

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

REGULAR MEETING

April 24, 2017

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Gengerke, Harder, Kjelden, Rix, Smith, and Weismantel. Absent: Fjelstad. Others present: Superintendent J. Schwan, Principals A. Schwan and B. Schwan and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Weismantel, second Kjelden to approve the agenda with one amendment under New Business Item #5a – approve resignation from Cindy Fadness. Motion carried.

There were no potential conflicts of interest reported.

Members of the public were allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. Bob Swisher addressed the board about the failed MS/HS Bond election. He felt that one of the reasons the vote failed was because patrons did not have an opportunity to vote on the elementary remodel project. He presented a computer rendering of a different elementary design concept and held it up for the live stream public to view as an option to the concept the school district has already approved and begun work on. He thanked the board for their time.

The board listened to program presentations from K-12 Special Education Teachers, Cindy Fadness, Julie Erdmann, Meri Erickson, Nicole Johnson and Katie Miller. Presentations were also given by K-5 Title/RtI Instructors, Bonnie Schimmel, Jill Helvig and Lynette Grieve.

It was reported that by the Personnel, Policy & Curriculum committee that meetings had begun with an elementary parent committee for Class of 2028 students.

The following items were discussed in Administrative Reports: elementary project update, open teaching positions, highway 12 and 37 projects, Class of 2028 committee meetings, timelines for staff contracts and salary negotiation completion, elementary health fair, SBAC testing, track and field day May 17th, DARE graduation, Kindergarten visitation, Tage Taylor honored at All Dakota High School Art Exhibition, HS health fair, MS Talent Show, MS/HS PAC after-prom and concession stand discussion and election update.

School Board Election results were canvassed by the official board of canvassers. An abstract of election results was made, signed and certified under the seal of the Business Manager. A copy is on file in the business office.

With the failed bond vote official, the board discussed the potential next steps in addressing the facility needs of the 1934 MS/HS Building. Various issues were discussed including repairing the interior of the existing building while leaving the 1934 frame intact, and a timeline for a potential future bond issue vote to replace the entire structure. The board will be seeking public input. No action was taken.

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Repair options for bus #09 with 68,000 miles were discussed. The vehicle has two burned cylinders with an estimated repair cost of \$15,000. A new International engine with 2-year warranty would cost \$24,000. A new Cummins engine with 5-year warranty would cost \$28,500. Building, Grounds and Transportation committee members will look into the issue before recommending a repair option for next years' budget.

Moved by Rix, second Weismantel to amend the 2016-17 bus driver agreement for Brian Gravatt to reflect a new agreement from April 18th to the end of the school year. Motion carried.

Considerations for allowing Cindy Fadness early retirement provisions beyond the March 1 requirement were discussed. No action was taken.

Moved Harder, second Rix to accept letter of resignation from Special Education Teacher Cindy Fadness, effective at the end of the 2016-17 school year. Motion carried.

Moved Kjelden, second Weismantel to accept letter of resignation from MS/HS Principal Anna Schwan, effective at the end of the 2016-17 school year. Motion carried 5-1 with Gengerke voting no.

The board took a short recess at 9:10 pm. The board returned from recess at 9:30 pm.

Moved by Harder, second Rix to go into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel and SDCL 1-25-2(4) for negotiations. Motion carried.

Smith declared the board out of executive session at 10:08 pm.

Moved by Rix, second Gengerke 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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