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ing to Superintendent Dr. Wayne Kindle, YSD receives approximately \$700,000 between the weigh station and the Bon Homme Yankton Electric Association. The idea is to take that money from a single source and distribute it among all the schools.

Another solution involves moving money between funds, such as taking money from a school district's capital outlay fund and moving it into the general fund. For school districts like Yankton, which has a 5 Year Capital Outlay Plan in place, this change could cause problems for their system.

"We don't want to shift money; we want new money," Kindle said. "Our community needs to take a good, hard look at this — once the governor has his State of the State address — and have a good discussion about what this would really mean. I don't see us being a real winner in this new formula right now."

According to Stevens, Gov. Dennis Daugaard set the initial budget proposal for K-12 at one-third of 1 percent. By general comparison, other entities within education involve the state Board of Regents, the technical education institutions and state employees, which are all in approximately 2.5 percent. This puts education funding solutions in the hands of the taxpayers, which doesn't bode well for increased funding.

Stevens emphasizes the need for the government to focus on K-12 as a single entity, not grouped together with all other forms of education.

"Let's just talk about K-12. Not Board of Regents, not technical education, but K-12," he said. "The K-12 edu-

cation can has been kicked down the road ever since I was on the school board. It's time that it becomes the issue that we deal with in the Legislature. Now is the time for K-12."

Rep. Jean Hunhoff was unable to attend Monday's meeting.

Also on Monday, YSB approved the proposed YHS partnership with local businesses for an internship program. This will allow high school students to work as an employee while earning a salary of \$11 per hour and earn one credit through the school's World of Work course.

Due to requirements at many job sites, this experience will only be open to students that are 18 years of age by Jan. 20. This would qualify each student to be a registered employee covered the business's insurance.

Rita Nelson, workforce development director for YAPG, is coordinating the businesses and manufacturers that are interested in employing YHS students. These include Applied Engineering, Kolberg-Pioneer, Kaiser Heating & Cooling, Kisch Construction, Shur-Co, Sapa Extrusions, L & M Radiator, Freeman Company and possibly the City of Yankton.

This opportunity will begin this coming spring. YHS counselor, Marc Bies is arranging students' schedules so they can work at their internships for four periods out of the school day. Students interested in the course will be required to interview for each business to analysis their interest level and their capability for various work areas.

Administration hopes that this will allow seniors a head start into technical education while increasing community workforce development.

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and I don't believe it's at that point to farm out. I think we can do this."

Commissioner David Knoff said he doesn't believe that the golf course necessarily needs to be a money maker.

"I'm not necessarily a believer that you have to make money on a golf course because I do think it's a recreational activity no different from our trail system which we don't charge fees for," Knoff said.

He added he's not sure if there's much to be gained from bringing in an outside entity, such as GreatLife Golf & Fitness, to take over operations.

"I'm not sure ... what we gain by that because when it comes to finding employees to mow early and late — them coming to town, I don't know how that makes it better unless they're going to pay more and bring people in from out of town," he said. "It's not like that would create more employees to alleviate that problem."

Commissioner Chris Ferdig, however, said there's no harm in bringing in an outside voice.

"In order to serve our citizens, serve the golfing community and the non-golfing community, I think we should at least look into the aspect of having someone come in and give us an idea of what they're going to do," Ferdig said. "If we don't have anybody come in and say, 'Well we could do this for your course or we could do this for your community,' we're never going to know. If we put bids out, they come in and we don't like any of

them, we don't have to do anything. It's just another option to make the golf course and the community better."

Commissioner Charlie Gross said the city has already tried enough on its own to improve the course with little result.

"We've talked about this for the last four or five years," he said. "We've tried different things. We've tried the simulator, we hired someone to come in and run the clubhouse for us and we've done those things, and we're still losing money four out of the last five year. ... I think you need to explore (management) options."

The course's only full-time employee, Kevin Doby, told the commission that it's too late for anything to be done for the 2016 season as

far as bringing in consultants and management firms.

"It's too late to start bringing in multiple companies at this point to look at proposals and have the commission digest them," Doby said. "I've seen the golf management proposals before — they're like books. Then you get into the contract part of it. Then you decide who it is and they bring in staffing."

In the end, the commission chose to take no action on the 2016 golf season, instead committing to explore options next spring for the 2017 season.

On a related note Monday, the commission voted 8-1 not to raise rates at Fox Run Golf Course.

In other business Monday, the commission:

- * Voted to open bids for work on the Transfer Station scale.

- * Approved a stop sign on Cole Dr. at Douglas Ave.

- * Passed a resolution of necessity for utility work during next year's Highway 50 reconstruction project.

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Archery

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in Istanbul last weekend.

The only other time the World Archery Indoor Championships was held in the United States was in 2012 in Las Vegas. Since then, the event has been held in Nimes, France, in 2014 and will be held in Ankara, Tur-

key, next year.

The last time the Field Championships have been held in the United States was in 1969 in Pennsylvania.

"We're obviously super excited," said Bruce Cull, president of the National Field Archery Association (NFAA) which is headquartered in Yankton.

Cull had previously traveled to Copenhagen, Denmark, for the World Ar-

chery Congress back in July.

"All the work we did, talking to people involved, paid off," he said. "From a hometown standpoint, too, the really big news is yet to come."

More information will be released at a press conference later this week, Cull said.

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Chicoine

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students, faculty and others be successful.

"I started my academic career as an assistant professor, and it'll be a great opportunity to finish it as a faculty member in the Department of Economics," said Chicoine, 68, adding that he and his wife have considered the return to his alma mater a privilege. "We've enjoyed every minute."

Schaefer said the board will soon announce a presidential search process and

timeline to choose a new university president.

The largest fundraising campaign for education in state history was completed during Chicoine's tenure, according to the board. Research activity also experienced significant growth under his leadership.

With Chicoine at the helm, the school completed the transition to Division I athletics, where the Jackrabbits have in many respects enjoyed more success than they did at the Division II level.

Eighteen Jackrabbit teams have qualified for NCAA Division I national

competitions under Chicoine's watch, led by six tournament appearances in women's basketball. The achievements also include back-to-back appearances in the NCAA men's basketball tournament in 2012-13, and five trips to the Football Championship Subdivision tournament.

Before serving as president at South Dakota State University, Chicoine worked for the University of Illinois for more than 30 years, most recently as vice president for technology and economic development.

Lights

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you figure that at least one household has a string of lights to throw away, that's quite a few."

In addition to helping the environment, recycling lights to Goodwill will also help their employees.

"Goodwill provides funding for job training programs here that a lot of the employees go through so they can keep a job and contribute to the community," said Hallberg. "It's a win-win for everyone."

KYB is having the project run into January for people who decide they're done with their lights after taking them down for the season.

"When people are packing their decorations away, they might say 'If I have to pack that one more time,' and they don't want to keep them, they can bring them to Goodwill," Hallberg said.

The lights will be properly disposed of at a later date.

KYB does various projects to keep Yankton looking nice, from Christmas flowerpots located downtown to participating in the Great American Cleanup to keep trash off the sidewalks and ditches around Yankton.

Hallberg, who started with KYB in May, is happy with the progress the organization has made and anticipates a productive 2016.

"I have a fantastic board

of directors who are supportive and dedicated to Yankton," she said. "I look forward to seeing what we come up with in the spring."

Lights can be dropped off at Yankton Goodwill located at 2508 Fox Run Parkway.

For more information about KYB or to submit an idea or make a donation, visit keepyanktonbeautiful.org.

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