

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

REGULAR MEETING

March 28, 2017

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

Moved by Kjelden, second Weismantel to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

There were no potential conflicts of interest reported.

During the Open Forum for Public Participation Cory Barber spoke about the lack of competitive bid process for the MS/HS construction manager position. He stated that he is voting no on the bond issue and he encouraged others to do so. Bob Swisher stated that he is voting no on the MS/HS bond issue and he is upset that the public did not have a chance to vote on the elementary remodel project. He also stated that he did not like the building design plans.

The board heard presentations from Food Service Manager Chuck Padfield, Transportation Supervisor Loren Bahr, Custodial Supervisor Mike Nehls, and Wellness and Health Services Coordinator Beth Gustafson.

No committee reports were given.

Items discussed in Administrative Reports included: Elementary Project update, possible community cracker barrel session on the MS/HS bond issue and other community presentations, food service administrative review, ASBSD Protective Trust Meeting regarding health and workmen compensation insurance, legal request for records regarding the elementary and MS/HS construction projects, open teaching positions, school law seminar, election updates, SD Principals conference, elementary field trips, Elementary PAC School Musical, Prom, standardized testing and Social Science Curriculum Review.

Music teachers Cody Swanson, Desiree Yeigh and Austin Fordham presented information regarding the Show Choir's proposed trip to Orlando of February 15 through February 20, 2018.

Superintendent Schwan reported on the need to appoint a school/parent committee to facilitate open discussion and review of data pertaining to the current 1st grade class of 2028 and its academic and social progress and to make recommendations the committee believes to be in the best interest of these students and the district to the school board. Eleven parents were in attendance and all were in favor of the formation of the committee. President Smith appointed the committee as presented.

Moved by Weismantel, second Kjelden to approve resignation of Bus Driver, Brian Gravatt, effective April 15, 2017. Motion carried.

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Smith read a letter from St. John's Lutheran Preschool requesting the use of a school bus to travel to the Watertown Zoo on May 3, 2017. Moved by Harder, second Gengerke to approve the request with normal bus mileage charges. Motion carried.

The board took a short break to enjoy ice cream cake from Chuck Padfield.

After the break it was moved by Gengerke, second Weismantel to go into executive session at 8:45 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel issues, SDCL 1-25-2 (2) for student issues and SDCL 1-25-2(4) for negotiations. Motion carried.

Smith declared the board out of executive session at 9:30 pm.

Moved by Harder, second Rix to approve hiring Brandon Clocksene as Food Service Director for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried.

Moved by Kjelden, second Weismantel to approve open enrollment #17-26 for a student in grade 6 and #17-27 for a student in grade 2 from the Aberdeen School District. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, 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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