

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

REGULAR MEETING

April 14, 2020

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. The meeting was held on-line via Zoom. Roll call attendance of members present included: Fliehs, Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel. Others present were Superintendent J. Schwan, Principals B. Schwan, Business Manager Weber, staff members Austin Fordham, Desiree Yeigh, Paula Johnson, Brandon Clocksene, Sarah Hanten, and official newspaper editor Paul Kosel.

Moved by Weismantel, second Gengerke to approve the agenda with two amendments under Old Business 1a – approve March 23, 2020 minutes and under New Business #10 add SDCL 1-25-2(2) for a student issue as another item for executive session. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote with members Fliehs, Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel voting aye.

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

Moved by Rix, second Pharis to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: District minutes of March 9, 2020 and April 2, 2020 25 and bills. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote with members Fliehs, Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel voting aye.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary – 175,711.49; FIT – 15,651.30; Medicare – 6,650.46; FICA – 28,436.20; American Funds Service Co. – 542.80; SD Retirement – 28,763.56; HSA Contribution – 100.00; Waddell & Reed – 2,940.00; Horace Mann – 1,177.61; Thrivent – 250.00; AFLAC – 3,373.17; Delta Dental – 3,880.46; SD Supplemental Retirement – 802.29; Performant Recovery, Inc. – 115.31; Groton School Lunch Donation – 138.52; Wellmark – 58,449.00; Reliastar Life – 635.37; Avesis Vision – 262.21; Advance Auto – parts/oil, 1,293.05; Agency Fund – advanced pays, 26,117.28; Allied Climate Professionals – repairs, 2,119.92; Amazon – supplies, 1,131.68; Chris Arment – services, 60.00; City of Groton – permit, 175.00; Shelley Coats – scoring, 1,200.00; Cole Papers – supplies, 1,105.36; Roger Colestock – services, 120.00; Dependable Sanitation – garbage, 1,238.00; Dollar General – supplies, 40.86; Kristi Ekern – services, 985.00; Groton Chiropractic – physical, 95.00; GDI – legals, 242.80; Groton Rescue – donation, 500.00; Justin Hanson – services, 60.00; Hillyard – supplies, 1,904.01; Mike Imrie – services, 1,020.00; Interstate – batteries, 241.96; JW Pepper – music, 366.05; Bary Keith – services, 60.00; Ken's – fuel, 6,636.17; McLeod's – supplies, 106.20; NASSP – dues, 385.00; Northside Implement – repairs, 9,007.15; Northwestern Energy – utilities, 1,038.51; Otis Elevator – services, 1,301.76; Reporter & Farmer – printing, 32.15; SD Dept of Labor – unemployment claim, 230.00; SDHSAA – rule book, 192.00; Stan Houston – supplies, 111.36; Cody Swanson – expenses, 92.59; Taylor Music – music, 285.04; Trent Traphagen – services, 75.00; Martin Weismantel – services, 1,375.00. Total General Fund – \$388,823.65.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: A&B Business – print contract, 1,583.01; Agency Fund – advanced pays, 2,320.22; Allied Climate professionals – equipment, 2,577.03; Amazon – drives, 940.26; Dakota Supply – repairs, 1,081.65; NSU – textbooks, 254.38. Total Capital Outlay – \$8,756.55.

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SPECIAL ED: Net Salary – 27,749.65; FIT – 2,273.52; Medicare – 1,032.38; FICA – 4,414.28; SD Retirement – 4,587.78; Waddell & Reed – 200.00; AFLAC – 961.93; Delta Dental – 707.34; SD Supplemental Retirement – 100.00; Wellmark – 10,729.00; Reliastar Life – 205.23; Avesis Vision – 74.24; Agency Fund – advanced pays, 59.22; Dollar General – supplies, 13.50; Judy/Gene Williamson – mileage, 352.80. Total Special Ed – \$53,460.87.

ENTERPRISE: Fund 51-Net Salary – 5,467.72; FIT – 360.20; Medicare – 193.66; FICA – 828.12; SD Retirement – 604.54; AFLAC – 256.83; Wellmark – 1,526.00; Reliastar Life – 3.84; Avesis Vision – 51.74; Agency Fund – advanced pays, 539.58; Cintas – services, 61.34; CWD – food, 2,920.91; Dean Foods – milk, 935.09; Earthgrains – food, 70.35; Reinhart – food, 5,815.58; US Foods – 3,287.18. Total Fund 51 – \$22,922.68. Fund 53-Net Salary – 1,580.71; FIT – 106.72; Medicare – 56.76; FICA – 242.66; SDRS – 196.50; AFLAC – 163.93; Wellmark – 671.00; Reliastar Life – 23.28; Agency Fund – advanced pays, 310.90. Total Fund 53 - \$3,352.46. Total Enterprise – \$26,275.14.

AGENCY FUND: Total – \$47,347.99

RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes – 143,156.46; Other Local Sources – 97,738.26; County Sources – 1,856.75; State Sources – 1,587.82; Federal Sources – 6,320.52. Total Receipts – \$250,659.81.

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

Moved by Pharis, second Rix to approve March 23, 2020 minutes. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote with members Fliehs, Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel voting aye.

Moved by Harder, second Fliehs to approve financial report, agency accounts and investments. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote with members Fliehs, Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel voting aye.

Moved by Weismantel, second Fliehs to approve the school transportation and lunch reports. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote with members Fliehs, Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel voting aye.

Superintendent Schwan reported on COVID-19 issues related to the school district. No action was taken.

The following topics were discussed in administrative reports: Federal Paid Leave Act, state funding, flexible learning plans, Kindergarten roundup and visitation cancelled, school through May 21st with laptop returns, proposed graduation dates, food services meals, SDCNA, Dual Credit registration, E-Learning, elementary book study, Cares Act award, election update and unemployment claims.

Superintendent Schwan discussed Summer 2020 Driver's Education. The two-week classroom presentation would be held on-line. The six hours on driving time would commence in July. No action was taken.

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The board reviewed health insurance options for 2020-21. Moved by Harder, second Weismantel to offer the following single/family deductible plans: \$1,000/\$2,000, \$2,000/\$4,000 and \$3,000/\$6,000 HSA. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote with members Fliehs, Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel voting aye.

Moved by Fliehs, second Pharis to renew ASBSD Protective Trust Agreement for Health Insurance for 2020-21. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote with members Fliehs, Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel voting aye.

Weber read Property/Liability and Workers Compensation bids from the bid opening on April 13th as follows: Property/ Liability – EMC Insurance, \$92,006; Workers Compensation - First Dakota Indemnity, \$32,474 and Nationwide through ASBPT, \$26,587. Moved by Harder, second Gengerke to accept bid from EMC Insurance for Property/Liability Insurance and ASBPT for Worker's Compensation Insurance for 2020-21. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote with members Fliehs, Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix, Smith voting aye and Weismantel abstaining.

Moved by Gengerke, second Weismantel to authorize membership in the SDHSAA for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote with members Fliehs, Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel voting aye.

Moved by Gengerke, second Rix to approve resignation of Whitney Berner at the end of the 2019-20 school year. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote with members Fliehs, Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel voting aye.

Moved by Rix, second Harder to approve resignation of Cody Swanson at the end of the 2019-20 school year. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote with members Fliehs, Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel voting aye.

The board held discussion about advertising a full or part-time music vacancy or eliminating the position altogether. Moved by Harder, second Weismantel to advertise a full or part-time music position for 2020-2021. Motion carried 5-2 on a roll call vote with members Fliehs, Harder, Rix, Smith and Weismantel voting aye and Gengerke and Pharis voting nay.

Moved by Rix, second Gengerke to approve lane change for the 2020-2021 contract of Julie Erdmann from MS+30 to MS+45. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote with members Fliehs, Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel voting aye.

The board took a short recess at 8:48 pm and returned at 8:52 pm.

Moved by Gengerke, second Harder to go into executive session at 8:53 pm for personnel issues pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1), negotiations pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(4) and a student issue pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(2). Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote with members Fliehs, Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel voting aye.

President Smith declared the board out of executive session at 9:33 pm.

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Moved by Gengerke, second Fliehs to approve open enrollment #20-13 due to special circumstances. Motion carried 6-1 on a roll call vote with members Fliehs, Gengerke, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel voting aye and Harder voting nay.

Moved by Fliehs, second Gengerke to hire Greg Kjellsen as HS Math Teacher for 2020-21 with salary to be published in July. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote with members Fliehs, Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel voting aye.

Moved by Rix, second Weismantel to issue 2020-21 teacher contracts with a return date of April 24, 2020 with final terms to be negotiated at a later date. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote with members Fliehs, Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel voting aye.

Moved by Pharis, second Harder to issue 2020-21 off-staff coaching agreements with a return date of April 24, 2020 with final terms to be negotiated at a later date. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote with members Fliehs, Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel voting aye.

Moved by Weismantel, second Rix to adjourn at 9:37 pm. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote with members Fliehs, Gengerke, Harder, Pharis, Rix, Smith and Weismantel voting aye.

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M. J. Weber, Business Manager

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Steven R. Smith, President

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

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