

BACKGROUND INFORMATION – February 10, 2020
4:30 p.m. Executive Session; 5:30 p.m. Regular School Board Meeting
Williams Administrative Building, Board Room

Executive Session

Background: School board members will enter into executive session to discuss personnel (SDCL-1-25-2.1), employment negotiations (SDCL-1-25-2.4), and marketing/negotiations (SDCL-1-25-2.5)

Item 2d – Personnel

Background: The following personnel actions are submitted for the board’s consideration:
New Hire (Support Staff): Paige Bielke, special education paraprofessional, Sturgis Brown High School, \$12.25/hour, eff. 1/23/2020; Ruth Nowell, lunch/playground supervisor, Piedmont Valley Elementary, \$11.25/hour, eff. 1/23/2020.

Addendum to Contract (Extracurricular): Cady Klynsma, head middle school girls’ basketball coach, Stagebarn Middle School, step-up for past experience according to the 2019-20 MEA Negotiated Agreement, \$165.00, eff. for the 2019-20 school year; Elizabeth Johnson, head middle school debate, Stagebarn Middle School, step-up for past experience according to the 2019-20 MEA Negotiated Agreement, \$294.00, eff. for the 2019-20 school year; Eric Johnson, head middle school debate, Sturgis Williams Middle School, \$168.00, step-up for past experience according to the 2019-20 MEA Negotiated Agreement, \$294.00, eff. for the 2019-20 school year.

Change in Hourly Rate (Support Staff): Sophia Meyer, head cook to site manager in training, Stagebarn Middle School, \$11.75/hour to \$12.50/hour, eff. 2/03/2020; Dena Strand, food service worker to head cook, Sturgis Williams Middle School, \$11.25/hour to \$12.00/hour, eff. 10/24/2019; Coleen Sletten, head cook to manager in training, Sturgis Brown High School, \$14.94/hour to \$15.69/hour, eff. 1/06/2020.

Resignation (Certificated): Sherry Dolney, teacher, Piedmont Valley Elementary, eff. at the end of the 2019-20 school year; Samantha Odegaard, teacher, Stagebarn Middle School, eff. at the end of the 2019-20 school year.

Resignation (Support Staff): Paige Bielke, special education paraprofessional, Sturgis Brown High School, eff. 01/29/2020; Becky Loll, food service worker, Whitewood Elementary, 12/20/2019; Wendi Eixenberger, food service site manager, Stagebarn MS, eff. 1/31/2020

Resignation (Extracurricular): Samantha Odegaard, middle school boys’ basketball and head middle school volleyball coach, Stagebarn Middle School, eff. at the end of the 2019-20 school year;

Consent Agenda 2f - Volunteers

Background: Community members who have volunteered to work in schools throughout the district: Adam Darrah and Alexandra Derwin.

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

The Character Education trait for the month of February is “Courtesy,” which includes graciousness, politeness, consideration, and good manners.

Item 6 – Presentations

Casey Peterson Ltd. Audit Report Presentation

Background: Casey Peterson Ltd. will present the audit report summary.

Capital Outlay Presentation

Background: Brett Burditt will present a preliminary 2020-21 capital outlay budget. (ITEM 6b-1 & ITEM 6b-2)

Mental Wellness Presentation

Background: Natalie Serbousek and Maria Hartung will share information about the mental health issues faced by our district’s counselors. They will present what they are currently doing and offer suggestions on how the district can improve in the area of mental health. (ITEM 6c)

Item 7a - Financial Reports

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

Item 7b – Superintendent Contract

Background: The school board is prepared to offer an interim superintendent contract. All terms of this contract will be discussed in executive session.

Item 7c – Intent to Renew Administrative Contracts

Background: According to the 2019-20 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.

Item 7d – Advertising of Bids for the SWMS Locker Room Project

Background: The Business Office is requesting authorization to advertise bids for the Sturgis Williams Middle School locker room project. Ads would run for three weeks in March, with bids to be opened on Thursday, April 2, 2020. The building committee would present the results of the bids and give a recommendation to the board in April.

Item 7e – Whitewood Elementary Cleaning Service Agreement

Background: The custodial cleaning agreement between Lookout Mountain Cleaning and Meade School district terminates at the end of the 2019-20 school year. The Business Office is requesting authorization to advertise for bids for a nine-month custodial service agreement for 2020-21 for Whitewood Elementary. (ITEM 7e)

Item 7f – Intercom System at Sturgis Brown High School

Background: The high school has been unable to use their automated bell system since the beginning of the school year. The intercom system has been inconsistent as well. After two months of troubleshooting and two months of gathering price quotes, the district will be requesting the board’s approval to purchase a new system. For the district to fund the project, Brett Burditt is requesting the board authorize amending the 2019-20 capital outlay budget and reallocating money from one project to the intercom project. The district would reallocate \$50,000.00 from the high school weight room project and use \$22,000.00 from capital outlay reserves to begin the project.

	Budgeted 07/01/2019	Amended 2/10/2020
Expenditures:		
SBHS Intercom	0	\$22,000
Revenue Reserves	0	\$22,000

The balance of the project would then be paid out and budgeted in next year’s capital outlay. (ITEM 7f)

Item 7g – Meade County Fair Board Lease Agreement

Background: The school attorney met with Jenny Voight, Vonda Anderson and Mr. Simmons on January 27th. The meeting was productive, and it appears as though an agreement was reached. The use of air-rifles and air-guns for shooting sports can be accommodated and can be done legally on school grounds because air rifles and air guns are not considered firearms as per Federal Law. Federal law does not consider air guns and air-rifles firearms because they do not use gun-powder. South Dakota State Law prohibits air-guns and air-rifles on school grounds unless they are being used at a firing range. The Fair Board only uses air-guns and air-rifles at the firing range maintained by the Fair Board. (ITEM 7g)

Item 8a – Open Enrollment Limits for Stagebarn MS & Piedmont Valley Elementary

Background: The ten-year enrollment trend has been a 5% growth and will put Piedmont Valley Elementary at capacity in approximately 5 years. Limiting open enrollment and growth to 2% will extend the capacity issue until approximately 2030 however reducing open enrollment reduces potential revenue generated. In-district growth may exceed 2% despite limiting open enrollment.

Item 8b – Staffing for the 2020-21 School Year

Background: The principals have shared their building staffing requests for the 20-21 school year along with a narrative explaining the need. Additionally, the principals have provided their anticipated enrollment for next year. With an anticipated 50 student enrollment increase next year and a 1% increase in the funding formula we will be close in meeting the goal of hiring an additional 10 FTE. The 50-student increase does not include open enrollment.

Item 8c – Adding PK to Whitewood Elementary

Background: The administration would like to inform the school board that Whitewood Elementary will be beginning a school funded pre-school for the 2020-21 school year. A current part time (.60 FTE) teacher at Whitewood can become full time and will operate the pre-school two days a week. The additional pay for this position would be paid for through Title dollars and will not have an impact on the General Fund.

Item 8d – Enning Property Warranty Deed

Background: In reviewing the warranty deed, the district’s attorney found a clause that we could only sell the Enning property back to the party that originally sold the land to the district. Those individuals have passed away and that right was not transferred or assigned after their passing. Brett Burditt will answer any questions regarding the Enning warranty deed.

Item 8e – Stagebarn Middle School Cleaning Service Agreement

Background: The custodial cleaning agreement between Visible Difference and Meade School District terminates on June 3, 2020. The district is proposing the board consider extending the service agreement for 2020-21. This will be an action item in March. (ITE 8e)

Item 8f – Contract with Midco for Additional Bandwidth

Background: The bandwidth had to be increased at the beginning of this school year to accommodate the demands on the traffic to and from the internet. Planning is being done to anticipate the bandwidth for the 2020-21 school year. ERATE will pay 60% of this cost. (ITEM 8f)

Item 8g – 2021-22 Academic Calendar

Background: The staff have reviewed two calendar options for the 2021-22 school year. The district is recommending the following 2021-22 academic calendar. The calendar will be approved at the March board meeting. Mr. Wilson will answer any questions regarding the submitted calendar. (ITEM 8g)

Item 8h – Rural Committee

Background: The Rural Committee will report on the outcomes of the last two meetings. Mr. Porterfield lead the meetings and facilitated the discussions. These meetings were used to gather input from the teachers from Opal, Hereford, Atall and Elm Springs.

Item 8i – Combined Election Polling Places

Background: The following are polling locations for the board election in June:

NORTHEAST STURGIS #1A	STURGIS COMMUNITY CENTER 46-1
EAST STURGIS #1	STURGIS COMMUNITY CENTER 46-1
SOUTHEAST STURGIS #2	STURGIS COMMUNITY CENTER 46-1
SOUTH STURGIS #2A	STURGIS COMMUNITY CENTER 46-1
CENTRAL STURGIS #3	STURGIS COMMUNITY CENTER 46-1
WEST STURGIS #4	STURGIS COMMUNITY CENTER 46-1
SOUTHWEST STURGIS #4A	STURGIS COMMUNITY CENTER 46-1
NORTHWEST STURGIS #5	STURGIS COMMUNITY CENTER 46-1
STURGIS #5A	STURGIS COMMUNITY CENTER 46-1
TILFORD #6	STURGIS COMMUNITY CENTER 46-1
ALKALI #6A	ALKALI HALL 46-1
RURAL STURGIS #7	STURGIS COMMUNITY CENTER 46-1
HARMONY #8	STURGIS COMMUNITY CENTER 46-1
BEAR BUTTE #9	STURGIS COMMUNITY CENTER 46-1
PIEDMONT #11	PIEDMONT COMMUNITY GYM
EAST PIEDMONT #12	PIEDMONT COMMUNITY GYM
SOUTHEAST PIEDMONT #13	PIEDMONT COMMUNITY GYM
RURAL BLACK HAWK #15	BLACK HAWK FIRE DEPARTMENT

VIEWFIELD #17
ELM SPRINGS #18
HEREFORD #20
ELK VALE #21
BASE #23
WEST ELK VALE #24
WHITE OWL #25
CHALK BUTTE #27
FAIRPOINT #29
RED OWL #30
FAITH #31
PINE #33
SULPHUR #35
UNION #40
MARCUS #41
BOULDER CANYON
WHITEWOOD

NEW UNDERWOOD COMM. CENTER
ELM SPRINGS HALL
HEREFORD HALL
BOX ELDER EVENT CENTER
BOX ELDER EVENT CENTER
BOX ELDER EVENT CENTER
WHITE OWL COMMUNITY HALL
CENTRAL MEADE CO. COMMUNITY CENTER
CENTRAL MEADE CO. COMMUNITY CENTER
RNA HALL
FAITH MUNICIPAL
OPAL CHURCH
PRAIRIE HOME CHURCH
PLAINVIEW HALL
MARCUS CHURCH
STURGIS COMMUNITY CENTER
WHITEWOOD CITY HALL

**Those listed at Box Elder Event Center are not fully confirmed and are subject to a location change depending on the Meade County Auditor.

Item 8j – ASBSD School Board Recognition Week

Background: The Meade School District will join districts across the state to thank school board members for their leadership and service to our school district and community during South Dakota School Board Recognition Week from February 17-21, 2020. During School Board Recognition Week, the Meade School District invites students, staff and community members to take part in thanking its school board members. (ITEM 8j)