

BACKGROUND INFORMATION – June 14, 2021
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 Marketing/Negotiations (SDCL-1-25-2.5).

Item 2d – Consent Agenda – Personnel

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

New Hire (Certificated): Taylor Trohkimoinen, teacher, Whitewood Elementary School, \$43,481.00 eff. for the 2021-22 school year; Jennifer Cummings, teacher, Sturgis Williams Middle School, \$49,521.00, eff. for the 2021-22 school year; Allison Kephart, teacher, Whitewood Elementary School, \$ 41,793.00, eff. for the 2021-22 school year; Melissa Wood, sped teacher, Sturgis Elementary School, \$55,220.00 eff. for the 2021-22 school year; Marysa Sundberg, teacher, Central Meade County School, \$ 41,793.00 eff. for the 2021-22 school year; Kristin Marcoe, Sturgis Elementary School, \$41,793.00 eff. for the 2021-22 school year.

New Hire (Support Staff): Jennifer Raatz, food service, Sturgis Williams Middle School. \$12.10/hr eff. 6/1/2021; Jill Meirose, head administrative assistant, Sturgis Brown High School, \$17.13/hr eff. 6/7/2021.

Resignation (Certificated): Meghan McNary, teacher, Whitewood Elementary School, eff. end of the 2020-21 school year; Haylee Tetrault, sped teacher, Sturgis Elementary School, eff. end of the 2020-21 school year; Brittainy Covell, teacher, Sturgis Elementary School, eff. end of the 2020-21 school year; Scottie Bruch, librarian, Sturgis Brown High School, Sturgis Williams Middle School and Stagebarn Middle School, eff. end of the 2020-21 school year; Cody Carlson, teacher, Piedmont Valley Elementary, eff. 6/14/2021.

Resignation (Support Staff): Kerry Frei, paraprofessional, Opal Elementary School, eff. end of the 2020-21 school year; Alissa Dyer, lunchroom/playground supervisor, Sturgis Elementary School, eff. end of the 2020-21 school year; Eileen Magelky, lunchroom/playground staff, Sturgis Elementary School, eff. end of the 2020-21 school year; Joseph Mayer, ISS Coordinator, Sturgis Brown High School, eff. end of the 2020-21 school year; Shilo LaMont, paraprofessional, CMCS, end of the 2020-21 school year; Anna Sheldon, food service, Piedmont Valley Elementary, eff. 6/1/2021; Laverne Collins, food services, Whitewood Elementary School, eff. end of the 2020-21 school year; Palmer, Brian, ISS Coordinator, Stagebarn Middle School, eff. end of the 2021-22 year.

Change of Assignment: Renee Herringer, lunch/paraprofessional to ISS paraprofessional, Stagebarn Middle School, \$11.25/hour to \$12.25/hour, eff. 6/7/2021.

Position Eliminated (Support Staff): Theresa Jaramillo, paraprofessional, Sturgis Elementary School, eff. end of the 2020-21 school year.

Item 2e - Consent Agenda - Open Enrollment & In-District Transfer Applications

Background: The following 2021-22 open enrollment application(s) are presented for the Board's consideration. The principal(s) have reviewed the request(s) and have enough room to accommodate the request(s).

Item 2f – Consent Agenda - SDRS Special Pay Program Unit Resolution

Background: The district must annually resolve to become a Special Pay Program Unit of the South Dakota Retirement System in order to offer employees special retirement benefits. This is a routine matter that comes before the Board annually. (Item 2f)

Item 2g – Consent Agenda - Surplus Items

Background: The Meade School District has identified items that are in poor condition and not being used by the district and should be declared surplus. (ITEM 2g)

Description	Quantity	Condition	Admin. Unit
1997 Chevy Suburban	1	poor	B&G
2017 Polaris Brutus side by side	1	good	B&G
EPSON Document camera	1	poor	SBHS PERKINS

Item 2h – Consent Agenda – Property and Liability Insurance Policy

Background: The business office is requesting approval for Brett Burditt, business manager, to sign the revised application for the property and liability insurance policy with the Leavitt Group for a premium of \$299,558.00, effective July 1, 2021. Brett Burditt will answer any questions.

Item 3 - Open Forum

Item 4 – Conflict of Interest Waiver Authorization Pursuant to SDCL 3-23-3

Background: Board members and school administrators/officials need 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 word of the month for June is “Work Ethic,” which involves perseverance, persistence, diligence, achievement, determination, and industriousness.

Item 6a – Financial Reports

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

Item 6b – School Board Election Results

Background: The results of the June 8, 2021 election results show that the top three candidates were Aaron Odegaard (619), Terry Koontz (447), and Charlie Wheeler (424). It will be necessary for the Board to canvass and certify the results and to declare the winners. (ITEM 6b)

Item 6c – Additional Coaching Positions

Background: Activities Director, Todd Palmer, is recommending the district hire two additional coaches for the 2021-22 school year. A third assistant wrestling coach at SBHS and an additional middle school track coach for Stagebarn Middle School. Mr. Palmer provided rationale for the additional coaching positions at the May board meeting and will be available for any questions you might have. Base salary for wrestling is category 2 (\$3,478.00) and track coach is category 5 (\$1,940.00 track coach).

Item 6d – Black Hills Special Services MOU

Background: Every year we enter into cooperative agreements with Black Hills Special Services Cooperative to provide services for speech pathologists, school psychologists, occupational therapist, physical therapist, Vocational/Ed Job Development and student transportation.

Service	FTE	Days	Cost
Speech Pathologist Services	5.0	917	\$386,187.00
School Psychologist Services	2.0	370	\$169,407.00
School Psychologist Assistant		70/175	\$27,260.00
Occupational Therapist	1.0	160	\$73,032.73
Speech/Language Pathologist Assistant		179	\$42,839.45
Physical Therapist	1.0	95	\$49,826.65
Physical Therapist – Mileage			\$3,400.00
Project Skills / Job Development			\$14,531.80
			TOTAL \$766,484.63

Other Services Billed Monthly-

- Speech/Language Pathologist (Heather Erlenbusch) \$63.40 Per Hour
- Behavior Analyst (Noelle Jacobs) \$445.00 per Day
- Additional approved expenses will be billed separately

Item 6e – SDHSAA 2021 Election Ballot

Background: The district received the SDHSAA School Board Resolution for membership authorization beginning July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022.

Last month, the Board selected candidates on the SDHSAA Election Ballot, there is a run-off for two of the ballot positions, West River At-Large Representative and Division IV Representative – Athletic/Activity Director. (ITEM 6e)

Item 6f – SBHS Marquee

Background: For the last several years, the marquee at SBHS has not been working effectively. The issue is that we cannot communicate with the marquee to change the messages on what is being displayed. Possible options would include, 1) eliminate the use of the marquee from the high school 2) provide a short-term fix for the marquee at an estimated cost of \$2,000 - \$3,000 this will be a short-term solution, and 3) would be to replace the marquee at an estimated cost of \$25,000 - \$30,000.

Item 6g – City/School Property Exchange

Background: The original plot for the land exchange at Sturgis Elementary was approved with the City well on school property with a permanent easement for the City to access the well. The City is requesting we change the plot so that the well remains on City property. (ITEM 6g)

Item 6h – Advertisement for Bids – Food Services Department

Background: The business office and food services department are requesting authorization to advertise for bids for a cargo van for food transportation and a COMBI oven for Sturgis Williams Middle School cafeteria.

Item 6i – Capital Outlay for Contingency Transfer

Background: The business office is requesting a capital outlay for contingency transfer in the amount of \$95,000.00 in FY21 for 110 computers. These computers were budgeted in the FY22 budget; however, they will arrive in FY21 and will need to be paid for.

Item 6j – Technology Purchase

Background: Curriculum Director, Jeff Ward is requesting authorization to purchase 65 additional computers in the amount of \$62,591.75 in addition to 200 keyboards in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be purchased with ESSER money. The computers and keyboards will be used for the anticipated increase of numbers at SBHS. Mr. Ward and Mr. Burditt will answer any questions.

Item 6k – General Fund Budget Supplement Amendment

Background: The business office is requesting the Board to amend the 2020-21 General Fund Budget by \$40,653.00 for ESSR2 summer school.

	Budget	Amended	Change
Expenditures	7/13/2020	6/14/2021	
ESSR2 SUMMER SCHOOL	\$0	\$40,653	\$40,653
Revenue			
ESSR2	\$0	\$40,653	\$40,653

Item 7 – Budget Hearing 2021-22

Background: We are required by law to hold a public hearing on our proposed budget. A presentation of the budget will be given during the first portion of the hearing and then we can open it up for comments and/or questions.

Item 8a – Summary of Positive COVID-19 Cases

Background: Below is a summary of positive COVID-19 cases for the 2020-21 school year.

Elementary School – 43 students; 33 staff

Middle School – 86 students; 28 staff

High School – 76 students; 12 staff

District-wide - 4 staff

Total – 205 students; 77 staff = 282 positive cases 2020-21 school year; 47 since Christmas break.

Item 8b – Building Updates (administrative building, PVE classrooms)

Background: Mr. Kirkegaard will provide an update to the Board on building projects throughout the district.

Item 8c – Bus Route Change Requests

Background: The district received bus change request from the following: Randi Peterson and Ariel Henrickson are requesting more bus stop locations in the Blucksberg neighborhood. Krista Geuke is requesting a bus pick up or drop off on Tuesday's and Thursdays for preschool in Whitewood at 1107 Logan Street where Custer Street and Logan Street meet. Harlow's recommendation is to deny the bus change requests. (ITEM 8c)

Item 8d - Back to School Plan for 2021-22

Background: Mr. Kirkegaard will provide an update to the Back to School Plan for the 2021-22 school year.

Item 8d – Medical Marijuana

Background: Mr. Kirkegaard will update the Board on the current South Dakota medical marijuana law. ASBSD is working on a sample policy for the district to consider. We do not anticipate any impact on schools until January 2022.