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CARY SCHROEDER

Board of Education



Cary Schroeder and his wife, Jan, moved to Brandon in 1999. Jan has worked at the Brandon Community Library for the past 10 years.

They have three daughters, one of which is in college and two that currently are students at Brandon Valley High School.

Cary has been in the financial services industry for 27 years. He is currently a financial advisor with Edward Jones.

His term will expire in 2016.

(Comments have been submitted by the candidates.)

Renee Ullom

Board of Education



I am hoping that this finds you enjoying the interesting weather that we have been having in South Dakota. This will be my third term on the Brandon Valley Board of Education. I feel very privileged to represent the district and to help impact the Core Operating Principal of "creating learning environments that result in success."

There is much to do in the next three years. The Common Core Standards aligning curriculum from multiple states will be making a dramatic entrance and changing the way we work with curriculum.

Our district Technology team has aggressive hopes of increasing our use of technology and making it an integral part of the staff and students daily routine.

The district has facility needs that will be addressed and hopefully functioning within the next two years.

I see a bright future ahead of our district and am excited to be a part of it. My goal is to be an approachable member of the board and if you have any questions or concerns, always feel free to contact me at Renee.Ullom@k12.sd.us or 605-582-6260.

Thank you, again, for your vote of confidence and I look forward to working together.

Her term will expire in 2016

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The Brandon Valley School District has entered into a collaborative agreement with Interlakes Head Start for the 2013-2014 school year. Eligible Head Start preschool children will be integrated into the district's current early childhood special education program located at Brandon Elementary. Parents interested in the program should contact Interlakes Head Start, 334-2808.

Brandon Valley School District Calendar 2013-2014

Wed., Aug 21	First Day of School
Mon., Sept 2	Labor Day - No School
Mon., Oct 7	Conference-Elementary/HS
Tues., Oct 8	Conference-MS
Fri., Oct 11	No School
Mon., Oct 14	Native American Day-No School
Fri., Oct 18	End of First Quarter
Mon., Nov 11	Veteran's Day-No School
Thurs.-Fri., Nov 28-29	Thanksgiving-No School
Fri., Dec 20	End of Second Quarter
Mon.-Wed, Dec 23-Jan 1	Winter Break-No School
Thurs., Jan 2	No School
Fri., Jan 3	No School
Mon., Jan 20	Martin Luther King Day-No School
Mon., Feb 10	Conference-MS
Tues., Feb 11	Conference-Elementary/HS
Fri., Feb 14	No School
Mon., Feb 17	President's Day-No School
Thurs., March 13	End of Third Quarter
Fri., March 14	Snow Day-No School if unused
Fri., March 21	Snow Day-No School if unused
Fri. - Mon., April 18 & 21	Spring Break-No School
Sun., May 18	Graduation
Thurs., May 22	Last Day of School-End 4th Quarter

TRANSPORTATION

Bus Pass Policy

Regular bus passes are now required for students who reside within five miles of their attendance center and are priced at \$75 per semester with a family maximum of \$175. This is \$0.43 per ride. Passes purchased more than two weeks before the first day of school, before August 7th this year, will have the students scheduled to ride the first day. Passes purchased on August 8th or later, before the first day of school, will have students scheduled to ride as of August 28th.

The district requires a bus fee for open enrolled students. The fee for open enrolled students is \$150 per semester and the fee does not contribute to the family maximum. Families can avoid the increased fee and purchase a regular bus pass by arranging for their student(s) to be picked up and dropped off at a stop within their attendance center boundary.

For purposes of determining the five-mile distance to school, the transportation department uses the most direct route between the pick up point and the attendance center. If you have a question about bus pass requirements, please call the transportation department at 582-3514 for help.

Teacher of Year 2013

Al Hogie - Brandon Valley High School - Math teacher was named Teacher of the Year 2013 with Jill Flint - Brandon Elementary - Third Grade and Mark Stadem - Brandon Valley High School - Science were runners up.

Other well-qualified candidates included Patrick Donelan- BVHS industrial technology, Jeff Duncanson Physical Education at Brandon Elementary, Paula Hahn-BVMS English and foreign language, Vicki Jelsma-4th grade at Valley Springs Elementary, Ed Murtha-BVMS math, and Michael Zerr-BVMS science.

Congratulations go to all the nominees!



Retired Staff 2013

Joli Bruggeman-BVMS/BVHS Librarian

Carol Cook-BE SpEd Admin Asst.

Bill Dickey-Transportation

Joyce Heaton-Custodian

Randy Hill-BVMS Asst Principal

Helen Jacobson-Transportation

Vicki Jelsma-VSE Grade 4

Jeanne Lens-BE Grade 1

Ed Murtha-BVMS Math

Lorraine Osheim-RBE Grade 5

Dan Pansch-BVMS Principal

Annette Peterson-VSE SpEd

Shari Sunne-FAE Grade 2

Billie Taylor-RBE Grade 2

Connie Van Den Oever-RBE Kindergarten

Todd Williams-CO Operations Manager



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The Brandon Valley UPFRONT depicts and discusses programs that are in progress in the Brandon Valley Schools and are of interest to all members of the community. Additional copies are available upon request. Community suggestions and contributions to its contents are invited.

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