

BACKGROUND INFORMATION – March 11, 2019
5:00 p.m. Executive Session
5:30 p.m. Regular School Board Meeting
Williams Administrative Building, Board Room

Item 2d – Personnel

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

New Hire (Certificated): Derris Buus, special education teacher, Sturgis Elementary, \$45,161.00, eff. for the 2019-20 school year; Makenzie Skovlund, special education teacher, Sturgis Elementary, \$40,575.00, eff. for the 2019-20 school year; Jana Swedin, teacher, Piedmont Valley Elementary, \$40,575.00, eff. for the 2019-20 school year; Rebecca Weber, teacher, Piedmont Valley Elementary, \$45,975.00, eff. for the 2019-20 school year.

Contract (Administration): Joseph Williams, assistant principal, Sturgis Brown High School, \$71,670.00, eff. for the 2019-20 school year.

Change in Assignment/Wage (Support Staff): Alicia Harris, food service worker to head cook, Sturgis Elementary, \$10.75/hour to \$11.50/hour; eff. 2/18/2019; Deone Horton, site manager, Piedmont Valley Elementary, level 1 certification to level 2 certification, \$12.60/hour to \$12.85/hour, eff. 2/11/2019.

Resignation (Certificated): Amanda Hoffman, special education teacher, Stagebarn Middle School, eff. at the end of the 2018-19 school year; Sidney Garner, special education teacher, Stagebarn Middle School, eff. at the end of the 2018-19 school year.

Resignation (Extracurricular): Courtney Pitsor, head middle school cross country coach and head middle school track coach, Stagebarn Middle School, eff. at the end of the 2018-19 school year; Josie Huber, assistant middle school track coach, Sturgis Williams Middle School, eff. at the end of the 2018-19 school year; Jennifer Mayer, assistant middle school volleyball coach, Stagebarn Middle School, eff. at the end of the 2018-19 school year.

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

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.

Eric Johnson will introduce Skyler Eisenbraun, a 12th grader at Sturgis Brown High School qualified for the National Tournament in Original Oratory. This is the third year in a row that Sturgis has qualified a student for the National Tournament and the second year to win the Small School District Qualifier Sweepstakes Award.

Item 6 – Presentations: Sturgis Rodeo Club

Background: At the February meeting the Sturgis Rodeo Club was invited to share their ideas with the school board as it pertains to moving the current rodeo grounds in Sturgis to the high school campus. On Tuesday March 5th the Rodeo Club, Fair Board, four school board members as well as Mr. Simmons – superintendent, Mr. Wilson – high school principal and Mr. Palmer – activities

director met for discussion. The purpose of the meeting was to open dialogue to encourage a joint partnership between the Rodeo Club and the Fair Board in an effort to engage in a shared vision and to pool resources.

Earlier this year we heard from the Fair Board. Tonight, we will hear from the Rodeo Club.

Math Curriculum Presentation

Background: Sandy Buchholz, Instructional Council Math Chair, will present the recommendation for the new math materials. The district is at the end of a six-year contract with our current math curriculum. The SD department of Education has developed new math content standards. The Board will be asked to take action on this recommendation at the April school board meeting. (ITEM 6-b)

Item 7a - Financial Reports

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

Item 7b – Graduation Requirements

Background: Last month, Mr. Wilson presented the Board with changes to the graduation Requirements. Changes were made to the English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies electives. There have not been any amendments since the February meeting. (ITEM 7b)

Item 7c – Apple Lease Agreement

Background: At the February board meeting, the board authorized Jeff Ward and Mr. Burditt to proceed with the Apple agreement. The attachment outlines the terms of that lease agreement. (ITEM 7c)

Item 7d – Amend 2018-19 Capital Outlay Budget

Background: If the Board approves the Apple lease agreement, the 2018-19 capital outlay budget will need to be adjusted to pay the first installment on the lease agreement. The business manager, Brett Burditt, is requesting to amend the 2018-19 capital outlay budget from \$1,690,011.00 to \$2,790,011.00. (ITEM 7d)

Item 7e – Sturgis Brown High School Roundhouse Roof Replacement

Background: The Buildings and Grounds Department and the Business Office would like the board's approval to advertise an RFP for the reroofing project of the Sturgis Brown High School Roundhouse. The project will be on next year's capital outlay budget if approved. The expected timeline for the project is advertise for bids on March 13 and March 20; open bids on April 3; and award the bid at the April board meeting. (ITEM 7e)

Item 7f – Central Meade County School Garage Project

Background: The Buildings and Grounds and the Business Office would like the board's approval of the proposal and location of the 24'x24' garage to be placed at the Central Meade County School. The proposal for the garage is a cost of \$50,258.00 with an alternate bid package for \$950.00 for installation of insulation. Total cost of the project would be \$51,208.00. (ITEM 7f)

Item 7g – Piedmont Valley Elementary Custodial Service

Background: The Business Office would like the board's authorization for the business manager to seek RFP for custodial services at the Piedmont Valley Elementary. The existing contract at Piedmont will expire on June 30, 2019. It is the recommendation of Mr. Dschaak to advertise for a two-year contract beginning July 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2021 with a possible one-year

extension. The business office will advertise for four weeks with bids due on April 25, 2019 and present at the May board meeting. (ITEM 7g)

Item 7h – SBHS Weight Room Capital Outlay Project

Background: The Buildings and Grounds Department and the Business Office would like the board's approval to hire an architect to define the scope of the project and if the project exceeds \$50,000.00 the board will need to authorize the district to advertise for bids.

Item 7i – Newell Soccer Coop Agreement

Background: The Meade School District and the Newell School District have had a co-op agreement in the past and would like to create a new agreement for athletes from Newell to continue to participate in the Meade School District's soccer program. (ITEM 7i)

Item 8a – Prepare for 2019-20 Negotiations

Background: The district will begin the process of negotiating with MEA for the 2019-20 school year. The following board members are on the Negotiations Committee: Charlie Wheeler, Bob Burns, Curtis Johnson, and Dennis Chowen.

Item 8b – DOE Audit Acceptance Letter

Background: The South Dakota Department of Education has accepted the district's audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. (ITEM 8b)

Item 8c – School Board Policy EFC/JNB

Background: The School Board Policy EFC/JNB: Child Nutrition Program Financial Rights & Responsibilities outlines how the district notifies parents regarding payment methods, money owed for student meals and the districts rights and procedures to collect on delinquent accounts. The district is currently following those guidelines on several accounts that are delinquent. Currently the total amount owed to the school district is approximately \$6600.

Mrs. Rhonda Ramsdell will present information pertaining to this information and will be prepared to answer questions. (ITEM 8c)

Item 8d – Board of Equalization

Background: Background: The third Monday of March is the time of year when local communities review with the Board of Equalization any contested property assessments. The following board members represent the school district: Dennis Chowen, Sturgis Board of Equalization; Bob Burns, Summerset Board of Equalization; Curtis Johnson, Piedmont Board of Equalization; and Tracy Konst, Whitewood Board of Equalization.

Item 8e – April Board Meeting Culinary Arts Dinner

Background: Sturgis Brown High School Culinary Arts students will be serving dinner prior to the April board meeting. Dinner will be served in the Sturgis Williams Middle School library at 5:15 p.m. with the board meeting to follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Williams Administrative Building board room.

Item 8f – Staff Appreciation Reception

Background: Every year the district hosts a staff appreciation reception in May. This reception usually follows the May board meeting. This year the May board meeting is on May 13 and the last day of school is scheduled for May 22. We would like to move the reception to the Wednesday prior

to the board meeting, May 8, 2019. The following board members are on the Employee Recognition Committee: Charlie Wheeler, Dennis Chowen, Cody Weber, and Tracy Konst.