

BACKGROUND INFORMATION – Monday, March 14, 2022  
5:00 p.m. Piedmont Valley Elementary/Stagebarn MS Facilities – Community discussion with Q&A's.  
6:30 p.m. Regular School Board Meeting  
Stagebarn Middle School, Gymnasium  
\*Zoom will be **AUDIO ONLY!**\*

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### **Item 3a – Board Presentation**

**Background:** The Board will enter into a community informational discussion on the future facilities construction plans for the Piedmont /Summerset areas. Discussion and questions will be held from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. for patrons/residents of the district and/or parents of children that attend school in the district. Those that have questions/comments will have no more than three (3) minutes to speak. Individuals cannot speak twice until everyone has had the chance to speak. A sign-up sheet is placed at the entrance of the gymnasium and/or podium if you choose to speak.

Board members will reconvene to the regular school board meeting at the conclusion of the discussion and no later than 6:30 p.m.

### **Item 4c – Consent Agenda - Personnel**

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

New Hire (Certificated): Gracie Kosters, teacher, Sturgis Elementary, \$41,793.00, eff. beginning of the 2022-23 school year; Kayla Ackerman, teacher, Piedmont Valley Elementary, \$41,793.00, eff. beginning of the 2022-23 school year; Katherine O'Boyle, teacher, Piedmont Valley Elementary, \$43,981.00, eff. for the 2022-23 school year.

New Hire (Support Staff): Charles Aldrich, lunchroom monitor, Piedmont Valley Elementary, \$12.00/hour, eff. 2/28/2022; Teresa White, custodian, Sturgis Williams Middle School & Sturgis Brown High School, \$14.00/hour, eff. 2/28/2022.

New Hire (Extracurricular): Jessica Henrichsen, student council advisor, Stagebarn Middle School, .5 FTE, \$1,434.00, eff. for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year; William Carpenter, assistant track coach, Stagebarn Middle School, \$1,939.00, eff. for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year; Renee Herringer, head boys basketball coach, Stagebarn Middle School, .5 FTE, \$1,122.00, eff. for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year.

Contract Amendment (Extracurricular): Trent Doerges, student council advisor, Stagebarn Middle School, 1 FTE to .5 FTE, eff. for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year; Jonathan Hanson, head boys basketball coach, Stagebarn Middle School, 1 FTE to .5 FTE, eff. for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year.

Change of Assignment (Certificated): Tamara Voight, teacher, change of assignment from Sturgis Williams Middle School to Sturgis Brown High School, eff. for the 2022-23 school year.

Resignation (Certified Staff): Jan Steffes, teacher, Sturgis Elementary, eff. end of the 2021-22 school year; Luke Erfman, teacher, rural schools, eff. end of the 2021-22 school year; TyAnn Spiel, teacher, Opal Elementary School, eff. end of the 2021-22 school year; Amy Wilcox, teacher, Central Meade County School, eff. end of the 2021-22 school year; Molly Salter, teacher, Piedmont Valley Elementary, eff. end of the 2021-22 school year.

Resignation (Support Staff): Ruth Nowell, lunchroom monitor, Piedmont Valley Elementary, eff. 2/11/2022; Maleah Nudd, paraprofessional, Whitewood Elementary, eff. end of the 2021-22 school year; Nikki Hurd, special services paraprofessional, Sturgis Williams Middle School, eff. 3/28/2022; Eric Gill, assistant network administrator, district-wide, eff. 3/25/2022.

Resignation (Extracurricular): Alli Steckelberg, head 7<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball coach, Sturgis Williams Middle School, eff. end of the 2021-22 school year; Jonathan Hanson, assistant middle school track coach, Stagebarn Middle School, eff. 2/16/2022; Ian Walton, 8<sup>th</sup> grade assistant football coach, Stagebarn Middle School, eff. end of the 2021-22 school year; Justin Burnham, assistant 7<sup>th</sup> grade football coach, Stagebarn Middle School, eff. end of the 2021-22 school year; Geody VandeWater, assistant high school football coach, Sturgis Brown High School, eff. end of the 2021-22 school year; Megan Oviatt, assistant debate coach, Sturgis Brown High School, eff. end of the 2021-22 school year; Cody Brotsky, PE teacher, Sturgis Elementary, eff. end of the 2021-22 school year.

Retirement (Support Staff): Norma Howard, paraprofessional, Sturgis Williams Middle School, eff. end of the 2021-22 school year.

#### **Consent Agenda Item 4d - Volunteers**

**Background:** Community members who have volunteered to work in schools throughout the district: Jennifer Schaeffer.

#### **Item 5- Open Forum (Non-Related Piedmont Valley Elementary/Stagebarn MS Facilities – Community discussion with Q&A's)**

**Background:** Open Forum is an opportunity for patrons to share their thoughts and concerns. The school board will listen, but no discussion takes place and there will not be board action. Board members may ask clarifying questions. The protocol established for open forum is to provide a time limit of three minutes to share concerns. If a patron would like to have a two-way discussion, they are encouraged to schedule a meeting with the superintendent.

#### **Item 6 – 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 7 – 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.

#### **Item 8a - Financial Reports**

**Background:** The monthly financial reports A, B, C, and D, for the board's review.

#### **Item 8b – Approve 1.0 FTE Additional Administrative Position at SBHS**

**Background:** In February, the Board considered adding a 1.0 FTE administrative position at SBHS.

**Item 8c – Intent to Renew Administrative Contracts**

**Background:** According to the 2021-22 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.

Brett Burditt, Business Manager	Chad Hedderman, SWMS Principal
Pete Wilson, SBHS Principal	Ethan Dschaak, PVE Principal
Joe Williams, Asst. SBHS Principal	Brit Porterfield, .5 FTE Whitewood Elementary Principal
David Olson, Stagebarn MS Principal	Chrissy Peterson, Special Services Director
Chantal Ligtenberg, Sturgis Elementary Principal	Deb Wilburn, Asst. Special Services Director
Amanda Christensen, Asst. MS/Elementary Principal	Beth Johnson, Curr./Technology Coordinator

**Item 8d – Approve Bid for SES Custodial Services**

**Background:** The business office and buildings & grounds office is requesting the Board to accept the bid from Loose Endz in the amount of \$151,240.88 for custodial services at Sturgis Elementary.

**Item 8e – Approve Bid for SBHS Roof Replacement #4 Project**

**Background:** The business office and buildings & grounds office are requesting the Board to accept the bid from Rapid Exteriors in the amount of \$51,000.00 and a 15-year warranty for \$1,000.00 giving the bid total of \$52,000.00 for the SBHS Roof Replacement #4 Project.

**Item 8f – Approve Bid for SWMS Grunwald Gym Roof Replacement Project**

**Background:** The business office and buildings & grounds office are requesting the Board to accept the base bid from Rapid Exteriors in the amount of \$119,000.00 and the warranty for \$1500.00 giving the bid total of \$120,500.00 for the SWMW Grunwald Gym Roof Replacement Project.

**Item 8g – Approve Bid for 15-Passenger Van**

**Background:** The business office is recommending replacing the 2013 Scooper bus with 110,000 miles for a 15-passenger high tower van with all-wheel drive. The Scooper bus has experienced more frequent maintenance issues and the local mechanical shops indicate this trend could continue. Mr. Burditt recommends the Board accept the bid from Scott Peterson Motors in the amount of \$58,290.00 and authorize Mr. Burditt to place the order with Scott Peterson Motors, with an estimated delivery date for the Fall of 2022.

**Item 8h – Advertisement for Bids – PVE Septic System Modifications**

**Background:** The business office is requesting authorization from the Board to advertise for bids the PVE septic system modifications for the classroom addition. The ads will run the weeks of 3/14/2022 and 3/21/2022. Successful low bid will be brought back to the Board for review and approval at the April board meeting.

**Item 8i – Advertisement for Bids – PVE Classroom Addition**

**Background:** The business office is requesting authorization from the Board to advertise for bids for the PVE Classroom Addition. The ads will run for 10 days to meet the bid requirements for advertising. Successful low bid will be brought back to the Board for review and approval at a yet-to-be determined April board meeting.

**Item 8j – 2022-23 Rural Calendar**

**Background:** Attached are two rural calendars for 2022-23, both calendars have the same number of instructional days. One calendar takes additional Friday's off and has school on Monday's.

**Item 8k – 2023-24 School Calendar**

**Background:** Attached is the proposed calendar for the 2023-24 school year. The Board may want to table action until superintendent, Mr. Wormstadt can set up a calendar committee to review the start date, the end date and possible vacation days. The 2022-23 calendar has been approved and there is adequate time to approve the 2023-24 calendar during the 2022-23 school year.

**Item 8l – SDHSAA Girls Softball**

**Background:** The SDHSAA officially voted that girls softball for the 2022-23 school year will be a spring sport. The district is requesting to sanction girls' softball the spring of 2023. This will give our female athletes another sanctioned activity in order to participate. The activity director is proposing a 5-year transition plan similar to the plan used when soccer was sanctioned.

**Item 8m – Union Center Depository**

**Background:** The business office will be advertising for an online auction with Sturgis Auction for the sale and/or disposal of the Union Center Depository. Advertising will take place for 2 weeks in March with the online auction in April and the business office will bring back the results of the auction at the May board meeting.

**Item 8n – Schedule Special Board Meeting**

**Background:** Mr. Kirkegaard is recommending a special board meeting be scheduled for Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss the budget and Employment Negotiations (SDCL-1-25-2.4). A start time will need to be arranged.

**Item 8o – Approve Opal School Custodial Services Contract**

**Background:** The business office is requesting the Board accept the contract with Brenda Snider for custodial services at the Opal School starting March 14 for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year. Hourly rate is \$22.50 including the state mileage rate of \$.42.

**Item 9a – 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. The following board members represent the school district: Terry Koontz, Sturgis Board of Equalization; Aaron Odegaard, Summerset Board of Equalization; Charlie Wheeler, Piedmont Board of Equalization and Joe Urbaniak, Whitewood Board of Equalization. The schedules follow below:

City of Sturgis - 3/21 @ 5:30 pm @ City Hall  
City of Summerset - 3/21 @ 6:00 pm @ City Hall  
City of Piedmont - 3/21 @ 6:30 pm @ City Hall  
City of Whitewood - 3/22 @ 5:30 pm @ City Hall

### **Item 9b – Staff Appreciation Reception**

**Background:** The district is recommending a public reception be scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, to honor the 2021-22 Meade School District employees who are retiring, those who have worked 15, 20, 30, 35 and 40 years, and those who have been selected as teacher of the year and professional technical/support staff of the year. The following board members are on the Employee Recognition Committee: Joe Urbaniak, Charlie Wheeler, JT Vig and Lee Spring. Mr. Kirkegaard is requesting that superintendent Mr. Wormstadt review the employee recognition guidelines and timelines for the 2022-23 school year.

The program and dessert bar reception will begin at 4:30 p.m. in the west gym at Sturgis Brown High School. This free event, sponsored by the Meade School Board, is open to the public.

### **Item 9c – Prepare for 2022-23 Negotiations**

**Background:** The district will begin the process of negotiating with MEA for the 2022-23 school year. The following board members are on the Negotiations Committee: Charlie Wheeler, Lee Spring, John Nachtigall and Darrell Vig.

### **Item 9d – 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, 2021.

### **Item 9e – Bus Change Requests**

**Background:** All requests for Meade School District bus route changes for the 2022-23 school year must be submitted to the office of the superintendent by Friday, April 1, 2022. Requests that are received by the April 1 deadline will be submitted to the school board at its April board meeting. Those requests will then be referred to the transportation committee for review. Action on the bus route change requests will be taken by the Board at the August board meeting.