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ing \$237.00; Yankton Press & Dakotan, Advertising \$1,882.73; Yankton School District 63-3, Reimbursement \$4,952.23; Yankton Winnelson Co., Supplies \$24.92. Fund Total: \$295,610.22

Capital Outlay  
A&B Business Equipment, Inc., Copier/Printer Lease \$4,291.75; Full Compass System, Ltd, Wireless Mic System \$3,267.14; Greatamerica Leasing Corporation, Postage Meter Lease \$139.00; Moss Enterprises, Inc., Filaments \$2,402.91; Parchment Inc, Sender Service \$1,000.00; Perma-Bound, Library Books \$691.14; Pitisco Education, Equipment \$2,692.62; Regional Technical Education Cntr, Monthly Sublease \$1,933.34; Sdn Communications, Wan Lease \$5,500.00. Fund Total: \$21,917.90

**SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND**  
Mileage to parent \$592.00; Mileage to parent \$710.40; Mileage to parent \$118.40; Ability Building Services, Inc, Services \$11,608.85; Amazon.Com, Supplies \$89.97; Avera St Luke's, Therapy \$461.88; Benik Corporation, Supplies \$52.00; Black Hills Special Services Coop, Registration \$70.00; Bob's Candy Service, Supplies \$130.90; Children's Care Hospital & Sch, Tuition/Room/Board \$9,080.00; Children's Home Society, Tuition/Room/Board \$1,679.40; Ciciarelli, Nickoi, Meals \$36.00; Clark, Cammie, Meals \$36.00; Crisis Prevention Institute, Inc, Crisis Prevention Materials \$315.00; Dillon, Indira, Services \$1,059.90; Kasik, Jeannie, Interpretive Services \$100.00; Lingo, Matt, Travel \$36.00; Mcgraw-Hill, Supplies \$56.43; Mines, Shirley, Job Coaching \$660.00; New Directions Down Syndrome Association, Registration \$125.00; Quill Corp, Supplies \$179.97; Sd Department Of Human Services, Non Federal Match \$9,456.66; Sdasp, Registration \$150.00; United States Postal Service, Postage \$25.59; Wagner, Kathy, Reimbursement \$179.40; Yankton Agents, Worker's Comp Renewal 2015 \$6,970.16; Yankton Press & Dakotan, Advertising \$355.86. Fund Total: \$44,335.77

**PUBLIC ENTERPRISE**  
Lakeshore Learning Materials, Supplies \$156.62; Yankton Agents, Worker's Comp Renewal 2015 \$342.82. Fund Total: \$ 499.44

**CONCESSIONS**  
Chesterman Co., Supplies \$1,382.54; E. A. Sween Company, Supplies \$92.29; Food Services Of America, Supplies \$804.16; Hiland Dairy Company, Supplies \$55.65; Hy-Vee Inc., Supplies \$15.01; Midwest Mini Melts, Supplies \$973.88; Wholesale Supply Co, Supplies \$51.08. Fund Total: \$ 3,374.61

**SCHOOL FOOD**  
Abbott, Karen, Lunch Acct Refund \$30.05; Cash-Wa Distributing, Supplies \$6,076.17; Chesterman Co., Food \$2,078.25; Dacotah Paper Company, Supplies \$1,208.35; Ekon-O-Pac East, Supplies \$666.00; Food Services Of America, Supplies \$45,303.18; Hiland Dairy Company, Milk & Dairy Products \$12,360.76; Hy-Vee Inc., Food \$4.36; Janssens Garbage Service, Inc, Garbage Service \$2,154.00; Jcl Solutions, Supplies \$1,361.53; Karl's Tv Audio Appliances Inc, Equipment \$553.34; Kramer, Sandi, Supplies \$56.50; Menards, Supplies \$62.27; Olson's Pest Technicians, Pest Control \$86.75; Printing Specialists, Supplies \$121.98; Tripp, Jeremy, Lunch Acct Refund \$54.20; Western Office Plus, Supplies \$13.98; Yankton Agents, Worker's Comp Renewal 2015 \$21,379.82; Youngs, Casters \$456.09. Fund Total: \$ 94,027.58

**SELF INSURANCE FUND**  
Anderberg, Desiree, Reimbursement \$150.00; Discovery Benefits, Cobra Admin \$202.30; Kaltiesulas, Beth, Reimbursement \$150.00; Lillie, Debra, Reimbursement \$150.00; Pietz, Cassie, Reimbursement \$150.00; Wellmark Bc/Bs, Admin \$58,668.59. Fund Total: \$ 59,470.89

**FEBRUARY IMPREST FUND**  
Josh Arens, Debate Judge \$250.00; Blaine Bacon, Wrestling Official \$324.00; Darin Berg, Basketball Official \$80.00; Monty Bohrer, Basketball Official \$80.00; Toby Bryant, Wrestling Official \$250.00; Dylan Chang, Debate Judge \$120.00; Dave Cornemann, Wrestling Official \$250.00; George Donnelly, Basketball Official \$96.28; Todd Dvoracek, Wrestling Official \$250.00; Jon Garrow, Basketball Official \$140.68; Paul Harens, Debate Judge \$60.00; Harrisburg High School, Debate Registration \$185.00; Kurt Heeren, Wrestling Official \$244.56; Epiphany Knedler, Debate Judge \$120.00; Lincoln High School, Orchestra Registration \$100.00; Caitlyn Oien, Debate Judge \$60.00; Jalatama Omar, Debate Judge \$250.00; Bud Postma, Wrestling Official \$319.56; Quad State Competition, Band Festival Registration \$15.00; Steve Riswold, Basketball Official \$140.68; Rushmore District NFL, Registration \$570.00; SD Division of Criminal Investigation, Fingerprinting \$129.75; Secure Benefits System, Section 125 Plan Admin \$552.00; Jason Selchert, Basketball Official \$80.00; Mark Stoeber, Wrestling Official \$270.72; Wex Bank, Gasoline Charges \$14.00. Grand Total January Imprest Fund \$4,952.23.

General Fund Payroll expenditures for the month of February as follows: Beadle Elementary Instruction \$82,169.92; Lincoln Elementary Instruction \$94,071.70; Stewart Elementary Instruction \$65,222.04; Webster Elementary Instruction \$48,880.19; Class

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Size Reduction Grant \$12,320.87; Middle School Instruction \$139,349.32; High School Instruction \$200,001.09; Title I \$33,158.28; Alternative Learning Center \$9,418.18; Guidance Services \$28,169.94; Health Services \$7,964.72; Library Services \$9,211.39; Computer Assisted Instruction Service \$12,481.89; Superintendents Office \$15,876.62; Principals Offices \$104,993.65; Other Administrative Support Service \$884.97; Fiscal Service \$25,966.81; Buildings and Grounds \$86,338.21; Pupil Transportation \$22,128.20; Co-Curricular \$59,680.58; totaling \$1,058,288.57, and including the following payments: First Dakota National Bank; Withholding \$77,054.61 and FICA \$127,274.10; SD Retirement \$101,036.17; Annuity Payments: American Express \$400.00, American Funds \$660.00, Catholic Aide \$270.00, Horace Mann \$1,225.00, Modern Woodmen of America \$150.00, Primerica \$475.00, Reliastar \$100.00, SD Supplemental Retirement Program \$4,430.00, Disability \$1,043.93; Secure Benefits Systems Section 125 Plan \$13,938.81; Medical Insurance \$91,454.13; Other Payments and United Way \$9,368.55. Special Education Payroll expenditures for February as follows: Programs for Mild/Moderate Disabilities \$213,631.78; Psychological Services \$16,903.51; Speech Pathology & Audiology \$27,590.08; Physical Therapy Services \$6,507.45; Occupational Therapy Services \$5,431.43; Administrative Support Services \$11,398.13; Pupil Transportation \$9,802.82; totaling \$291,265.20, and including the following payments: First Dakota National Bank; Withholding \$18,917.48 and FICA \$36,439.44; Retirement \$27,583.42; Annuity Payments: Catholic Aide \$5.00, SD Supplemental Retirement Program \$125.00, Disability \$185.46; Secure Benefits Systems Section 125 Plan \$2,441.80; Medical Insurance \$16,847.16; Other Payments and United Way \$4,740.30. School Food Service Payroll expenditures for February totaling \$47,539.02, including payments as follows: First Dakota National Bank; Withholding \$2,971.02 and FICA \$7,368.78; Retirement \$5,443.06; Secure Benefits Section 125 Plan \$773.87; Medical Insurance \$5,112.88; Other Payments and United Way \$3,877.71.

Public Enterprise Fund Payroll expenditures February as follows: Preschool Program \$11,163.89, and including payments as follows: First Dakota National Bank; Withholding \$438.93 and FICA \$1,269.22; Retirement \$1,022.98; Secure Benefits Section 125 Plan \$166.66; Medical Insurance \$1,338.80; Other Payments and United Way \$304.36. Concessions Fund Payroll expenditures for February as follows: Concessions \$3,392.10; and including payments as follows: First Dakota National Bank; Withholding \$58.53, FICA \$471.94 and Retirement \$158.06. D. Approve the audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 performed by Williams & Co., CPAs, Yankton, SD.

E. Accept the bid of Kathleen Wagner (Utica, SD) in the amount of \$52,001(plus \$3,120.06 sales/use tax) for the student build house as it meets all specifications.

F. No bids were received for sale of the student constructed sheds; therefore, authorize the business manager to sell the sheds at the most advantageous price provided all specifications of the original bid are met as per SDCL 5-18A-5 (9).

G. Approve a Voice Telecommunications Service Agreement with Vast Broadband (Sioux Falls, SD) as per response to RFP dated February 23, 2015 with service commencing on July 1, 2015 pursuant to e-rate guidelines.

H. Approve a proposal from EarthBend, LLC (Sioux Falls, SD) not to exceed \$300,000 for addition to and improvement of the current wireless platform and wired infrastructure of the school network contingent upon approval of e-rate funding as per response to RFP dated February 26, 2015.

I. Approve a lease agreement with Lewis & Clark Shriners Club in the amount of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) for the use of Crane Youngworth Field for the circus on June 26, 2015.

J. Approve an amendment to the Classified Professionals Contract regarding short-term leave of absence provisions as presented.

K. Approve a student photography services agreement with Marks Photography (Sioux Falls, SD) as per committee recommendation as presented.

L. Approve early retirement contracts with Dr. Angela Hejl, biology teacher @ YHS in the amount of \$39,566; Kristine Linkness, 1st grade teacher @ LI in the amount of \$35,999 and Kathy Wright, math teacher @ YHS in the amount of \$35,879.

M. Approve work agreements as follows: Leah Nielson, paraprofessional @ WE, in the amount of \$12.50 per hour effective February 18, 2015 and Gabriel Cano, paraprofessional @ YMS, in the amount of \$12.50 per hour effective March 2, 2015.

N. Accept the following resignations: Terri Mandel, ALC English teacher @ YHS effective end of school year; Matt Termansen, ALC math teacher @ YHS effective end of school year; Christopher Phillips, paraprofessional @ YMS effective February 27, 2015; Connie Bitsos, part-

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time custodian @ YHS effective February 27, 2015; and Mary Lou Willis, 4th grade teacher @ BE effective end of school year.

O. Accept the following retirements: Sue Dumke, social studies teacher @ YMS effective end of school year and Renee Kramer, student services secretary @ Administration Building effective May 29, 2015.

P. Removed for separate consideration.

Q. Approve the following 2015-16 activity work agreements: Julie Amsberry, assistant musical director \$2,750; Warren Brenner, head varsity boys soccer coach, \$1; Jacki Ellis, cheerleader advisor (all year) \$3,228; Justin Olson, varsity assistant football coach, \$4,000 and 9th/10th gymnastics coach, \$3,808 and varsity assistant track coach, \$4,000; Tyler Schuring, 9th/10th wrestling coach, \$3,488 and head varsity girls soccer coach, \$3,672.

R. Approve 2015-16 Classified Professional Contracts as follows: Donna Schmidt, certified brailist, \$19,069; Annette Haberman, occupational therapist, \$52,296; Pamela Fedders, physical therapist (0.8 FTE) \$67,204; Judith Heine, school nurse, \$41,714; Ladonna Kniffen, school nurse, \$41,714; Nickoi Ciciarelli, school psychologist/behavioral specialist, \$62,739; Jean Friedriebach, speech/language pathologist, \$53,450; Matt Lingo, speech/language pathologist, \$39,830; Sally Stange, speech/language pathologist, \$58,322; Patricia Stuelpnagel, speech/language pathologist, \$45,661; Jessica Vannorsdel, speech/language pathologist, \$43,165; Adriane Voisin, speech/language pathologist, \$38,491.

S. Approve 3-year Administrator Contracts with 2015-16 salaries as follows: Tony Beste, assistant principal @ YHS, \$69,731; Jason Bietz, business manager, \$94,092; Todd Dvoracek, principal @ YMS, \$72,982; Dr. Jennifer Johnke, principal @ YHS, \$82,745; Dr. Wayne Kindel, superintendent, \$128,544; Jerome Klimisch, principal @ ST, \$83,117; Carey Mitzel, principal @ BE, \$74,940; Ryan Mors, activities director/assistant principal @ YHS, \$82,745; Heather Olson, assistant principal @ YMS, \$55,620; Melanie Ryken, principal @ WE, \$65,931; Paul Struck, principal @ LI, \$86,483; Kathleen Wagner, director of student services, \$91,423.

Member Kieffer seconded the move for adoption with the following voting Aye: All. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda Item P. Certified Contracts:

Action No. 2015-2013  
Moved by Fitzgerald and seconded by Carda to approve teacher contracts for the 2015-16 school term as follows: Susan Adam \$47,814; Beth Anderson \$42,650; DeeRhonda Anderson \$60,006; Michelle Andrews \$40,227; YMS Happenings/Yearbook Advisor \$2,152, totaling \$42,379; Charlene Arens \$42,479; Robert Beard \$55,459; Lynn Becker \$42,839; Amy Bertsch \$38,285; Tiffany Beste \$43,165, Head varsity volleyball \$6,000, totaling \$49,165; Marc Bies \$53,825, Two extra weeks \$2,833, 8th grade girls basketball \$3,588, totaling \$60,246; Kris Binde \$42,243; Sheryl Blackinton \$44,026; Renae Bouza \$59,009; Connie Bromley \$41,391; Chelsea Brooks \$39,065; Robin Brooks \$58,466; Janine Broscha \$53,724; Amy Bruening \$45,356; Stephanie Burgeson \$44,556, 7th /8th Oral interpretation \$1,794, Two extra weeks \$2,345, totaling \$48,695; Lisa Card \$49,437, 7th grade girls basketball \$3,606, 7th grade girls volleyball \$3,606, totaling \$56,649; Todd Carr \$41,177, YHS band director \$6,000, Two extra weeks \$2,167, Music department head \$1,854, totaling \$51,198; Faydra Christensen, \$47,934; Melissa Crosley \$43,061; David Dannenbring \$50,120, Head cross country \$4,500, totaling \$54,620; Peter Deming \$42,368, 7th/8th grade wrestling \$2,967, totaling \$45,335; Dena Den Herder \$40,172; Elizabeth Dooley \$38,800; Margaret Dvoracek \$42,387; Kim Eide \$49,391; Kim Evander \$46,352, Orchestra director \$2,000, totaling \$48,352; Cecilia Fitzsimmons \$55,304; Michele Fleer \$55,364; Kris Ford \$42,972; Kathryn Frank \$56,218; Deanna Garvey \$60,880; Keith Goeden \$44,263, Head Drama-Fall play \$3,500, One act play director \$3,465, totaling \$51,228; Susan Goeden \$41,167; Holly Gordon \$47,900; Rebecca Gravholt \$40,208; Katherine Greene \$44,471; Randy Gross \$49,228, 10th grade football \$4,000, 7th grade boys basketball \$3,486, totaling \$56,714; Douglas Haar \$49,474, 7th/8th grade cross country \$3,426, 7th grade boys basketball \$3,426, 7th/8th grade track \$3,461, totaling \$59,787; Carla Haeckey \$48,061; Angela Haffner \$39,118; Ryan Hage \$40,125, 7th/8th grade football \$2,870, Head varsity wrestling \$5,712, totaling \$48,707; Lesley Hale \$46,415; Emily Harriman \$39,357, 7th/8th Oral Interpretation \$1,212, totaling \$40,569; Amy Harvison \$46,403; Chris Haynes \$40,696, Assistant Varsity track \$3,424, Varsity boys basketball \$5,136, 7th/8th grade football \$2,870, totaling \$52,126; Nikki Heinz \$46,522, 6th grade track \$2,222, totaling \$48,744; Mary Beth Herrboldt \$45,661; Kathryn Hesse \$41,468; Michelle Hoelsing \$42,169; Rhonda Hofer \$50,540; Kellie Holmstrom

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\$49,698; Christopher Hovden \$41,779, 8th grade boys basketball \$2,813, 7th/8th grade track \$2,945, Assistant varsity volleyball \$4,000, totaling \$51,537; Jacalyn Hovden \$61,776, YMS English dept. chair \$1,890, totaling \$63,666; Debra Howell \$58,466; Roxanne Hunhoff \$50,530; Renae Jackson \$42,970, YMS band director \$1,968, totaling \$44,938; Teresa Janssen \$55,484, YMS mathematics department head \$2,250, totaling \$57,734; Debra Jensen \$59,339; Jacqueline Jerke \$51,971; Bret Johnson \$44,774; Kacie Kortan \$42,265; Leonard Kallis \$52,615, Oral interpretation \$2,977, Head varsity debate \$6,000, totaling \$61,592; Pamela Kallis \$49,228, Assistant drama coach (winter) \$3,215, Assistant drama coach (spring) \$3,215, totaling \$55,658; Beth Kaltiesulas \$58,322; Jennifer Kapla \$42,023; Lacey Kindle \$36,946; Marjorie Kindle \$54,146, YHS mathematics department head \$2,106, totaling \$56,252; Jennifer Kirchner \$38,491, Extra two weeks \$2,026, totaling \$40,517; Nancy Klimisch \$49,162; Julie Koch \$49,431; Patricia Kortan \$42,498, Assistant drama Fall \$2,511, totaling \$45,009; Trey Krier \$39,829, Head Varsity Girls Basketball \$5,040, totaling \$44,869; Tom Kuchta \$39,643; Lori LaFave \$51,594; Carol Larrington \$42,951; Angela Larson \$39,643; Jill Larson \$42,102; Lori Leader \$48,111; Arlin Linkness \$55,193, Varsity assistant boys basketball \$4,631, Varsity football \$6,000, totaling \$65,824; Debra Lillie \$39,772, Assistant Varsity track \$4,000, Assistant Varsity gymnastics \$3,872, Assistant Varsity girls soccer \$2,424, totaling \$50,068; Kayla Loecker \$42,276; Amy Long \$44,774, YMS social studies dept. head \$2,142, 9th grade volleyball \$4,000, 10th grade girls basketball \$4,000, totaling \$54,916; Angie Luken \$44,225, Foreign language/SPED Dept Chair \$1,836, totaling \$46,061; Michele Luken \$50,074; Cody Lukkes \$43,822, 7th/8th grade gymnastics \$2,870, Assistant varsity track \$3,264, totaling \$49,956; Peggy Marquardt \$41,839; Jama Mathison \$49,238; Jan Mattes \$42,632; Sue May \$51,029; Robb McClemons \$39,116, Varsity assistant girls basketball \$3,360, 9th grade football \$2,912, totaling \$45,388; Murray McGlone \$49,161, 7th/8th grade wrestling \$3,448, totaling \$52,609; Jill Mikkelsen \$54,128, Arickara (Yearbook) advisor \$3,500, YHS English Department Chair \$1,836, totaling \$59,464; Michael Mikkelsen \$49,338, 8th grade boys basketball \$3,488, 7th/8th grade track \$3,488, totaling \$56,314; Amy Miner \$49,162, Head Drama (Spring) \$3,750, totaling \$52,912; Daniel Mitchell \$57,868, Varsity assistant football \$4,357, totaling \$62,225; Allison Moon \$51,970; Janet Morrow \$58,322; Aimee Mors \$40,457, 8th grade volleyball \$2,340, totaling \$42,797; Ginny Moser \$37,777; Heidi Moser \$42,967; Lynn Moser \$54,019; Susan Muehlbeier \$38,491; Dawn Mueller \$56,364; Tiffany Mueller \$45,435, Dance team advisor (all year position) \$3,708, totaling \$49,143; Lorie Mulhair \$58,012, YHS department head business/vocational \$4,663, One extra week \$1,527, totaling \$64,202; Brady Muth \$39,771, Varsity assistant track \$3,616, Varsity assistant football \$3,808, 6th grade boys basketball \$2,554, totaling \$49,749; Jill Muth \$41,535, 7th grade girls basketball \$2,919, 6th grade girls basketball \$2,554, totaling \$47,008; Amy Neu \$47,974; Kimberly Olson \$43,781; Lisa Opsahl \$53,536; Douglas Pesicka \$50,495, Social studies department head \$2,034, 7th/8th grade track \$3,610, 6th grade girls basketball \$3,159, totaling \$59,298; Traci Peterson \$39,116; Natasha Phillips \$42,371; Cassandra Pietz \$39,118, Oral Interpretation \$2,511, totaling \$41,629; Susan Ray \$49,228; Sheryl Rehurek \$51,647; Amy Reyes \$38,491, Two extra weeks \$2,026, totaling \$40,517; Grant Rolfes \$36,946, 9th boys basketball \$3,264, 7th/8th football \$2,020, totaling \$42,230; Lisa Rolfes \$38,650; Alyssa Roth \$44,447; Marisa Rueb \$36,946; Stacy Ryken \$41,852; Heidi Savey \$44,813, Varsity assistant track \$3,872, totaling \$48,685; Jason Savey \$41,287, 10th grade boys basketball \$3,744, 9th grade football \$3,332, totaling \$48,363; Cheryl Schaeffer \$50,773; Lori Schaeffer \$42,878; Brooks Schild \$51,221, 10th grade football \$4,000, Varsity assistant track \$4,000, YMS Science department head \$2,034, totaling \$61,255; Joan Schild \$50,808; Mallory Schmidt \$39,065; PeggySchortzman \$42,867; LeaAnn Schramm \$48,089; Ana Schurman \$42,387; Brett Sime \$42,830, 6th grade boys basketball \$2,662, Varsity Boys golf \$4,000, Varsity Girls golf \$4,000, totaling \$53,492; Kelli Simonsen \$46,339; Daniel Slowey \$40,172, 7th/8th grade football \$2,870, totaling \$43,042; Riley Smith \$39,643, Varsity assistant wrestling \$3,587, Assistant varsity boys soccer \$2,472, totaling \$45,702; Kayla Sohler \$36,946; Andrea Stanosheck \$37,777; Christina Stark \$42,866; Linda Stevens \$61,789; Kerry Svatos \$44,596, Competitive cheer \$3,996, totaling \$48,592; Becky Tasa \$42,333, YHS student council advisor \$1,872, totaling \$44,205; Robin Taylor \$49,228; Suzanne Tessier \$52,726; Jamie Tramp \$41,075, 7th grade volleyball \$2,869, 6th grade track \$1,648, totaling \$45,592; Jamie VanWinkle \$58,399; Kimberly Velk \$41,375; Melanie Vlasman \$43,821; Nichole Vondracek \$41,497; Donna Wagner \$41,792; Paula Weydert \$51,647; Judy Willcutt \$64,823; Leasa Woodward \$42,718, 8th grade girls basketball \$3,012, 10th grade girls volleyball \$4,000, totaling \$49,730; Andrea Wright \$41,365; Luke Youmans

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\$40,735, Assistant varsity cross county \$3,744, Head varsity track \$5,424, Head gymnastics \$5,520, totaling \$55,423; Michelle Zentmire \$38,285; Hannah Zimmerman \$36,946; Kristi Zimmerman \$44,276 with the following voting Aye: Carda, Fitzgerald, Greenway and Kieffer. Abstain: Pietz. Motion carried.

Action No. 2015-214  
Stewart Elementary Principal Jerome Klimisch and Yankton High School Activities Director Ryan Mors shared good news from their respective buildings and programs.

Action No. 2015-215  
Jerome Klimisch and Kathleen West, on behalf of Yankton Area Arts Association, gave a report on an Art Adventure Program in the schools. No action was taken.

Action No. 2015-216  
Robin Wiebers, Director of the Professional Development Center (PDC) at the University of South Dakota, gave a presentation on the PDC teacher placement program. No action was taken.

Action No. 2015-217  
Todd Dvoracek and Dr. Jennifer Johnke presented a proposal seeking to bring back an art teacher position at YMS beginning with the 2015-16 school year. No action was taken.

Action No. 2015-218  
Moved by Kieffer and seconded by Carda to approve the English teaching position at YHS on an ongoing basis as presented with the following voting Aye: all. Motion carried.

Action No. 2015-219  
Kathy Wagner reported on Title I eligibility and funding for the 2015-16 school year. No action was taken.

Action No. 2015-220  
Chuck Turner, supervisor of buildings and grounds, gave a report on facilities needs at Crane-Youngworth Stadium/Field and Williams Field. No action was taken.

Action No. 2015-221  
Moved by Fitzgerald and seconded by Pietz to change the regular June school board meeting date to Monday, June 15, 2015 at 5:30 pm at the Yankton School District Administration Building with the following voting Aye: all. Motion carried.

Action No. 2015-222  
Moved by Fitzgerald and seconded by Pietz to adjourn at 7:06 pm with the following voting Aye: all. Motion carried.

Kathy Greenway, President  
School Board  
Attest: Jason L. Bietz  
Business Manager  
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# Antarctica Tourists: Be Prepared For The Wild And Unexpected

BY LUIS ANDRES HENAO  
Associated Press

KING GEORGE ISLAND, Antarctica — They trekked snow-covered mountains, gasped at seals flopping along the coastline and oohed at penguins waddling along on the ice, and even took in the spectacle of a humpback whale flapping its tail amid a sea of melting icebergs. But then, the dozens of tourists stranded on a cruise ship at the end of the world could only stare up at the sky, waiting for several days of thick fog to clear so they could go home.

"In Antarctica, you can plan all you like, but you can't really schedule anything," goes a local saying.

It's the last terrestrial tourism frontier that nature lovers, adventurers and explorers are rushing to visit. This tourist season, which runs November through March, more than 37,000 people are expected to visit the coldest continent on Earth, about 10 percent more than last season.

While some tourists climb Mount Vinson, Antarctica's highest point at 16,050 feet (4,892 meters), others seek a chance to take in the views of other-worldly terrain or snap pictures of massive groups of penguins as they bop in and out of the water. Still others do extreme sports, like scuba diving in icy waters, or imagine themselves as early 20th century explorers during reenactment expeditions. High-profile visitors of recent years include Bill Gates and Prince Harry, while heavy-metal band Metallica rocked out for a small group of fans at the Carlini Argentine Base here in 2013.

No matter the draw, a strong dose of humor, patience and humility, not to mention tens of thousands of

numbers that surpassed anything seen for those months in the previous three years. In January, Yankton took in \$849,976, which was 7.44 percent more than the \$791,085 collected in January of last year. January marked only the second time since 2012 that the city took in over \$800,000 in sales tax in a single month. The first was the \$803,970 seen in January 2013.

February netted somewhat less revenue (\$707,902) but still represented a 4.41 increase over the \$677,988 taken in February 2014. Historical data shows the city traditionally takes in less in sales tax in February and March before steadily rising as the summer months approach and arrive.

In total, the city has taken in \$1,557,878 so far this year, a 6.04 percent increase over 2014 at the same point.

Nelson said the numbers bode well for the year going forward.

"Certainly, things could take a turn otherwise, but it's good to start strong," she said. "If we're having these great numbers at this point, I think we're in good shape for summer."

Yankton's cumulative numbers for the year put it in seventh place in the state's Top Ten First Class Cities Plus Vermillion. Yankton finished ahead of Pierre and just behind Mitchell.

Nearby Vermillion also saw a rise in its sales tax earnings (\$598,272) — up 5.58 percent from the same time last year.

She added that, despite the tendency for March and April to be a little lower, March's numbers will continue the strong trend January and February set.

"I think that the indications are that March will continue to be strong on sales tax with the nice weather and the amount of traffic we have through our community for special events," she said. "People visiting our community usually keep the sales tax going. We have a couple of commercial buildings and an apartment building (going up) and we have some new retail coming into the community."

Nelson said there's one surefire way to keep the upward trend going.

"Continue to shop locally and continue to support our community," she said.

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dollars, are an essential part of any Antarctica vacation. Without fail, every year some tourists are left waiting for the sun to come out, or for a patchy Internet connection to work, or even for help to get their stuck boots dislodged from the ice.

"Was it worth it? Yes, of course it was," said English tourist Christine Brannan, 65, recently holed up on the cruise ship. "But I would say to anybody who wants to do the flight and cruise to be aware of the unpredictability."

"It's been fantastic," chimed in husband John as the couple walked with other tourists to the airstrip. "It's something we'll never forget." Antarctica is roughly the size of United States and Mexico combined, but tourists and the 4,000 or so scientists who live here part of the year mostly keep to areas that aren't permanently frozen and where wildlife can be found. Those areas account for less than 2 percent of the continent.

Most visitors arrive on the Antarctic Peninsula, accessible from southern Argentina and Chile by plane or ship. The next most popular destination is the Ross Sea on the opposite side of the continent, which visitors reach after sailing 10 days from New Zealand or Australia.

The harsh environment requires vacationers to come with many essentials: water-resistant hiking boots, several layers of winter clothes including long underwear and a parka, and powerful sun lotion and dark shades with extra ultraviolet protection.

"I was awed by everything," said Maria Estela Dorion, a retired nurse from Chile. "The snow-covered mountains, the sunsets, the sunrises. There are no words to describe Antarctica."