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ranked number three in the ESD with 73 percent of male students participating in an activity. Number one for the boys was Pierre with 81 percent, with Harrisburg second with 79 percent.

"We might see our girls' basketball numbers and think they look small, but if you look at what our girls are doing, they participate in a lot of other activities that don't include basketball," Mors said.

As kids move up in grade level from third grade to high school, the amount of opportunities with which they are presented increases. The survey found that the most popular activities between grades are most often the newest activities to which they are introduced.

For example, orchestra was the top activity that fourth graders in the survey were participating in. Since orchestra is first offered to students when they reach that grade, it is not surprising that most students would be interested in trying something new.

"When it is first offered to you, you have a bunch of kids who jump on it and see if they like it or not," Mors said. "Then gradually, they dwindle as they get older in

age and figure out what they really like."

Other reasons for the high numbers involve class requirements. In sixth grade, for instance, it is required for students to participate in chorus. As a result, chorus is ranked number one for sixth graders. Sixth grade is also the first time that students can go out for track, band and basketball as a school-sponsored sport.

For seventh graders, volleyball, archery and school-sponsored football are offered for the first time.

As you go down the list of most popular activities, standard sports remain relatively the same (soccer, baseball/softball, and football).

As students get older, they are introduced to more activities.

For freshmen students, theatre was the number one activity in which students were involved. This is also the first year students can join student council and debate, which also show up on the top 10.

By the time students hit the sophomore level, football reigns supreme at number one along with theatre, still popular from freshmen year, and more mature sports like hockey begin to increase in numbers, as well.

"The good thing is that they are involved with what they want to do," Mors said. "For the most part, we

should be proud of both our girls and boys for how much we participate in the major school sports."

This is the first year that Yankton School District has conducted a survey of this kind. Because the results cleared up the confusion behind the low basketball numbers, administration may decide to keep track of this type of data in the future.

"It is something that we can look at periodically to see how our numbers change," Mors said. "Especially if we see some dramatic shifts in our numbers, we can find out why that is."

Another topic discussed at Monday night's meeting was the progress with the comprehensive facilities study.

According to building supervisor Chuck Turner, 14 companies responded to the Request For Proposal (RFP) put out by the school district. Six of those companies turned in the proper paperwork by the deadline and will

be considered for the job of surveying Yankton School District's facilities.

Members of the school board will review each individual proposal and narrow the field down to two or three companies. On Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 5:30 p.m., there will be a special meeting where the remaining candidate companies will present their plans for the project and school board members can ask questions.

From there, the board will discuss the matter further and make a decision in the coming months.

Other business at Monday's meeting included approval of the Information Technology (IT) contingency plan, a revised veterans preference policy and heard good news of stable student enrollment by Yankton Middle School principal Todd Dvoracek.

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Seattle Parents Coping With Teacher Strike

SEATTLE (AP) — The city opened more of its community centers Monday to help Seattle parents who were scrambling for child care as a teacher strike entered its fourth day. Several of the centers quickly filled, forcing them to turn families away.

Seattle Parks and Recreation spokesman David Takami said 21 community centers were taking care of some 2,000 children in kindergarten through sixth grade at no cost, and that number is rising. Many of the centers are at capacity, and the effort is costing the city about \$21,000 a day, he said.

"It's pretty much been an early-morning mad dash for kids to get into camp," said Jason Busbee, a front-desk coordinator at the Queen Anne Community Center.

Busbee described the

atmosphere as "one big party," with volunteers helping oversee activities that included kickball, foosball and lawn darts. The center even ordered bouncy houses.

The strike, over issues that include pay raises and the length of the school day, has delayed the start of the public school year for about 53,000 students. The school district canceled classes for a fifth day Tuesday.

District bargainers were reviewing the latest proposal presented by the Seattle Education Association, Seattle Public Schools spokeswoman Stacy Howard told reporters Monday afternoon.

Meanwhile, the Seattle City Council passed a resolution designating this week "Seattle Educators Week" in support of the union and the striking teachers.

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"I have benefited from (the commission) my whole life, and you never really understand a thing until you're in it," she said. "For me, it's a win-win. I hope I can put something positive back into the community and, at the same time, learn the inner workings."

Miner said one of the big issues she'd like to have a part in helping with is focusing how the city expands.

"I think the dialogue that Onward Yankton has started has brought up some of those issues," she said. "I think you see people who see development going north; I think you see people who want to develop downtown; I think you see people who want to develop west toward the lake. Those factions have got to talk to each other and figure out how, where and when to make

those moves. We can't expand every direction all at once and still sustain the community."

Miner will finish the remainder of Balaalid's term, which runs through May 2016.

In other business Monday, the commission:

- * Set a special work session for Sept. 21 to discuss water infrastructure and design for a new water plant.

- * Accepted the 2016 budget.

- * Heard the annual comprehensive financial report.

- * Set Oct. 12 as a public hearing date for improvements on Douglas Ave. between Anna St. and 31st St.

- * Set an agreement for how Dial Properties can access a special assessment for improvements to the Yankton Mall.

- * Agreed to further investigate holding regular study and work sessions that would be open to the public.

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Out On The Town





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- October 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st
- 9:30am-11:00am
- Summit Activities Center
- \$20 plus tax

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100 E. 20th Ave., Tyndall, SD

Sunday, September 20th, 2015

3:30-7:00pm




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