

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

REGULAR MEETING
September 8, 2025

President Rix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the GHS Library Conference Room. Members present: Fliehs, Lerseth-Fliehs, Weber, and Weismantel. Absent: Strom and Harder. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principal Edwards, Principal B. Schwan, and Business Manager Hubsch.

Moved by Weismantel, seconded by Fliehs, to approve the proposed agenda. Motion carried.

Hubsch recognized that the Oath of Office statement would be read to Travis Harder for a three-year term as a school board member at a later date.

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

Moved by Fliehs, seconded by Weismantel to approve consent agenda items August 11, 2025, board minutes, and August 2025 financial reports, bills, lunch report, transportation, lane change for Brittany Hubbart from MS to MS+15, and open enrollment applications #26-09, #26-10, and authorize business manager to pay district bills up to \$75,000 in advance, using the custodial advance payment account to be approved by the board for reimbursement at the following regular board meeting. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary 273,921.65 Net Benefits 73,605.85; A&B Business Solutions – staples, 338.52; Aberdeen Awards – golf/cross country awards, 419.00; Amazon – supplies, 118.09; Anderson Garage Doors – replace garage door, 400.00; ARCC – marching band fee, 50.00; ASBSD Worker's Comp – work comp, 21,074.40; ASBSD – registration fees, 1,025.00; Boston Fern – homecoming flowers, 325.00; Building Sprinklers – sprinkler inspections, 800.00; Cole Papers – janitor supply, 465.07; Custodial Fud – advanced payments, 5,021.60; Dependable Sanitation – garbage, 1,404.00; Dollar General – teacher's lounge supply, 104.34; EMC Insurance Company – insurance, 13,705.67; Greg's Repair – tire repair, 322.80; Groton Area Food Service – open house food, 683.81; Groton Chiropractic – DOT Physical, 125.00; Groton Daily Independent – legal printing, 633.94; Hillyard – janitor supplies, 7,832.12; House of Glass – keys, 25.28; Rebecca Hubsch – van title/meals, 67.01; JW Pepper – vocal music, 358.26; James Valley Telephone – telephone/repairs, 984.45; Travis Kurth – gas, 67.09; Locke Electric – repairs, 2,984.81; National Association for Music Education – dues, 127.00; Northwestern Energy – utility, 17.00; Olson's Pest Control – bat inspection, 125.00; Kristi Peterson – cardstock, 12.94; Petty Cash, Kristi Peterson – refund to patron, 75.00; QBS LLC – recertification Safety-Care, 1,598.00; S&S Lumber – supplies, 1,700.12; School Specialty – supplies, 2,728.10; SDASBO – fall conference, 100.00; Sheraton – travel, 695.00; Sherwin Williams – FB field paint, 41.36; Sheyenne Transport – repairs, 772.94; Sperry Tree Service – tree trimming, 250.00; Stan Houston Equipment – mini excavator rental, 487.50; Wageworks – admin fee, 93.50. Total General Fund - \$415,686.22.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: A&B Business – managed print agreement, 2,045.73; Amazon – equipment, 673.75; Bahr Spray Foam – Crows Nest, 7,178.76; Cole Papers – extractor, 4,119.64; Custodial Fund – advanced payments, 1,163.53; Daktronics – FB Field Sound System, 54,671.00; Hanlon Brothers – crushed gravel, 343.62; Hauff Mid-America – equipment, 904.40; Houghton Mifflin Harcourt – 2nd grade curriculum, 146.99; Literacy Resources – elementary curriculum, 18,034.55; Locke Electric – crow’s nest, 8,000.00; McGraw-Hill – textbooks, 5,301.79; Menards – sump pumps, 453.94; NCS Pearson – aimsweb add-ons, 185.25; Ringneck Construction – crows nest, 16,715.19; Savvas – textbooks, 346.98; School Specialty – equipment, 1,126.72; Taylor Music – band folders/marching sticks, 230.00. Total Capital Outlay - \$121,641.84.

SPECIAL EDUCATION: Net Salary 31,710.93 Net Benefits 9,900.55 ASBSD Worker’s Comp – work comp, 4,478.31; Schwab Audiology – student exam/hearing aids, 585.00; Parent – mileage, 470.40. Total Special Education - \$47,145.19.

ENTERPRISE: Net Salary 3,080.70, Net Benefits 1,115.17 Food Service: Amazon – freezer alarm, 31.98; ASBSD Worker’s Comp – work comp, 526.86; East Side Jersey Dairy – milk, 892.63; Groton Area School – transfers to pay student fees, 66.45; Hillyard – dish detergent/rinse aid, 1,045.62; Performance Foodservice – food, 4,670.68; Pye Barker Fire Safety – inspections, 763.00; US Foods – food, 4,355.08. Total Food Service - \$23,862.74.

ENTERPRISE OST: Net Salary 8,429.74, Net Benefits 819.18, Amazon – supplies, 179.40; ASBSD Worker’s Comp – work comp, 263.43; Churchill, Manolis, Freeman, Kludt, Shelton – OST Collections fees, 129.69; Custodial Fund – advanced payments, 1,068.00. Total OST: \$10,889.44.

ENTERPRISE DRIVERS ED: Net Salary 1,200.00, Net Benefits 163.79.

CUSTODIAL: 70,301.16

Members of the public are allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no members present, the board continued with the agenda.

Program overview presentations were provided by the music department, Josh Friez and Landon Brown, and the health and PE department, Kyle Gerlach and Lynette Grieve.

The board conducted its second reading of recommended policy changes. Moved by Fliehs, seconded by Weismantel, to approve the following policies: ABAC Relations with Parents (Amendment), DLC Expense Reimbursements (Amendment), DLC-R Expense Reimbursements (Amendment), EEA-R Student Transportation Services: Chartered Transportation (New), JNB Delinquent Student Fees, Fines, and Charges (New). Motion carried.

The following items were discussed in administrative reports: J. Schwan: Provided an update on the comprehensive property task force; the Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation Committee met on August 27 and began analyzing a preliminary list of improvement needs; the Request for Proposal will be considered tonight for a formal evaluation of the Groton Area Middle/High School Facility. The District enrollment is currently at 568 students, comprising 266 elementary, 139 middle school, and 163 high school students. Beginning September 1st, ETS is offering a new, updated version of the ParaPro Praxis Exam called Para Pathways. The District will use this assessment for auxiliary staff who choose to get certified and be eligible for the \$200 incentive for completing the program. This year, certified staff will be using a hybrid CPR training, where they will conduct class time online, and then test out on the skills portion of the test with Mrs. Gustafson. Protective Trust Risk

Assessment will be at the school on September 22 for the annual risk assessment meeting. The Personnel Record Form opens this week and is due by October 15, and Mr. Schwan will be participating in the SASD Executive Board meeting in October.

B. Schwan gave the board an update on his software program, going cloud-based for the OST program. In February, Dr. Pirlet will provide professional development for K-12 educators on connecting context to content standards, creating deeper, more meaningful learning experiences for students. Additionally, the 1003 grant is being finalized, which will help cover the costs of professional development and afterschool tutoring for our EL students.

S. Edwards noted technology issues. All students and staff now have their devices and can access the new science and social studies curriculum. However, they are experiencing problems with the NWEA MAPS assessment, which Mr. Helvig is currently addressing. Two Northern professors will be visiting the end of the month to tour the Health Science lab, and Ms. Edwards hopes to create a future partnership that will enhance our students' hands-on learning.

B. Hubsch presented a year-in-review overview of 2025 to the board.

Moved by Fliehs, seconded by Weber, to approve re-assignment of Landon Brown from Show Choir Advisor to School Play Advisor at \$2,340. Motion Carried.

Moved by Lerseth-Fliehs, seconded by Weber, to approve the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Facilities Master Planning. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, seconded by Lerseth-Fliehs, to adjourn at 8:04 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 7 am in the library conference room.

Becky Hubsch, Business Manager

Grant Rix, President

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

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