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district were to take additional capital outlay dollars and use them in the general fund it could lead to both funds being in turmoil in the future.

- Other options he presented included:
- using health insurance reserves;
  - additional budget cuts;
  - a potential sales tax initiative being proposed at the statewide level;
  - raising revenue through an opt-out; or
  - other ideas that may be brought forward.

"I think at this point we are going to look at all the options that are out there that might be an option for us to get some funding from," said board president Kathy Greenway. "I think certainly (the health insurance reserves) was one of the things we heard about in the first opt-out attempt and the amount of money in that reserve account. Jason has taken a look at it to see the flexibility of using some of those funds, and they are very regulated. But it is something that is there for us to take a look at."

Greenway said she hoped the public in attendance at the meeting does see the district is trying to balance the budget while still maintaining the programs the community has said they want to see at the school.

"I hope they understand how we are trying to explore every avenue that is out here," Greenway said. "That we are looking even at the things like potentially bringing back ... sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade activities, and the librarian aides. Those are the things we heard the most feedback about following the cuts

earlier this year. So we are trying to look at how can we accommodate that and still flatten our budget projections out so that the district has a good fund going forward."

YSD made \$1.2 million in reductions to the 2011-2012 budget, including the cutting of 16 full-time (FTE) teachers; one administrator; 11 classroom support positions; 5-8 grade activities; three regular bus routes; one FTE and two part-time custodians. It also approved no salary increases for any staff, including teachers.

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enues, going back to the schools trying to find ways to save costs," Greenway said. "I am sure there are more cuts that could be made, but at what cost to our students? What is the end result that the education will be for our children? That is my biggest concern, that they still

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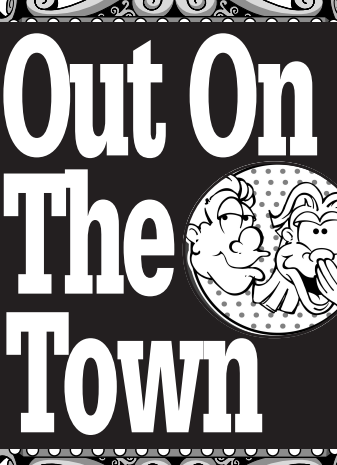
While she hoped those who were in attendance at the meeting can see how hard the board is working to find savings and options to fund the district, Greenway warned there are no easy answers.

"I think overall this was an opportunity for the board members to get together and visit about looking at options to the budget for the school district," Greenway said. "To be able to openly talk about the things we are looking at, be it budget cuts, revenue shortfall, expenses, what's going on with the Legislature — which we have no idea what is going on — it was just an opportunity for us to get together to review that."

"Hopefully we are being proactive enough in looking for potential sources of revenue and trying to be diligent and prudent in our planning that it doesn't come to (the point where we do not have a fund to operate the district.)"

There was no official action taken at the meeting. However, the board did agree to schedule public forums in the near future to gain insight from the community.

"At this point, what we want to do is bring the information to the public," Greenway said. "The public that was here had an opportunity to hear where we are at, but we want an opportunity to get feedback from the public about the options that we do have. So we are scheduling the public meetings, where a couple board members will be available to have more of a coffee talk-type situation with the public."



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ployee, asked about the difference.

Russell said one of the reasons for the price discrepancy is that the KPI agreement includes a guarantee of 12 off-hour entrances and exits into and from the hangar.

"With this agreement, they would have none of that guaranteed," he stated. "They would either have to coordinate with our (fixed-base operator at the airport) at an agreed-upon price, or they would have to bring over their own equipment and move it out themselves."

Another reason for the higher price is that KPI agreed in 2008 to a lease above the market price to help cover utilities and construction costs for the then-new facility.

In other business Monday, the commission gave its approval to acquiring easements and right-of-way for three projects that will be part of the State Transportation Improvement Program next year. They include the reconstruction of Summit Street from Ninth Street to 15th Street; the reconstruction of 15th Street from Burleigh Street to Ferdig Avenue; and the reconstruction of Douglas Avenue from 23rd Street to 25th Street.

Also, Yankton resident Tom Bixler encouraged the commission during the public appearances portion of the meeting to pursue a daycare ordinance.

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