

Hopes For High School Soccer

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For the Plain Talk

An agreement with the Soccer Association for Boys' and Girls' Soccer was approved at Monday's school board meeting.

"This is something we worked on with the Soccer Association a number of months ago now," board member Dave Stammer said. "They're raising the full amount for the 2015-16 school year for the Boys' and the Girls' soccer."

The question was raised at the meeting as to whether or not the board will be bound to transition to funding after the five-year transition.

"The tentative agreement is we would pick up more of the cost over time," Stammer reported. "If there is no participation or money is an issue, that's something that five years from now the school board is going to have to decide how they're going to handle that."

Board member Chris Esping confirmed this.

"I think the five year transition was the state mandate so to speak so you have five years and at the end of that five years the school has to fund it if they're going to continue," she said.

Athletic Booster Club representative

Jason Huska expounded on the details of the transition period.

"The five year plan is for them to now be eligible for state tournament," he said. "They have to have that commitment for five years. If in year three the school board says no we can't do it anymore, you can stop. You may not be eligible any more, but at any time you can restart that five year plan. It was just the idea of getting that agreement together to transition so then the schools could actually schedule the teams. The Soccer Association had their own but that doesn't exist anymore."

Board member Shannon Fairholm expressed the concern felt by the board.

"This has always been an Achilles' heel when it comes to the soccer because we know where our finances are and we can't financially sustain all the activities that we currently sponsor and take on a new one," she said. "During the transition period it is imperative that we as a board are looking very closely at what it is that our students are invested in and what they want to be able to do, and keep going forward so we can decide if we can financially sustain soccer as well as whatever else they might be interested in."

Other Business:

Preliminary approval was given to the tentative capital outlay budget with the final

approval to be given at the annual meeting in July.

Plans are moving forward for the new outdoor and indoor scoreboards at the high school.

According to Froke, the Booster Club has the opportunity to save ten percent by working through a purchasing co-op. Working through the co-op would cost a \$25 membership according to Superintendent Mark Froke.

This did not seem to be a problem according to the board.

The total cost to the school district would be \$20,000 for the indoor scoreboard and \$6,000 for the outdoor board according to Froke.

The final date for teacher contracts has come and gone according to Froke.

There is currently a spot open for a high school chemistry teacher.

"We will notify our staff first as the negotiated agreement goes to see if someone from the organization is interested," Froke said. "If not it will be a tremendously difficult position to fill."

An Irrigator and various food service equipment was declared surplus property.

Policy DLC was read and approved. The policy reflected change in state reimbursement rate.

The 2015-16 School District Budget Hear-

ing was scheduled for July 13 at 7:30 p.m.

An agreement with Sanford Vermillion Health for Speech Therapy Services was approved.

Personnel for Certified Positions were approved as follows:

Jessica Beavers – Previous part-time guidance counselor at Austin transferring to the Jolley Elementary full-time position.

Stacy Evans – Moving from Marshall, MN will take part-time counselor position at Austin and assistant volleyball coach.

Gabi Jarchow – Second grade classroom and Head HS Volleyball coach previously taught and coached for Dakota Valley School District.

Cassie Kleihauer – Special education – student taught at LeMars, Iowa and recently graduated from USD.

Jodi Zeller – Sixth grade math and 7th Volleyball coach – previously taught at Elk Point School District.

Kimber Reins – Speech language therapist – previous speech therapist with Sanford Vermillion Medical Center.

Personnel for Classified Positions were approved as follows:

Autumn Dugan – Special education assistant

June Holoch – Special education assistant
Maureen Lee – High School Guidance Secretary

DAKOTA SENIOR MEALS

Served at The Main Street Center & Town Square, "Meals on Wheels"

Please call before 9:00am to schedule or cancel a meal at 624-7868.

Menus listed below are June 17 – June 23. Menus are subject to change without notice. All menus are served with whole grain bread and 1% milk unless otherwise noted

Wednesday – Chili Dog on Bun, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Melon
Thursday – Ham Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Milk Gravy, Peas, Apricots
Friday – Scrambled Eggs, Pasta Veggie Salad, Tomato on Lettuce, Mandarin Oranges, Vanilla Ice Cream
Monday – Taco Salad with Meat, Bean, Cheese, Salsa, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Tortilla Chips, Fresh Fruit
Tuesday – Breaded Baked Fish, Baked Potato, Beets, Carrifruit Salad

Vermillion Summer Lunch Menu's

The **Summer Food Program** at Jolley will be serving lunch Monday through Friday from June 1st through July 31st from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. **This meal is FREE to anyone 18 or younger.** For more information call 677-7000. Menus listed below are for June 17 – June 23. Menus are subject to change without notice

Wednesday – Baked Mini Corn Dogs, Peas
Thursday – Baked Chicken Nuggets, Golden Corn
Friday – Sub Sandwich, Steamed Broccoli, Sugar Cookie
Monday – Baked Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Baked Tater Tots
Tuesday – Super Nachos, Steamed Carrots

Mount Marty College Announces Dean's List Area Graduates

YANKTON – Mount Marty College is pleased to announce the Spring 2015 Dean's List Honorees. The Dean's List at Mount Marty College is defined as a full time undergraduate student completing a full time load of graded course work with a minimum term grade point average of 3.5.

Students from the area include:
Vanessa Ryken, Gayville
Collin Bertram, Vermillion

Ellen Hanson, Vermillion
Elly Miller, Vermillion
Angel Johnston, Wakonda

Graduates from the area included:
Benjamin Crandall, Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, Vermillion
Angel Johnston, Bachelor of Science in Nursing



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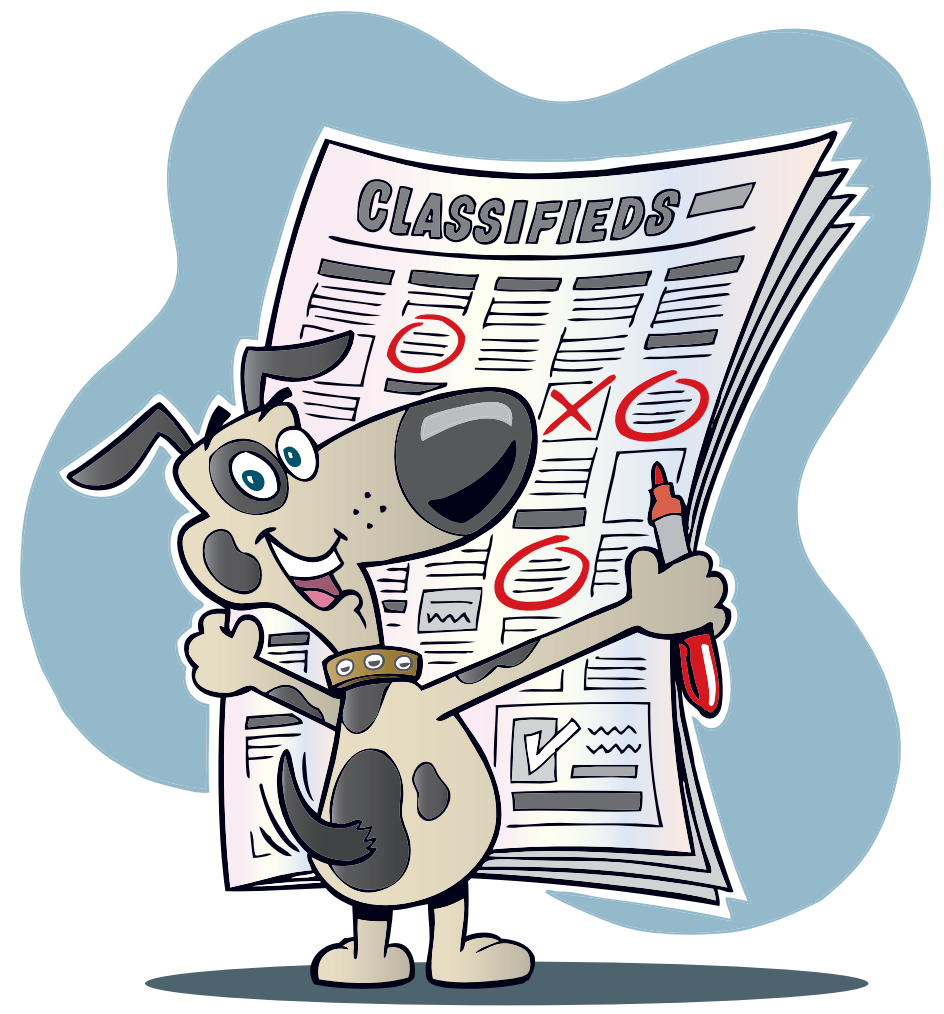
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