

Consent Agenda Item 2d – Open Enrollment & In-District Transfers

Background: The following open enrollment & in-district transfer requests have been received:

Item 3 – Recognitions

Background: The Character Education Word of the Month for August is “Self-Discipline” which includes having patience, being disciplined, and being accountable for your choices.

Item 4- Program Financial Review of FY15

Background: Brett Burditt will present a financial review of the 2014-15 school year.

Item 5a – Financial Reports

Background: The monthly financial reports, Exhibit A, B, C, and D, for the board’s review. (ITEM 5a)

Item 5b – Personnel

Background: The following personnel items are presented:

New Hire (Certificated): Natalie Serbousek, counselor, Sturgis Williams Middle School & Whitewood Elementary, \$38,225.00, eff. for the 2015-16 school year.

New Hire (Support Staff): Lindsay Young, paraprofessional, Atall, \$10.00/hour, eff. 8/25/2015; Shannon Schuster, paraprofessional, Sturgis Elementary, eff. 8/25/2015.

Resignation (certificated): Rick Meyerink, counselor, Sturgis Williams Middle School & Whitewood Elementary, eff. 7/14/2015, liquidated damages of \$2,000.00; Roxann Engel, counselor, Sturgis Brown High School, eff. 7/31/2015, liquidated damages of \$2,000.00.

Resignation (Support Staff): Jucole Jones, custodian, Sturgis Brown High School, eff. 8/7/2015; Beth Green, paraprofessional, Whitewood Elementary, eff. 7/22/2015; Sheryl Martin, library paraprofessional, Sturgis Elementary, eff 8/4/2015.

Item 5c – MOUs with BHSSC

Background: Every year we enter into cooperative agreements with Black Hills Special Services Cooperative to provide services for Speech Pathologists, School Psychologist, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapist, Vocational/Ed Job Development, student transportation, and to provide them with instructional space at the high school. At this time we have not received the cooperative agreements, we are expecting them prior to Monday’s board meeting.

Speech Pathologist Services	4.6 FTE	855 days	
School Psychologist Services	2.0 FTE	370 days	
Occupational Therapist	.75 FTE	150 days	
Subtotal of Above			\$511,650
Student Transportation			\$40,000
Instructional Space at High School			\$700/mo
Physical Therapist	\$490/day	95 days	\$46,550

Vocational Ed/Job Development			\$12,500
Speech Pathologist Services	\$54.26/hr	30 hrs/week	
Speech Pathologist Assistant	\$17.00/hr	40 hrs/week	

Item 5d – Bus Route Requests

Background: Last month, the Board heard the recommendations from the Transportation Committee regarding the bus route change/requests for the 2015-16 school year and recommended to the school board the approval of two additional bus stops for Peaceful Pines Road and Deadwood Avenue; one additional bus stop for High Meadows; one additional bus stop at Bellingham Drive; one additional AM bus stop for the Twin Peaks Subdivision; and deny the request for bus service in the Mountain Subdivision and Centennial Estates.

The Mountain Subdivision and Centennial Estates bus route was reevaluated and Andy Ellingsen spoke with Mr. Alex Nudd via phone conversation and asked the questions of who takes care of the plowing of snow in the event there is 4 inches or more of snow. Currently, there is no one that does this for this development. Mr. Nudd was informed that if Meade School District approved bus service for this subdivision and there was more than 4 inches of snow, Harlow’s would not enter the development and the parents would be responsible to get students to school. Harlow’s would contact all parents prior to 6:30 a.m. if bus service wasn’t provided. Harlow’s will make the final decision on weather conditions in the subdivision. Added cost to the bus contract is \$4,157.00 (Twin Peaks, Mountain Subdivision and Centennial Estates.) (ITEM 5d)

Item 5e – School Board Committee Assignments

Background: All board members submitted their committee preference. Board President Bryce Richter will appoint members to the committees they will serve on. The committee list will be given to board members at Monday’s meeting for review and discussion.

Item 5f – 2007 Bonds for Sturgis Elementary

Background: Our 2007 Bonds for Sturgis Elementary have a maturity rate 2027 and have an interest rate of 4.3%. We have an opportunity to refinance those bonds at an anticipated rate of 3% for a savings of \$200,000.00. (ITEM 5f)

Item 5g – Security Resource Officer Contract

Background: The district received the 2015-16 professional services contract for the district security resource officer for Sturgis Brown High School, Sturgis Williams Middle School and Sturgis Elementary. The City of Sturgis shall provide a Sturgis Police Department certified officer for walk-through, intervention and security services during portions of each school day for the 2015-16 school year. The district will pay the City of Sturgis \$42,000.00 for those services as outlined in the contract. (ITEM 5g)

Item 5h – BHSSC Representative & Alternate

Background: Board member Charlie Wheeler was unable to fulfill the board representative position for the Black Hills Special Services Coop. Courtney Mack has volunteered to be the representative and Charlie Wheeler will be the board alternate.

Item 6a – Buildings & Grounds Capital Outlay Projects

Background: Many of the capital outlay projects and facility updates are completed. Business Manager Burditt and Mr. King will update the board on the projects.

Item 6b – ASBSD & SASD Joint Convention

Background: The ASBSD & SASD Joint Convention was held August 6 through August 7, 2015 at Sioux Falls. Superintendent Kirkegaard will discuss the highlights of the convention.

Item 6c – Special Board Meeting

Background: Please be prepared to discuss dates for a September special board meeting.

Item 6d – School Board Policy

Background: With the changes to the 2015-16 Support Staff and Professional/Technical Handbook, board policies, GDBC: Support Staff and Professional/Technical Staff Fringe Benefits, GDBDA*: Support and Professional/Technical Staff Sick Leave, GDBDB*: Support and Professional/Technical Staff Personal and Bereavement Leave; BDBDD* Support and Professional/Technical Staff Family and Medical Leave, and GDN: Evaluation of Support and Professional/Technical Staff, need to be revised to reflect those changes in the 2015-16 handbook. (ITEM 6d)

Item 6e – Student Handbooks

Background: The student handbooks for the 2015-16 school year can be found on the district website. Please review and any questions or suggestions will be addressed at the board meeting.

Item 6f – High School Grazing & Haying Lease

Background: The grazing and haying lease for the high school property is in its second year and expires in December 2015. The district would like the board to consider granting a year lease extension on the current haying lease with Chris Grubl and the grazing lease with Dennis and Doris Lauing.

Item 6g – Teacher In-service

Background: The 2015-16 August staff in-service is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25 through Thursday, August 27, 2015. The school board members are invited to attend this year's staff in-service. The agenda can be found on the district website. (ITEM 6g)