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while local taxes have increased in that time, the school district's revenue levels are still \$1.3 million below what they were.

Bietz said that the district has made some short-term adjustments, such as the use of reserve funds, altering its insurance funding and reducing some staff and programs, but it needs to start looking for more permanent solutions.

"We've done some things to prolong the nosedive, but the time is coming, whether it's fiscal year '14, fiscal year '15, fiscal year '16, where we have to address the deficit," he said.

Specht said that with the past failure of two tax property opt-outs and the assumption that the school will not receive much more aid from the state budget, the only way left to balance the YSD budget is with cuts.

"I know nobody is excited about it, but that is where we're at," he said. "And the sooner we start identifying cuts, the sooner we can let people know who are going to be affected ... and they can move on and get on with

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with the discovery of federal Drug Free Communities grants. If awarded such a grant, the city could receive up to \$125,000 for five years. That would cover a majority of the costs for two school resource officers — one in the high school and one in the middle school. The city, school system and Lewis and Clark would make in-kind contributions as part of the grant.

Paulsen said the police department typically gets more than 100 calls to Yankton's schools in a year.

The commission was asked Monday if it would like Paulsen to continue the dialogue with the school district and Lewis and Clark and eventually apply for a grant. The grant announcement is expected in January, and awards likely wouldn't be made until September.

Thus, Paulsen said it would be the beginning of the 2014 school year before the officers could be in place should Yankton receive a grant award.

"(The purpose of the school resource officer is) really to build a relationship with students and their families," he stated. "I don't see it predominantly as an enforcement role, but more one of programming and to build relationships. Officers could go in and complement teachers with classroom instruction on constitutional law, for example.

"Proactive is the way we want to go," Paulsen added. "Our needs analysis that we're working on will show we need to be more proactive (in the school system). We are a reactive department at this point."

During the summer months, he said the school resource officers would be put on the streets to do patrol work.

Commissioner Pauline Akland asked what the procedure of the officers would be in the school system.

"We would be working to not arrest those students and keep them in the school," Paulsen responded. "Obviously, we'd have to be looking at the safety of everybody involved. By building those relationships at the middle school and high school level, the school resource officer position will help us keep those students in the educational process — I hope without putting them in the justice system."

A question was also raised by Akland about funding for the positions after five years.

Paulsen said the city could apply for grant funding again, but it would be competing against entities attempting to get their first grants.

"For sustainability, we would have to look at ... the city as a back-up," he stated.

The commission agreed to have Paulsen continue communications with Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health and the school district to apply for the grant in an 8-1 vote. Akland voted against the measure.

In other business Monday, the commission:

- awarded a bid to NB Golf Cars, Inc., of Hendricks, Minn., in the amount of \$24,455.81 annually for a golf car lease/purchase program at Fox Run Golf Course; and
- approved a 2 percent base salary increase for eligible employees in 2013. It also includes a one-step increase for eligible employees that are below the maximum of their respective pay range. Additionally, the unanimously-approved motion, gives city commissioners and the mayor a 2 percent raise.

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their lives. I think the sooner we come to this conclusion, the better off everyone is, even if nobody likes it."

Several possibilities for cuts were discussed, including eliminating or reducing bus services, consolidating elementary schools, cutting activities and programs and higher student-to-teacher ratios.

The board then directed the administration to research possible effects of such measures and the logistics of implementing the cuts. The administration's findings will be reported and discussed at future meetings.

Also at the meeting, the board:

- heard a report from Webster School principal Melanie Ryken about the school's new anti-bullying program;
- amended the district's long-term suspension or expulsion policy to include "mind-altering substances";
- cast its vote for YSD board member Kathy Greenway for the ASBSD board of directors.

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Fla. Woman Found Guilty Of Murder In Lottery Death

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A woman was convicted Monday of first-degree murder in the slaying of a lottery winner in central Florida and sentenced to mandatory life without parole by a judge who called her "cold, calculating and cruel."

Dorice "Dee Dee" Moore showed no emotion as a jury foreman read the verdict. Judge Emmett Battles sentenced her to an additional minimum mandatory 25 years for using a gun in the commission of a felony.


Moore has 30 days to appeal. If she decides to, she will be assigned a public defender. The attorney appointed by the court to represent her at trial, Byron Hileman, will no longer represent her.

"I can sleep good at night because I know I had done the very best job," Hileman said. "I feel sad for the victim. I feel sad for their families. I feel sad for the defendant because these types of cases are no-win situations."


Jurors deliberated for more than three

hours before finding Moore guilty of the first-degree murder charge prosecutors had lodged against her in the death of Abraham Shakespeare, who won millions in 2006. Shakespeare's mother was in the courtroom, but showed no emotion.

"She got every bit of his money," said Assistant State Attorney Jay Pruner in closing arguments. "He found out about it and threatened to kill her. She killed him first."



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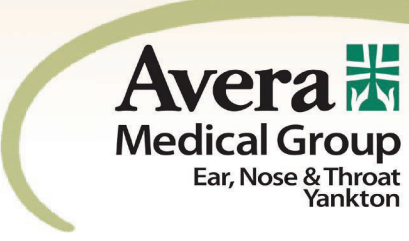
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