

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6

REGULAR MEETING

January 11, 2016

President Steve Smith called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Hanson, Harder, Kjelden, Nelson, Rix, Smith and Weismantel. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principals A. Schwan and B. Schwan, and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Nelson, second Kjelden to approve the agenda with the following amendments: under New Business Item #2a – approve hiring Robin Meyer as part-time custodian and Item #2b – approve public school exemption. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Rix to approve all consent agenda items as follows: North Central Special Ed Coop school of record agenda items, December 14th minutes, and bills. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary – 167,826.28; FIT – 18,263.82; Medicare – 6,356.02; FICA – 27,177.16; Sun Life Supplemental – 501.01; American Funds Service Co. – 702.40; Washington National – 98.40; SD Retirement – 26,812.20; First National Bank HSA – 100.00; Waddell & Reed – 1,216.54; Horace Mann – 318.51; Thrivent – 205.80; AFLAC – 2,216.49; Delta Dental – 4,226.10; SD Supplemental Retirement – 1,230.80; SDSBF Basic Life – 73.15; Wellmark BCBS – 55,847.00; A&B Business – supplies, 13.00; Academy Trophy – trophies, 89.00; Acme Tools – supplies, 107.22; Agency Fund – advance payments, 17,955.92; Kristi Anderson – supplies, 51.07; Boston Fern – flowers, 51.94; BSN Sports – warm-ups, 184.00; Carquest Auto Parts – supplies, 173.22; City of Groton – utilities, 11,984.55; Cole Papers – paper, 2,160.00; Days Inn – debate lodging, 182.00; Dependable Sanitation – services, 1,238.00; G&K Services – rug services, 430.06; Geffdog Designs – fundraiser shirts, 1,286.82; Groton Area Chamber of Commerce – dues, 490.00; Groton Chiropractic – physical, 95.00; Groton Daily Independent – legal notice, 15.16; Beth Gustafson – class fee, 30.21; Dylan Hanson – reimburse fees, 43.25; Hillyard – supplies 965.05; JW Pepper – music, 248.47; James Valley Telecommunications – phone services, 829.45; Kampa Construction – services, 405.00; Matheson Tri-Gas – supplies, 259.28; McLeod's – tax forms, 163.79; Mid-American Research Chemical – ice melt, 1,232.35; NCS Pearson – online subscriptions, 598.50; Northwestern Energy – natural gas, 3,883.51; Olson Backhoe & Trenching – services, 1,105.56; Otis Elevator – repairs, 612.95; QQP/Midstates – supplies, 296.14; Riley Bus Service – sh ch charter, 1,984.00; Rivar's – costumes, 301.74; SD Federal Property Agency – supplies, 22.50; SDHSAA – wr coach penalty, 50.00; Sewer Saver – repairs, 571.43; Taylor Music –supplies/repairs, 148.35; TruGreen – fb field services, 2,308.60; Twin Valley tire – filters, 410.46; US Postal Service – stamps, 98.00; Walmart – supplies, 118.37. Total General Fund - \$366,365.60.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: A&B Business – calculator, 149.92; Agency Fund – adv pmts, 8,347.71; Hauff Mid-America – singlet, 156.80; Junior Library Guild – elem lib books, 549.00; Marco – copier leases, 1,978.17; Matheson Tri-Gas – equipment, 1,218.47; Pearson Education – elem math curriculum, 28,263.27; Taylor Music – instruments, 3,020.00. Total Capital Outlay - \$43,683.34.

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SPECIAL ED: Net Salary – 26,537.73; FIT – 2,494.29; Medicare – 1,003.40; FICA – 4,290.34; Sun Life Supplemental – 152.92; SD Retirement – 4,456.52; Waddell & Reed – 250.00; AFLAC – 409.66; Delta Dental – 845.22; SD Supplemental Retirement – 200.00; SDSBF Basic Life – 14.63; Wellmark BCBS – 11,666.00; Agency Fund – adv pmts, 177.38; Avera St. Luke's – services, 7,373.97; Patron – parent mileage, 458.64. Total Special Ed - \$60,330.70.

ENTERPRISE: Food Service Net Salary – 6,525.75; FIT – 382.12; Medicare – 227.62; FICA – 973.36; SD Retirement – 682.38; AFLAC – 54.22; SDSBF Basic Life – 2.66; Wellmark BCBS – 1,372.00; A&B Business – supplies, 2.60; Agency Fund – adv pmts, 178.94; CWD – food/supplies, 1,346.11; Dean Foods – dairy products, 946.60; Earthgrains – bakery products, 154.30; G&K Services – linen serv, 340.72; L.L. Harder/Hobart – parts, 340.80; Mid-American Research Chemical – supplies, 242.82; Reinhart – food/suppl, 1,955.44; SD DOE/CANS – processed commodities, 79.61; Sysco – food/suppl, 984.46; US Foods – food/suppl, 1,503.68. Total Food Service -- \$18,296.19. OST Net Salary – 1,600.69; FIT – 55.51; Medicare – 54.62; FICA – 233.34; SD Retirement – 162.26; AFLAC – 135.98; SDSBF Basic Life – 1.33; Wellmark BCBS – 604.00; Agency Fund – adv pmts, 331.73; Geffdog Designs – fundraiser shirts, 2,403.71. Total OST - \$5,583.17. Total Enterprise Funds - \$23,879.36.

AGENCY FUND: Total - \$72,238.72.

RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes – 790,567.58; Other Local Sources – 75,960.17; County Sources – 4,632.29; State Sources – 4,760.00; Federal Sources – 28,925.57. Total Receipts - \$904,845.61.

Members of the public were allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members wishing to speak, the board moved on with their remaining agenda items.

Weber and J. Schwan presented the mid-year financial report, agency report, transportation report and school lunch report.

Moved by Harder, second Weismantel to approve the transportation and school lunch reports as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Nelson, second Harder to approve the financial report and agency report as presented. Motion carried.

Dave Bergeron and Mike Hubbard from Foster, Jacobs and Johnson, Incorporated gave a presentation on long-term facilities planning for the school district. No action was taken.

Building, Grounds and Transportation committee members reported the results of their meeting to review specifications for a new bus. The committee will consider reviewing the bus specs and awarded bid amount for a similar bus that was recently awarded to the Wolsey School District. By state law Groton Area could purchase the same bus as Wolsey without the expense of the bid process as long as the bus is purchased within a year of the date it was bid by another school (Wolsey). No action was taken.

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The board acknowledged first reading of recommended policy changes to AC – Nondiscrimination in Federal Programs (Amend); AC-E(1) Nondiscrimination in Federal Programs Complaint Form (New); AC-E(2) Nondiscrimination in Federal Programs Appeal to Superintendent Form (New); AC-E(3) Nondiscrimination in Federal Programs Appeal to School Board (New); ACAA – Sexual Harassment (Amend); ACAA-E(1) Sexual Harassment Complaint Form (New); ACAA-E(2) Sexual Harassment Complaint Appeal to Superintendent (New); ACAA-E(3) Sexual Harassment Complaint Appeal to School Board (New); BBE – Unexpired Term Fulfillment (Amend); BDDC – Agenda Preparation and Dissemination (Amend); CIA – Principal Evaluations (New); EBCD – Emergency Closings (Amend); GBAA – Veterans Preference (New); GCD – Professional Staff Hiring (Amend); GCN – Professional Teaching Staff Evaluation (Amend); JHG – Reporting Child Abuse (Amend); JO – Student Records (Amend); JO-E(1) – Student Records Notice of Rights (Amend); JOA – Student Directory Information (Amend); JOA-E(1) – Student Records Notice of Rights (Amend); JOA-E(2) – Student Directory Information Opt Out (Amend); KL – Complaint Against School Employee (Amend); KL-E(1) – Complaint Against School Employee Report Form (New); KL-E(2) – Complaint Against School Employee Appeal to Superintendent (New); KL-E(3) Complaint Against School Employee Appeal to School Board (New)

The board reviewed a draft copy of the 2016-17 School Calendar. Moved by Nelson, second Kjelden to approve the 2016-17 School Calendar with a change of date for the Elementary School Concert from December 9th to December 21st. Motion carried.

The following items were discussed in administrative reports: School to be cancelled on Thursday January 14th for a staff member funeral, education funding proposals, Highway 37 project meeting, special education accountability review, HS instrumental music position being advertised, capital outlay budgeting, OST and PAC updates, math curriculum review, Child Identification Program, Northern Electric Cooperative presentation to 5th grade, Student Council Holiday Drive, dual credit courses, instructional leadership opportunities for staff, W-2s and ACA forms and banking update.

Moved by Weismantel, second Kjelden to set April 12, 2015, as Annual School Board Election Day and authorize Weber to designate election officials and voting precincts at Andover, Bristol, Columbia and Groton. Motion carried. Three-year terms expiring are Dorene Nelson, Lars Hanson and Merle Harder. The earliest date to circulate a petition for school board is January 29th.

Moved by Nelson, second Rix to approve the resignation of Julie Erdmann as Junior High Volleyball Coach effective at the end of the season pending a suitable replacement can be found. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Nelson to hire Robin Meier as a custodian on a part-time basis for \$11.00 per hour for 20 hours per week. Motion carried.

The board acknowledged receipt of public school exemption #16-06 for a student in grade 11.

Principal A. Schwan requested consideration of district paid National Association of Secondary School Principals dues. Moved by Nelson, second Harder to approve as requested. Motion carried.

The board postponed their review of bid specifications to the January 25th meeting.

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Moved by Kjelden, second Weismantel to go into executive session at 9:00 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for a personnel issue. Motion carried.

President Smith declared the board out of executive session at 9:13 pm.

Moved by Nelson, second Kjelden to adjourn. Motion carried.

M. J. Weber, Business Manager

Steven R. Smith, President

The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official.

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