

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

REGULAR MEETING

March 9, 2020

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Fliehs, Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Weismantel, second Gengerke to approve the agenda with two amendments as follows: under New Business Item 1a – hear presentation to purchase water bottle fillers and New Business Item #7a – hire student custodian. Motion carried.

Pursuant to SDCL 23-3, there was no potential conflict disclosure reported.

Moved by Pharis, second Harder to approve all consent agenda items as presented: District minutes of February 10, 2020 and February 19, 2020, bills, financial reports, agency accounts and investments, transportation and lunch reports. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary – 182,366.99; FIT – 15,839.08; Medicare – 6,809.22; FICA – 29,115.40; American Funds – 542.80; SDRS – 28,758.58; HSA Contribution – 100.00; Waddell & Reed – 1,440.00; Horace Mann – 1,177.61; Thrivent – 250.00; AFLAC – 3,375.04; Delta Dental – 3,880.46; SD Supplemental Retirement – 802.29; Wellmark – 58,449.00; Standard Life – 635.82; Avesis Vision – 262.34; Advance Auto Parts – supplies, 127.41; Agency Fund – advanced pays, 26,889.49; Amazon Capital – supplies, 52.06; AmericInn Pierre – lodging, 141.99; AmericInn SF North – lodging, 3,168.00; Chester Area Schools – fee, 250.00; Cintas – rug service, 531.40; Cole Papers – supplies, 5,230.20; CWD – supplies, 105.25; Dakota Electronics – repair, 157.00; Dependable Sanitation – service, 1,238.00; East River Plumbing – repairs, 271.58; Eide Bailly – audit fee, 3,505.60; Austin Fordham – meals, 57.97; Adam Franken – supplies, 68.95; Geffdog – clothing, 1,605.63; Kristen Gonsoir – meals, 48.59; Governor’s Inn – lodging, 246.00; Grandstay Hotel – lodging, 146.00; Groton Area Food Service – refunds, 196.58; Groton Area District – Medicaid fee, 132.05; Groton Autoworks – repairs, 662.68; Groton Chiropractic – physical, 95.00; Groton Daily Ind. – printing, 123.82; Hanlon Brothers – gravel, 750.00; Chelsea Hanson – supplies, 256.50; Hillyard – supplies, 455.58; Interstate Battery – batteries, 38.56; JW Pepper & Sons – music, 6.94; Ken’s – fuel, 6,272.86; Matheson Tri-Gas – supplies, 633.03; Mid-American Research Chemical – supplies, 943.87; Mike-N-Jo’s – repairs, 716.25; MJ’s Sinclair – fuel, 126.33; North Central Special Ed – assessment, 5,500.00; Northwestern Energy – utilities, 3,807.22; Todd Peterson – services, 25.00; Prorate Services – testing, 375.00; S&S Lumber – supplies, 79.95; Saddleback Education – books, 306.77; Jodi Schwan – services, 25.00; Joseph Schwan – gas, 29.77; Stan Houston Equip – supplies, 268.04; Cody Swanson – refunds, 829.32; Taylor Music – supplies, 30.89; TIE – workshop, 150.00; Lindsey Tietz – refund, 46.52; Desiree Yeigh – meals, 30.75. Total General Fund - \$400,560.03.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: A&B Business – copy fee, 1,937.08; Agency Fund – advance pays, 3,456.38; Amazon – books, 326.42; Connecting Point – service, 300.00; Rebecca Erickson – refund, 10.88; House of Glass – doors, 4,540.00; Scholastic – books, 112.50. Total Capital Outlay - \$10,683.26.

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SPECIAL ED: Net Salary – 28,535.20; FIT – 2,274.64; Medicare – 1,055.50; FICA – 4,513.20; SDRS – 4,596.24; Waddell & Reed – 200.00; AFLAC – 907.33; Delta Dental – 707.34; SD Supplemental Retirement – 100.00; Wellmark – 10,729.00; Standard Life – 205.23; Avesis Vision – 74.24; Avera St Luke's – PT/OT, 10,901.52; NCSE Coop – assessment, 32,195.17; Judy or Gene Williamson – mileage, 529.20; Nikki Wright – mileage, 252.00. Total Special Ed - \$97,775.81.

ENTERPRISE: Food Service Net Salary – 6,194.85; FIT – 393.82; Medicare – 218.44; FICA – 933.86; SDRS – 662.10; AFLAC – 254.96; Wellmark – 1,526.00; Standard Life – 3.84; Avesis Vision – 51.61; Agency Fund – advance pays, 1,590.60; Cintas – kitchen aprons/towels, 61.34; CWD – food, 1,709.37; Dean Foods – milk, 940.26; Earthgrains – food, 277.32; Reinhart – food, 3,449.22; US Foods – food, 2,907.32; Wordware – software, 1,814.00. Total Food Service – \$22,988.91. OST Net Salary – 1,901.49; FIT – 126.18; Medicare – 67.98; FICA – 290.62; SDRS – 231.34; AFLAC – 163.93; Wellmark – 671.00; Standard Life – 23.28; Agency Fund – advanced pays, 203.88. Total OST - \$3,679.70. Total Enterprise Funds - \$26,668.61.

AGENCY FUND: Total - \$52,130.79.

RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes – 159,044.29; Other Local Sources – 156,433.97; County Sources – 2,081.84; State Sources – 110,444.00; Federal Sources – 34,433.76; Total Receipts - \$462,437.86.

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

Superintendent Schwan presented an updated 2020-21 school calendar. Moved by Gengerke, second Pharis to approve said calendar with the following changes: move school start date to August 25, 2020 with teacher in-service on August 19 and 20, school picnic on August 20, last day for students on May 17, 2021 and last day for teachers on May 18, 2021. Motion carried.

Superintendent Schwan discussed possible amendments to the 2019-20 school calendar related to make-up days. Moved by Weismantel, second Fliehs to amended said with last day for students on May 21, 2020 and last day for teachers on May 22, 2020. Motion carried.

The following topics were addressed in administrative reports: HS Mathematic open position, Coronavirus issues, legislative session update, SDCNA progress, Dual Credit update, ACT testing, Beyond Zero Tolerance training and election update.

Sara Schuster addressed the board about adding water bottle fillers in the Arena and concession lobby area. She has obtained a quote for all costs and has secured community fundraising, exceeding the expense of the project. Some donors have requested a company logo be placed near the fillers. Moved by Pharis, second Weismantel to approve the project with donor advertising. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Harder to approve resignation/retirement of Darlene Johnson, High School Teacher, upon completion of the 2019-20 contract, with request for summer checks to be paid in June. Motion carried.

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Head Custodian Mike Nehls requested permission to campaign for office of Brown County Commissioner. Moved by Gengerke, second Harder to approve his campaigning. Motion carried.

The following bids from the 2:15 pm school bus bid opening was read as follows: Harlow's Bus Sales - \$82,156.13, North Central Bus & Equipment - \$84,395.00 and IState Truck Center - \$85,250.00. Motion by Weismantel, second Harder to approve the low bid from Harlow's. Motion carried.

The following bids from the 2:00 pm mower tractor bid opening was read as follows: Green Iron Equipment - \$20,018.62 less trade-in of \$10,000 and RDO Equipment - \$20,497.72 with no trade value listed. Motion by Weismantel, second Rix to approve the low bid from Green Iron Implement. Motion carried 5-1 with Fliehs abstaining.

Weber reported on District property/liability and workmen's compensation insurance policies and the need to make coverage changes. Moved by Harder, second Pharis to advertise for bids and schedule a bid opening for April 13, 2020 at 2:00 pm. Motion carried.

The board reviewed SD Department of Health Food Service Inspections of February 25, 2020, for Groton Area Elementary and Groton Area High School. The elementary received a rating of 100 and the high school scored 99.

Moved by Gengerke, second Fliehs to approve lane change for Carrie Weisenburger from MS to MS+15, effective on the 2020-21 teaching contract. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Harder to hire Hannah Gustafson as student custodian for \$9.45/hour. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Rix to approve signed administrative contracts for 2020-21. Motion carried.

The board took a short recess at 8:28 pm and returned at 8:32 pm.

Moved by Rix, second Harder to go into executive session at 8:32 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) for personnel issue (Superintendent Evaluation) and SDCL 1-25-2(4) for negotiations. Motion carried.

President Smith declared the board out of executive session at 9:58 pm.

Moved by Harder, second Weismantel 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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