Financial Reports

Background: The monthly financial reports, Exhibit A, B, C, and D, for the board's review. (ITEM 6a)

Item 6b – Personnel

Background: The following personnel actions are submitted:

New Hire (Certificated): Grace Hoffman, special education teacher, Sturgis Elementary, \$35,425.00, eff. for the 2016-17 school year; Thomas Maki, special education teacher, Sturgis Elementary, \$35,666.00, eff. for the 2016-17 school year.

New Hire (Technology Administrator): Brad Martin, network administrator, Curriculum & Technology, \$57,000.00, eff. 4/4/2016.

New Hire (Support Staff): Helen Hall, food service general worker, \$9.50/hour, Sturgis Elementary, eff. 2/26/2016.

Retirement (Certificated): Jane Karp, teacher, Whitewood Elementary and Rural, eff. at the end of the 2015-16 school year.

Retirement (Professional/Technical): Marcia Potts, nurse, eff. at the end of the 2015-16 school year.

Resignation (Certificated): Melissa Kistler, teacher, Sturgis Elementary, eff. at the end of the 2015-16 school year; Kimberly Smith, special education teacher, Sturgis Elementary, eff. at the end of the 2015-16 school year; Tammy Foley, teacher, Sturgis Williams Middle School, eff. at the end of the 2015-16 school year; Beth Pitsor, teacher, Piedmont Valley Elementary, eff. at the end of the 2015-16 school year.

Resignation (Support Staff): Tyra Austin, library paraprofessional, Whitewood Elementary, eff. 3/11/2016; Adam Lalicker, network administrator, District-wide, eff. 2/29/2016; Nicole Jones, paraprofessional, Sturgis Elementary, eff. 3/8/2016..

Resignation (Extracurricular): June Dill, high school drama director, Sturgis Brown High School; eff. at the end of the 2015-16 school year.

Leave of Absence: Lora Wilson, teacher, Sturgis Williams Middle School, 2016-2017 school year.

Item 6c – Surplus Auction on May 10, 2016

Background: Business Manager Brett Burditt is requesting the board to authorize the district to participate in a surplus auction with the City of Sturgis on May 10, 2016 at SBHS East Campus. Bertolotto Real Estate & Auction Company will conduct the auction.

Item 6d – Central Meade County Community Center Contract

Background: The Central Meade County Community Center contract for the 2016-17 school year has been received. The contract outlines fees for using the community center. (ITEM 6d)

Item 6e – School Board Policy

Background: Third and final reading of current policy EJ: Service Animal Policy. No changes have been made since the second reading of the policy. (ITEM 6e)

Item 6f – Woodle Field MOU and Little League Fields MOU

Background: We have received the Woodle Field MOU and the Little League Fields MOU from the City of Sturgis. Mr. Kirkegaard will answer any questions regarding the MOUs. (ITEM 6f)

Item 6g – Sports Trainer Contract

Background: The sports trainer services contract with Black Hills Orthopedic & Spine Center expires at the end of this school year. Black Hills Orthopedic & Spine Center and Regional Hospital presented proposals for athletic trainer services for the next three to five years. (ITEM 6g)

Item 6h – Special Board Meeting Date and Time

Background: At the February board meeting, board members discussed having a special board meeting either Monday, March 28th or Tuesday, March 29th, 2016. The Sturgis Brown High School remodel project bids will be opened on March 25, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. and considered at this special board meeting. We will also be discussing the 2016-17 capital outlay budget and teacher negotiations.

Item 6i – Teacher Negotiations Committee

Background: Last year, the teacher negotiation committee negotiated teacher contract terms for 2015-16 and 2016-17. House Bill 1182 requires the district to change the terms negotiated for the 2016-17 school year. Board President Bryce Richter will need to appoint board members to serve on the committee.

Item 6j – Soccer Cooperative Agreement

Background: At the February board meeting, the Newell Soccer Cooperative Agreement was on the agenda as a discussion item. The Newell School District is requesting a cooperative agreement with Meade School District for high school girls and boys soccer. (ITEM 6j)

Item 6k – Authorize to Call for Bids for Asphalt and Metal Roofing Projects

Background: Business Manager Brett Burditt is requesting authorization to call for bids for an asphalt project at Sturgis Brown High School. The project includes the east and west roads at the high school, as well as, patching the parking lot. The second project is reroofing the maintenance building with a metal roof. Both projects will be part of the 2016-17 capital outlay budget.

Item 6l – Authorize to Call for Bids for Custodial Services at Sturgis Brown High School and Piedmont Valley Elementary

Background: Brett Burditt and Mr. Kirkegaard have been working on a bid document for custodial services at Sturgis Brown High School and Piedmont Valley Elementary. The proposed bid document outlines the services needed for custodial services for each facility. Mr. Kirkegaard and Mr. Burditt will answer any questions.

Item 7a – 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 district received a letter from the City of Summerset and the local review board will meet on Monday, March 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Summerset Municipal Building. We are still waiting to hear from Sturgis, Piedmont, and Whitewood.

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 7b – Negotiations with MEA

Background: Since the 2016 legislative session, the terms of the MEA Negotiated Agreement for the 2016-17 school year need to be discussed and new terms negotiated. The district will be arranging negotiations with MEA at a mutually agreed upon date.

Item 7c – Legislative Action and Impact on Meade School District

Background: The legislative session ended on Friday, March 11, 2016. Mr. Kirkegaard will update the board on what impact the legislative action will have on the school district.

Item 7d – SBHS East Campus Use Agreement

Background: Business Manager Brett Burditt is requesting the board's input on a use agreement at SBHS East Campus in regards to metal detecting and the removal of items from the property. Brett Burditt will provide more details about the request and answer any questions.

Item 7e – 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. Sturgis Elementary School screenings were held March 8th and March 9th. Piedmont Valley Elementary School screenings are scheduled for March 15th and March 16th. Whitewood Elementary School screenings are scheduled for March 22nd and March 23rd. Rural area screening will be March 24th. These screenings are a great indicator of the number of kindergarten students who will be enrolling in the district next fall. (ITEM 7e)

Item 7f – Staffing

Background: Mr. Kirkegaard will be reviewing possible staffing changes for the 2016-17 school year.

Item 7g – April Culinary Arts Dinner

Background: The Sturgis Brown High School Culinary Arts class will be providing a dinner for the board and administration on April 11, 2016. Dinner will be served at 5:15 p.m. in the Sturgis Williams Middle School library with school board meeting to follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Williams Administrative Building board room.

Item 7h – Meade County Fair Board Proposal

Background: We are anticipating a proposal from the Meade County Fair Board to replat and deed the five acre parcel that is currently leased by the Meade County Fair Board. The fair board is hoping to build a second building on the premises. Mr. Kirkegaard will answer any questions regarding the proposal. (ITEM 7h)

Item 7i – 2017-18 School Calendar

Background: Mike Paris sent the proposed 2017-18 school calendar and requested feedback from the administration and staff. We have always given staff and administration two calendar options to consider but how the holidays fall in the 2017-18 school year make it difficult to present two options. Mr. Kirkegaard will answer any questions regarding the proposed calendar. (ITEM 7i)

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