

# Hopes For Vermillion High School Soccer

## School Board Names New Teachers

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An agreement with the Soccer Association for Boys' and Girls' Soccer was approved at the most recent meeting of the Vermillion School Board.

"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 Hearing 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

## USD Ranked Among Most Affordable Online Colleges In U.S.

The University of South Dakota is ranked among the 100 most affordable colleges by the online site Great Value Colleges, an online resource intended to help students get the best possible education for the money.

The website said it used information reported to the National Center for Education Statistics to compile its list of online colleges in the U.S.

USD, listed at No. 62, offers a variety online programs, including: addiction studies, administration, business administration, education, general studies, health sciences, kinesiology and sport science, nonprofit management, professional accountancy, public administration, public health and RS-BSN and many more. For details about the online programs and current tuition rates, visit <http://www.usd.edu/usd-online>.

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The South Dakota Office of the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program will host a two-day event that will give technology entrepreneurs, including faculty and student researchers at universities, the opportunity to meet with representatives of 11 federal agencies to gain insight about competing for grants and contracts for the research and development of innovative products and processes. The SBIR Road Tour also will include a Proposal Preparation Workshop.

"Having them come here presents a unique opportunity for entrepreneurs in the region to learn the ins and outs of business programs as well as build relationships with funding agencies," says Dr. Gary Archambault, SBIR program director in South Dakota. "This is all about helping early-stage business ventures compete successfully for funding."

The SBIR Road Tour will be held July 16-17 at the University Center at 4801 N. Career Avenue in Sioux Falls. People who would like to

attend may register at [www.sbirroadtour.com/register.php](http://www.sbirroadtour.com/register.php). The early-bird registration rate is \$40 a person.

The workshop about preparing proposals will be held the afternoon of Thursday, July 16. An overview of SBIR programs will be presented, and business experts will offer suggestions for preparing proposals. The South Dakota Biotech Association will host a networking reception that evening. Program overviews and one-on-one meetings with agency representatives will be held Friday, July 17.

Nationally, the SBIR program awards more than \$2.5 billion annually to help fund the research and development of new products and processes. The program is a leading source of early-stage capital for start-up, technology-based and university-spinout businesses. The SBIR program encourages small businesses in the United States to engage in research and development with commercial potential. Financial awards are intended to stimulate innovation that helps meet national needs.

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Prior to final approval of the STIP by the Transportation Commission, public meetings will be held on the following dates and locations to receive public comment on the tentative program.

July 13, 2015..... Ramada Convention Center..... Aberdeen.....	7:00 PM (CD)
July 14, 2015..... Ramkota Hotel..... Sioux Falls.....	7:00 PM (CD)
July 15, 2015..... Americinn Lodge..... Ft. Pierre.....	7:00 PM (CD)
July 16, 2015..... Ramkota Hotel..... Rapid City.....	7:00 PM (ADT)
July 23, 2015..... Webinar..... Contact: Dave Voeltz@State.SD.US to register.....	1:30 PM (CDT)

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