



## Red Alert in Groton!

You could say that there will be a big Red Alert in Groton on Wednesday morning, Aug. 24. The Brown County Emergency Management Office, in cooperation with the Groton Area School District, will be having a mock drill for a full scale active shooter exercise.

According to Scott Meints, director of Brown County Emergency Management, the exercise will run from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on August 24th. The agencies involved are the Groton Area School District, Groton Police Dept., Groton Fire and Rescue, BC Emergency Management, BC Sheriff and the SD Highway Patrol.

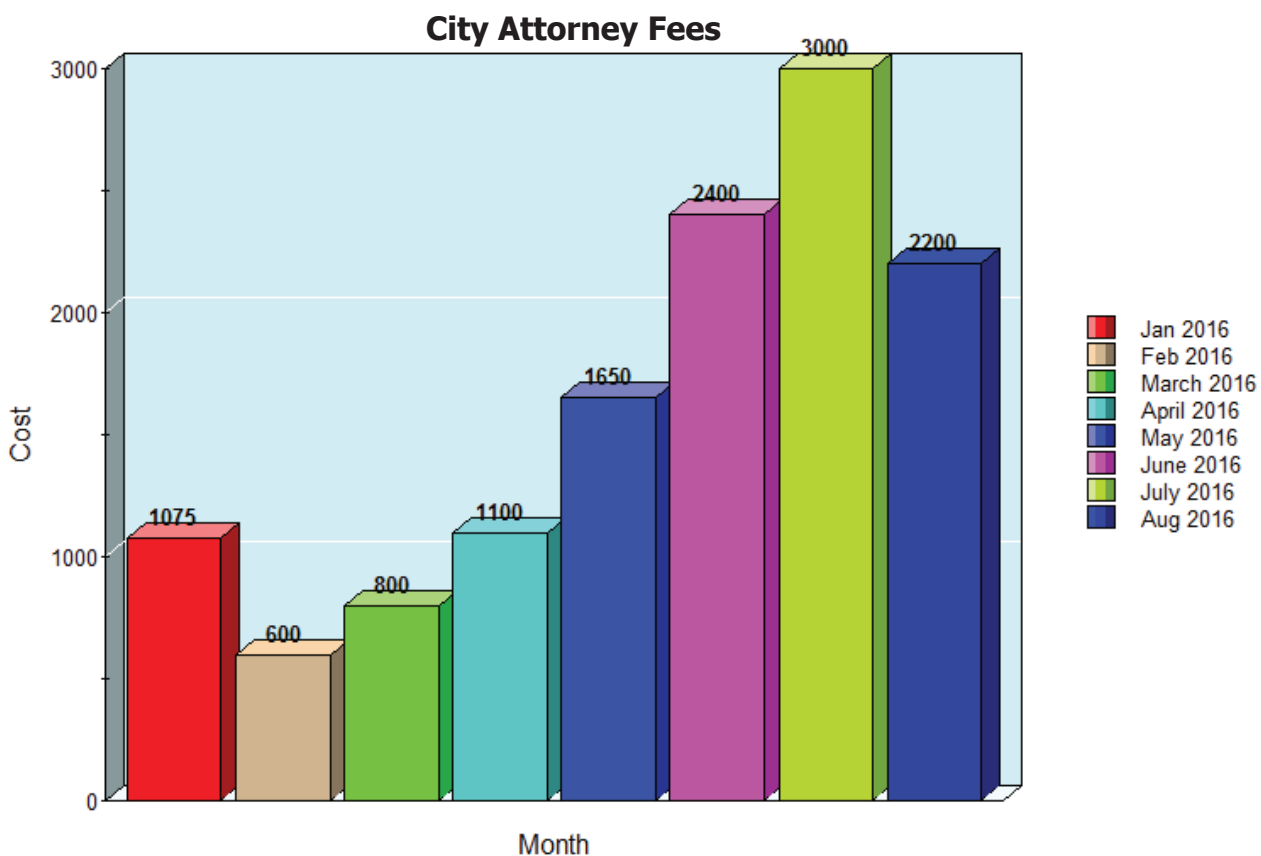
Meints said the purpose of the exercise is, "to familiarize appropriate agencies: with the community, intent to conduct an interagency exercise, their roles, and responsibilities in planning and execution, and the capabilities of the community to respond to an incident."

"Evaluators will be on hand from other school districts, law enforcement, and fire/rescue to provide feedback on items that were executed correctly or items that need improvement."

## City defending attacks on two fronts costs nearly \$5,000

The city of Groton has been engaged in a double front attack, resulting in escalating attorney fees as the city attorney defends the city. According to official minutes published in the Groton Independent, city attorney, Drew Johnson, charged the city a low of \$600 in attorney fees in February (January billing). Even April's billing of \$1,100 is close to the 2.5 year average of \$1,077. But then came the Dollar General Store challenge and Betty Breck's complaints. The June billing (May services) climbed to \$2,400 and escalated to \$3,000 in July (June services). The Breck complaints were deemed unmerited (except for one that the city will have to defend in the open meetings commissions hearing) and the Dollar General Store challenge was settled. The August billing dropped to \$2,200 for the July services. Based on the 2.5 year monthly average, the last four months have cost city taxpayers an additional \$5,000 in attorney fees.

Breck has filed a third complaint against the city, alleging that the council took official action in executive session. Breck also filed a request with the state's attorney office to reconsider the following issues: Arbitrarily denying public participation at an open public meeting, failure to cite specific law to close public meeting, failure to vote on motion and discussion items not specified in the closure motion.



## Customer Appreciation and Check-R-Board Days

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## Girls win soccer season opener

Groton's girls soccer team opened its season Sunday in Groton with a 5-0 win over Garretson. Devan Howard had four saves as the goalie. Scoring for the Tigers were Regan Leicht with two goals, Harleigh Stange with three goals and one assist, Katie Koehler and Allyssa Locke each had one assist and Emily Locke had two assists.

## Two golfers place at first meet

The boys golf team went to Volga on Tuesday where Landon Marzahn and Cade Guthmiller both placed in the top 15. Marzahn placed seventh with a score of 83 and Guthmiller placed 11th with a score of 87.

Groton Area placed fourth as a team with Roncalli taking first with 320 points followed by Sisseton with 334, Sioux Valley 346, Groton Area 358, Milbank Area 396, Brookings JV 418 and Redfield-Doland 457.

Others participating for Groton Area were Sean Schuring with a score of 93 and Hunter Schaller with a score of 95

## Coming up this week

Soccer teams at Belle Fourche on Friday and at St. Thomas More on Saturday. Monday is MS/HS schedule change day. Tuesday is the faculty inservice with a picnic at the GHS Gym at 5 p.m. followed by the elementary open house at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday is faculty inservice with the first day of school on Thursday, Aug. 25. The NEC boys golf will be held at Sisseton on Aug. 25 at 10 a.m. with the first volleyball match at Deuel that same night. The football team kicks off its season on Aug. 26 at Oakes.

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The removal of the top soil for the new Dollar General Store began yesterday. In related action, the Groton City Council passed a resolution to lower the speed limit on Main Street between US 12 and 11th Ave. to 15 mph. It officially begins 20 days after publication. It was also reported at the city council meeting the complaints against Dollar General have been settled.

In other city action news, the council approved the wine license to be transferred from Kellie Townsend to Paula Kokales. Paula will be taking over as the new owner of Olde Bank Floral 'n More.

The 2017 budget was presented and the city council will have a special meeting on Monday to go over the budget.

The building permit form was reviewed with a few changes to be done to it and then presented later to the city council for approval.



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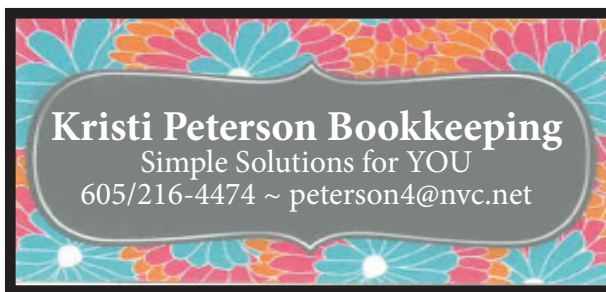
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The gravel was put down on the site of the new Dollar General Store on Tuesday. According to Tyler Oliver of Colby Capital, the developer for the building, the expected opening date for the Dollar General Store in Groton is December 20, 2016. Oliver said that the only change to the original plans is to have a white vinyl fence instead of a wood one.

## GROTON LIONS CLUB

Groton Lions Club had its August monthly meeting, Thursday evening. New president, Dave Pigors, led the business session. Business included The annual breakfast served Saturday and Sunday mornings, Sept 10-11, at the Andover threshing show. Troy Lindberg is chairman of this project. That same Saturday, Sept 10, is the annual fall rummage sale, chaired by Michelle Mullenburg. There was a discussion project on a possible legacy project, requested by Lions International. Larry Wheeting presented information on the 4-H sales at Brown county fair. A monetary donation was made to this project. Punt, Pass and Kick will be held again, after the parade, on Homecoming, Sept. 30. Michelle again chairs this project at thhe school. Nancy Larsen, secretary; has sent in the necessary information to apply for the club excellence award. Lee Schinkel received this international award last year, as an individual club member. Justin Olson and Topper Tastad will handle the homecoming float. Peace poster contest materials have been ordered. Lee and Joseph Schwan chair this project. Lee introduced Justin Bell, and proposed him for membership. Justin was voted on, and accepted as a new member.



## Finnesand/Pottratz Engaged

Sarah Finnesand and Tanner Pottratz, Sioux Falls, are engaged and plan to marry October 29, 2016, at the Augustana Chapel in Sioux Falls. Sarah is a Registered Nurse in the NICU at Sanford Health in Sioux Falls. Tanner is employed at Construction Products and Consultants in Sioux Falls. Parents of the couple are Iver and Mary Finnesand, formerly Groton, and Todd and Jizele Pottratz, Sioux Falls.



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## Westport Town August 1 Meeting

Town of Westport General Meeting

August 1st, 2016  
The Town of Westport met on August 1st, 2016 with Tim Selzer, Shane Storm, Mike Wilson, Doreen Hertel, and 10 community members present.

The following expenses were presented:

- City General NWPS (\$200.78), Groton Independent (\$20.23), EDDIE's Northside- Gas (\$55.00), Brown County Treasurer -Mosquito spraying (\$586.80), Michaela Podoll (\$ 298.93), & JGE (\$9.11).
- Sewer NWPS (\$42.22), NRWA -loan repayment (\$210.13)
- Water WEB (\$965.80), Dept. of Revenue (\$30.00), Clark Engineering (\$1,823.75) & Water Maintenance District (\$321.43).

Shane Storm made motion to pay all bills; second by Tim Selzer.  
The following deposits were presented:

- City General Brown County Collections (\$272.49), State of SD (\$6,333.44), Building Permits (\$20.00) & Interest (\$18.58).
- Sewer Resident Payments - (\$1,652.50).
- Water Resident Payments - (\$3,499.31).

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
The budget for 2017 was presented and approved.

The board will be working on letters to send to property owners for clean-up and mowing of property.

The board decided to have signs put up on the west side of County road 10 across from the Shed, which will say no parking. Because of safety concerns that were presented.

A mowing contract with the church was signed for mowing of the church side of the cemetery for \$40.00 an hour.

There will be a new rental agreement for the town hall to be filled out at time of reserving the hall. The rates for the Hall will be \$35.00 with no heat or \$110.00 with heat per day.

SDPAA has made some recommendations for loss prevention. The board will move forward on some of the items such as purchase of fire extinguishers and reflective safety vest.

The next meeting will land on Labor Day so it was decided to move the date of the next meeting to September 12th at 7:00.

A public concern was addressed about putting up of the street signs that are missing or fallen down. The board will try to locate and put them in. The city is also recommending that home owner put up house numbers on each of their homes. It was discussed how the FedEx and other deliveries are going to the wrong houses.

Doreen Hertel, Finance Officer  
Published once at the total approximate cost of \$23.64. 12704

## Brown County Jones Rezoning Notice

**NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL AND THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION**

**REGARDING A PETITION TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY**

A public hearing will be held by the Aberdeen City Council and the Brown County Commission on the 23rd day of August 2016, beginning at 8:45 a.m. in the Brown County Commission Chambers, 25 Market Street, to consider the petition filed by Alex Jones, to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (A-1) Agricultural District to (M-AG) Mini-Agricultural District, said property being described as follows:  
Lots 1-3, Jones Family Sub-division in the NW ¼ of Sec 27-T124N-R64W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (12810 385th Ave)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present testimony and comments pertaining to the petition to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the above described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, each board may adopt first reading of Ordinance #16-08-01/458 granting petition to amend Ordinance No. 1164 and granting the petition to rezone said property. Dated this 1st day of August 2016.

ATTEST: Karl Alberts, Finance Officer  
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor (0810.0817)  
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## Brown County Goldade Rezoning Notice

**NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL AND THE BROWN COUNTY COMMISSION**

**REGARDING A PETITION TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY**

A public hearing will be held by the Aberdeen City Council and the Brown County Commission on the 23rd day of August 2016, beginning at 8:45 a.m. in the Brown County Commission Chambers, 25 Market Street, to consider the petition filed by Chris Goldade, to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the following described property from its present zoning designation of (C-2) Highway Commercial District to (M) Municipal, State, and County Use District, said property being described as follows:  
Lot 3, East Highway 12 Addition in the NE ¼ of Sec 22-T123N-R63W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, SD (5850 Hwy 12 E)

The public is invited to attend the hearing and to present testimony and comments pertaining to the petition to amend Ordinance No. 1164 to rezone the above described property. At the conclusion of the hearing, each board may adopt first reading of Ordinance #16-08-03/459 granting petition to amend Ordinance No. 1164 and granting the petition to rezone said property. Dated this 1st day of August 2016.

ATTEST: Karl Alberts, Finance Officer  
Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor (0810.0817)  
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## Claremont Town August 9 Meeting

Claremont Town 8-9-16

The Board of Trustees for the Town of Claremont met on 8-9-16 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall.

President Johnson called the meeting to order with Trustees Merkel and Crosby present.

The minutes of the July meeting were read and on a motion by Merkel and seconded by Crosby, approved as read.

On a motion by Crosby and seconded by Merkel the following warrants were allowed:

- General: Dept. of Revenue, 1/2 malt bev. transfer, \$75.00; James Valley, phone, 83.99; Missi Smith, mowing, 17.5 hours, 161.61; Holland Auto, gas for mowing, 12.52; Br. Co. Auditor, mosquito spraying, \$942.84; NWE, lights, 334.54; Charla Rye, wage, 300.00; Charla Rye, concrete/masonry seal, 6.23; Dept. of Revenue, package beer license, 100.00.

WSSW: Dept. of Revenue, water sample, 15.00; BDM, water used, 805.90; NEW, water and sewer, 340.56; Robin Crosby, meter reading, 138.52; SD Assoc. of Rural Water, annual dues, 320.00; Rural Development, loan payment, 576.00.

The recommendations of the Safety Benefits for the firehall, pump house and garage for the city were discussed and dates set for updates set.

The lot owned by Rick and Carla Pahl was again discussed. The board has been notified that it may be purchased by another individual and cleaned up.

Al noted that the road grader has a low tire. Board agreed to contact Matt Zastrow for repair.

At 7:30 representatives for the walking path and interested parties entered the meeting. They were there to discuss the future of the path. After some discussion, the trustees held a vote on the motion by Crosby and seconded by Merkel to deny the walking path. The vote was 3-0 to not allow the walking path. At that time the representatives left the meeting.

With no further business before the board, a motion by Merkel to adjourn and seconded by Crosby was made. Motion carried.

CRye, FO  
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## Frederick Area School

### August 8 Meeting

OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-2  
AUGUST 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order on August 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Rich Schlosser. Members present Alex Hart, Eric Sumpston, Jon Ellwein and Dan Nickelson. Others present were Knute Reiersen, Deb Klapperich, Brock Pashen and Cam Shock.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action 16-21 Motion by Sumpston second by Ellwein to approve the agenda. All aye, carried.

Cam Shock from Climate Control presented an overview of the condition of the heating and cooling systems of the buildings. Plans and proposals for continued management and maintenance were discussed.

Exit Cam Shock at 7:25 pm.

Continued discussion was held. Additional maintenance and training services will be requested from Climate Control during the custodian transition period.

Action 16-22 Motion by Nickelson second by Hart to approve the consent agenda which included the following items:

A. Minutes  
B. Financial Statements as presented.

Bills All aye, carried.  
FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL, AUGUST CLAIMS

GENERAL FUND: ABERDEEN AMERICAN NEWS, INC., AD, 383.17; ABERDEEN LOCK AND KEY, KEYS, 8.52; BONN EXPRESS, GAS, 80.35; CLASSROOM DIRECT, SUPPLIES, 81.54; CLIMATE CONTROL INC., REPAIRS, 4,474.45; COLE PAPERS, INC., SUPPLIES, 365.08; CRAWFORD TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT, REPAIRS, 1,899.56; DAKOTA ELECTRONICS, FEES, 20.00; DEMCO, INC, SUPPLIES, 115.68; FARMERS UNION OIL ELLENDALE, REPAIRS, 87.57; FARNAM'S GENUINE PARTS INC, REPAIRS, 219.42; GROTON INDEPENDENT, INC, PRINTING, 198.30; HANDWRITING WITHOUT TEARS, SHIPPING, 396.55; JAMES VALLEY COOP. TELE. CO., TELEPHONE, 235.37; KLAPPERICH, DEBORAH, FEES, 10.00; KULLY SUPPLY, INC., REPAIRS, 153.00; LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, 314.95; MAC'S INC., REPAIRS, 42.53; MCFARLAND SUPPLY CO, INC., REPAIRS, 17.12; MCGRAW HILL COMPANIES, SUPPLIES, 318.43; MCPHERSON COUNTY HERALD, AD, 7.60; MENARDS ABERDEEN, REPAIRS, 261.63; MIDWEST PUMP & TANK, REPAIRS, 109.31; PEARSON EDUCATION INC., SUPPLIES, 377.12; PLANK ROAD PUBLISHING, INC, SUPPLIES, 136.45; POMP'S TIRE SERVICE, INC, REPAIRS, 51.00; RUNNING'S SUPPLY INC., SUPPLIES, 42.15; SD TEACHER PLACEMENT CENTER, DUES, 420.00; SDASBO, FEES, 50.00; SHOP PBS-PBS HOME VIDX 609EO, SUPPLIES, 64.24; SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE OF AMERIC, MAGAZINES, 212.97; US GAMES, SUPPLIES, 32.94; BEST WESTERN RAMKOTA HOTEL, LODGING, 259.98; BIOZONE CORPORATION, SUPPLIES, 184.15; BONN EXPRESS, FUEL, 38.00; COLE PAPERS, INC., SUPPLIES, 981.99; DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP, BATTERIES, 142.06; DIVISION OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION, FEES, 86.50; DOWNES, RICK, LABOR, 599.30; ELLENDALE TRUE VALUE, REPAIRS, 27.33; FARNAM'S GENUINE PARTS INC, REPAIRS, 97.65; FIRST NATIONAL BANK, POSTAGE, 13.51; FYI, PRINTING, 2,200.00; HAUFF MID-AMERICA SPORTS, GAME BALLS, 605.45; LEO J HORNER, FEES, 601.00; MATHESON TRI-GAS INC., FEES, 470.94; MCFARLAND SUPPLY

CO, INC., SUPPLIES, 55.04; MENARDS ABERDEEN, REPAIRS, 288.06; PANTORIUM CLEANER INC., FEES, 30.55; POMP'S TIRE SERVICE, INC, REPAIRS, 117.20; RUNNING'S SUPPLY INC., REPAIRS, 13.74; SCHOLASTIC CLASSROOM MAGAZINE, SUPPLIES, 264.66.

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, PRINTING, 595.03; ABERDEEN ASPHALT, INC., ASPHALT, 15,320.00; BYTESPEED LLC, CERSOMPUP, 32,395.00; CLIMATE CONTROL INC., EQUIPMENT, 3,952.00; JM ELECTRIC INC., LIGHTS, 5,690.00; M-F ATHLETICS, EQUIPMENT, 414.09; MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., ELEC, 1,852.62; NASP INC., EQUIPMENT, 150.00; PEARSON EDUCATION INC., CURRICULUM, 14,472.32; PRAIRIE BUILDERS, SIDEWALKS, 10,000.00; TOWN OF FREDERICK, WATER, 259.68; BIOZONE CORPORATION, TEXTBOOKS, 85.95; KARL'S TV AUDIO APPLIANCES, EQUIPMENT, 670.00.

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: ABERDEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT #6-1, FEES, 8,000.00; AVERA ST LUKES, FEES, 1,480.08; CAMBIUM LEARNING, INC, SOFTWARE, 439.70; DALLMANN, JENNIFER, MILEAGE, 20.16; HEINEMANN PUBLISHING, SOFTWARE, 284.22; JESSICA KINGSLLEY PUBLISHERS, SPPLIES, 29.44; MCGRAW HILL COMPANIES, SUPPLIES, 408.19; PEARSON EDUCATION INC., SOFTWARE, 502.24.

FOOD SERVICE: BEST WESTERN RAMKOTA HOTEL, LODGING, 263.97; DOWNES, SHERYL, MILEAGE, 115.08; GUNTHER, FAYE, MILEAGE MEALS, 177.08.

Salaries: General: Adm. & Teachers, 97,164.97; Support, 2138.92; SS & Med, 22,696.20. The following benefits and salaries are included in the above totals. General: SDRS, retirement, 8887.51; Delta Dental, ins. 1163.25; AFLAC, insurance, 347.76; SDRS Supplemental, retirement, 357.50; VSP, Vision, ins, 150.27; Security Benefit, retirement, 282.50; American Funds, retirement, 1282.50; Reliastar Life Ins., ins, 149.25; Wellmark, ins, 13,126.94; Jon Ellwein, board salary, 61.72; Jeff Forsting, board salary, 65.08; Alex Hart, board salary, 116.72; Dan Nickelson, board salary, 110.00; Richard Schlosser, board salary, 122.60; Eric Sumpston, board salary, 65.08. Special Ed: Teachers, 8731.92; SS & Med, 1937.68; SDRS, retirement, 772.10; AFLAC, insurance, 15.99; Delta Dental, ins, 146.99; Reliastar Life Ins, ins, 1.39; SDRS Supplemental, retirement, 250.00; VSP, insurance, 29.73; Wellmark, ins, 1339.06. Food Service: VSP, insurance, 22.64.

The following reports were given at this time:

A. Knute Reiersen - Superintendent  
B. Brock Pashen - AD

Action 16-23 Motion by Sumpston, second by Nickelson to accept the contract of Justin Brotzel, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, \$2562.50 and to accept the employment agreements of Michelle Sumpston, Paraprofessional, \$12.00/hour and Scott Gilbertson, Head Custodian, \$16.00/hour. All aye, carried.

Action 16-24 Motion by Sumpston second by Hart to authorize Superintendent Knute Reiersen and Board President Richard Schlosser to sign the Petition for Hearing and Report of Trustees in the Matter of the Trust of Ovid J. Stevens and return to Rodney Freeman for the Circuit Court filing. All aye, carried.

Action 16-25 Motion by Sumpston, second by Ellwein to accept the home school applications of family A and family B. All aye, carried.

Action 16-26 Motion by Ellwein, second by Hart to declare the items listed on 8-A-16 as surplus and authorize the business manager to dispose of them. All aye, carried

Action 16-27 Motion by Sumpston, second by Nickelson to enter into the Emergency School Bus Mutual Assistance Pact and to appoint Lance Podoll, John Brotzel and Marty Morlock as designated contacts. All aye, carried.

The teacher appreciation supper was discussed. Due to scheduling conflicts this was tabled for the time being.

The status of summer projects was discussed.

A 2016-17 budget for the FYI was presented and reviewed.

No thank yous and congratulations were motioned.

Action 16-28 Motion by Sumpston, second by Ellwein to adjourn. All aye, carried.

Chairman  
Business Manager  
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## Brown County Aug. 9, 2016 Meeting

AUGUST 9, 2016 - GENERAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by Commission Chair Kippley at 8:45 A.M. in the Commissioner's Chambers, Courthouse Annex, Brown County, SD. Present were Commissioners Hansen, Sutton and Fjeldheim. Commissioner Fischbach was absent. Commissioner Fjeldheim led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve the General Meeting Minutes of August 2, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to approve the following claims:

Payroll: Commission \$5,069.97; Auditor \$7,819.03; Treasurer \$13,061.17; States Attorney \$19,519.54; Blood Draws \$600.00; SVAWA Grant \$1,892.08; Maintenance \$7,441.15; Assessor \$13,305.69; Register of Deeds \$9,082.95; Veterans Service Office \$4,224.92; GIS \$2,261.47; Information Technology \$8,214.76; Human Resources \$1,601.80; Sheriff Admin \$35,477.53; Jail \$39,881.77; JDC \$27,827.55; Welfare Office \$3,581.57; Museum \$7,942.50; Parks & Fairgrounds \$6,954.88; Fair Board \$4,972.29; 4-H \$420.16; Weed \$4,706.08; Planning and Zoning \$1,826.02; Highway \$50,903.37; Communications \$21,467.31; Emergency Management \$3,903.03; Teen Court \$567.00; 24/7 \$3,291.38; Landfill \$12,468.68.

Matching Benefits: FICA \$18,881.51; Medicare \$4,415.86. Insurance: SD Public Assurance Alliance \$101.00.

Professional Fees: Aberdeen Lions Club \$500.00; Aberdeen Rural Firefighters \$1,500.00; Bad Hamster \$2,500.00; Karin Bartell \$300.00; Bob & the Beachcombers \$500.00; Greg Bohn \$150.00; Joy Braun \$300.00; Marsha Braun \$300.00; Br. Co. Old Time Tractor Pull Assoc. \$1,200.00; Chris Janson \$45,000.00; Dakota Pedal Pulls \$525.00; Dakota Running Irons \$1,500.00; Pat Dennert \$300.00; Ric Dias \$300.00; Phyllis Donat \$300.00; Marilee Engelbrecht \$100.00; Amy Engelhart \$300.00; Becky Erickson \$300.00; Doug Farrand \$300.00; Karelyn Farrand \$300.00; Lisa Fedeler \$100.00; Wayne Fischer \$150.00; Linda Gengerke \$300.00; Susan Gerlach \$300.00; Ann Gibbs \$300.00; Greg Gilbertson \$400.00; Carol Green \$300.00; John Gupman \$150.00; Gwen Hansen \$300.00; Carol Hein \$300.00; Morgan Hower \$100.00; Hub Area Habitat for Humanity \$1,000.00; Linda Huettl \$300.00; Duane Jark \$60.00; Tyler Jensen \$150.00; Delaney Johnston \$300.00; Darae Jones \$300.00; Janelle Klapperich \$300.00; Korkow Rodeos \$27,500.00; Robert Kramer \$150.00; Florence Kraus \$300.00; Lew's Fireworks \$1,000.00; Dustin Lynch \$60,000.00; Keith Raymond \$150.04; MercyMe \$40,000.00; Karen Mikkelsen \$300.00; Montgomery Gentry \$55,000.00; Susan Nelson \$1,000.00; Northern Electric \$300.00; Kathy Novstrup

\$30.00; NSU Rugby Team \$3,000.00; NSU Women's Swim Team \$5,500.00; Jake Owen \$100,000.00; Pauer Sound & Music \$10,000.00; Dave Pearson \$200.00; Dr. Sarah Preszler \$30.00; Grant Raml \$400.00; Shane Ringdahl \$150.00; Romeo Entertainment \$15,000.00; Mysty Schaanaman \$200.00; Ellen Schlosser \$30.00; Alicia Schmitz \$30.00; Cindy Schnabel \$30.00; SD Nurse's Assoc. Dist. 4 \$1,000.00; SD Snow Queen Festival \$1,500.00; Sheltered Reality \$600.00; Sherlock Studios \$3,303.36; Sherwin Linton \$2,000.00; Sidewalk Prophets \$15,000.00; Ashley Smith \$30.00; Canaan Smith \$7,800.00; Evalyn Smith \$30.00; Kierston Sombke \$30.00; SD Stockdog Assoc. \$2,000.00; Spotslam \$2,653.00; Diann Steinhauer \$30.00; Stunt Dog Productions \$7,500.00; Theatrical Media Services \$38,000.00; Linda Thurston \$30.00; WCC Enterprises \$3,100.00; Garret Weber \$150.00; Amy Weismantel \$30.00; Adam Wirt \$200.00; Tayler Wolff \$830.00; Karen Wolter \$30.00; Craig Zimprich \$200.00; Aberdeen Advanced Care Ambulance \$172.37; Avera St. Luke's \$2,088.42; Henry Buckland \$2,500.00; Certified Languages \$501.60; Ryan S. Dell \$496.80; Dohrer Law Office \$598.00; Mark Katterhagen \$15.00; Kuck Law Office \$1,170.65; Lucy Lewno \$105.46; LexisNexis \$125.00; Lincoln Co. Treasurer \$228.63; NECOG \$2,000.00; Jerry Pollard \$45.00; Richardson, Wyly, Wise, Sauck \$956.80; Sanford Clinic \$294.39; Sanford Health \$579.85; SD Dept. of Revenue & Regulation \$698,443.94; SD DOT \$1,073.54; Christy Serr Law Office \$867.62; Siegel, Barnett & Schutz \$497.04; Kristi Spitzer \$1,135.00; Jennifer Stoddard \$1,861.16; Karen Swanda \$15.00; Taliaferro Law Firm \$611.80; Mitch Vilhauer \$903.94; Joni Wileman \$40.00; Yankton Co. Sheriff \$100.00; Yankton Co. Treasurer \$232.50.

Publishing: Dakota Broadcasting \$222.22; K-Love \$500.00; Groton Independent \$184.53; Hub City Radio \$2,300.00.

Rentals: Brick's Roto-Rooter \$10,300.00; Fire Safety First \$325.00; Gompf Display \$1,755.00; Kyburz-Carlson Construction \$300.00; Street Smart Rental \$5,400.00; T & K Rentals \$13,950.00; Vision Communications \$1,942.00.

Repairs & Maintenance: B & B Contracting \$7,219.56; Henry Buckland \$3,500.00; Consolidated Ready Mix \$500.00; Crawford MS & F \$147.89; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$2,667.23; Dakota Electronics \$1,294.19; DMI \$11,650.25; Ecolab \$137.37; Grote Roofing \$127.55; Helms & Assoc. \$2,560.00; HF Jacobs & Son \$6,252.76; Holloway Construction \$25,500.00; House of Glass \$3,924.96; JDH Construction \$31,272.10; Jebro \$11,239.71; Mac's \$5.04; Midwest Pump & Tank \$146.29; Pauer Sound & Music \$36.00; PowerPlan \$7,934.57; Productivity Plus \$147.73; RDO Equip. \$2,590.25; Ringgenberg Electric \$1,607.15; Sheehan's \$3,928.23; Taylor Laundry \$49.83; Woodman Refrigeration \$3,351.40.

Supplies: Acoustic Smoke \$2,800.00; Phil Baker \$1,500.00; Bob & the Beachcombers \$2,950.00; Br. Co. Treasurer \$1,280.00; Frederick Inflation Theater \$350.00; Dale Jones \$950.00; Korkow Rodeos \$4,500.00; Lew's Fireworks \$4,000.00; Keith Raymond \$3,649.96; Martin Davis \$3,000.00; Mogen's Hero's \$900.00; PRCA \$2,800.00; Sherlock Studios \$696.64; Canaan Smith \$12,200.00; Sound Exchange \$4,250.00; Theatrical Media Services \$18,000.00; Robby Vee \$3,000.00; WCC Enterprises \$2,500.00; A & B Business \$245.64; Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce \$120.00; Artz Equipment \$620.92; Bakken Building Maint. \$500.00; Br. Co. 4H Leader's Assoc. \$5,350.00; CarQuest \$1,618.05; Cartney Bearing \$59.75; Century Business Products \$306.39; Crawford MS & F \$127.77; Crawford Trucks & Equip. \$4,271.61; Dakota Electronics \$7,484.00; Dakota Oil \$533.18; DSG \$73.71; Dean Foods \$513.47; DMI \$705.45; Earthgrains \$912.20; Farnam's \$152.00; Fastenal \$611.43; Ferguson Enterprises \$86.94; Forterra Concrete \$17,520.00; Full Circle Ag \$1,212.71; Galls \$816.26; Geffdog \$594.27; Gov-Connection \$205.50; Great Plains Fire \$407.59; Hanten's Repair \$551.76; Hedahl's \$59.77; House of Glass \$107.76; Hub City Radio \$1,000.00; Jebro \$136,163.77; Ken's SuperFair Foods \$130.74; L & O Acres Transport \$2,034.73; Lien Transportation \$60,486.72; Mac's \$83.44; Menards \$367.61; Midwest Pump & Tank \$1,827.92; NCFE - Warner Elevator \$17,024.67; PowerPlan \$3,467.74; Productivity Plus \$294.75; Quality Welding \$7.66; Quill \$279.32; Running's \$894.37; Sheehan's \$2,740.85;

Sherwin Williams \$414.08; Taylor Laundry \$1,628.00; Walth Safety Service \$498.65; Zastrow's \$74.33.

Travel and Conference: Karin Bartell \$22.55; Greg Bohn \$45.95; Joy Braun \$15.40; Marsha Braun \$22.25; Marilee Engelbrecht \$22.05; Lisa Fedeler \$88.50; Wayne Fischer \$65.50; John Gupman \$99.50; Gwen Hansen \$26.15; Morgan Hower \$132.00; Tyler Jensen \$77.50; Darae Jones \$28.80; Robert Kramer \$111.00; Karen Mikkelsen \$31.15; Dave Pearson \$112.50; Grant Raml \$57.00; Shane Ringdahl \$47.50; Ashley Smith \$16.60; Diann Steinhauer \$21.20; Garret Weber \$89.00; Adam Wirt \$113.50; Craig Zimprich \$70.50; Mary Baird \$165.44; Neil Bittner \$20.13; Sue Gates \$124.08; Patricia Kendall \$41.36; Mark Milbrandt \$217.00.

Utilities: Aberdeen City Treasurer \$1,366.64; AT & T \$225.00; BDM Rural Water \$35.00; CenturyLink \$48.14; Economy Propane \$87.55; Midcontinent \$151.26; North Star Energy \$139.02; NWPS \$1,437.25; NVC \$2,876.93; Town of Frederick \$48.00.

Other: SDACO \$1,222.00. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve the following employee step increases, effective August 14, 2016: Scott Kolb @ \$23.74 per hour, Sherri Rawstern @ \$17.13 per hour, Brandon Black @ \$19.77 per hour. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve employee classification change for Tracy Madsen from States Attorney Secretary to Legal Secretary II @ \$16.78 per hour, effective June 19, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve request to fill vacancy in the Communications Center in anticipation of a resignation later in August. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve overtime for the 4-H Office Secretaries during the Fair, August 15 - 21, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve hiring the following as part-time Fair Employees, effective August 15, 2016 @ \$14.61 per hour: Sherri Rawstern, Kathy Fischer, Roberta Nichols, Mariann Malsam, Heather Koens, Nick Rhodes, Gaylene Harr, Sara Swisher, Stacy Hallenbach, Dave Engraf and Lynn Heupel. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve hiring the following as part-time Fair Security Officers, effective August 15, 2016 @ \$20.00 per hour: Kyle Stoddard, Mel Arnold, Brady Berg, Robert Graham, Brad Jung, Jeff Neal, Gavin Larsen, Mike Wiese, Justin Parsons, Aaron Chittum, Jeff Carlson, Brent Koens and Dan Bray. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve hiring the following part-time Fair Sanitation Employees, effective August 15, 2016 @ \$14.18 per hour: Jan Erickson, Mavis Kempf, Julie VanDover. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve hiring the following part-time Fair Sanitation Employees, effective August 15, 2016: Gabby Laimer and Kenzie Thielen @ \$13.00 per hour; Olivia Thielen, Katherine Uittenbogaard, Jessica Anderson @ \$11.50 per hour; Katie Dawson, Paige Waytashek, McKenzie Murtha, Errol Hochestetler, Alexis Tappe, Bethany Corsswait, Taylor Kane, Ryan Barker, Carly Brousek, Jaycie Gerding, Drake Nelson, Jillian Conrad, Brooke Berger @ \$10.50 per hour (with two additional to be added if needed). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FIREWORKS PERMIT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following Fireworks Public Display Permit: Lew's Fireworks Inc. (Brown County Fair Board) for a Fireworks Display to be held on August 20, 2016 at the Fairgrounds. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. EM STATE & LOCAL AGREEMENT: Moved by Hansen, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Emergency Management State and Local Agreement, with SD OEM providing grant funding in amount to be determined to be used for salary and administrative costs related to the operation of the Brown County Emergency Management during FFY 2017 (October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

OPERATING TRANSFER: Moved by Hansen, seconded

by Sutton to approve and authorize the following operating transfer from the General Fund #101-5.911.191 in total amount of \$1,109,375.00 to the Road and Bridge Fund #201-4.371 @ \$1,109,375.00, as reflected in the 2016 General Fund Budget. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

INCREASE SPENDING AUTHORITY/ESTIMATED REVENUE: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to increase spending authority and estimated revenue in the following fund for unanticipated reimbursement for expenditures: Fund #201-4.334 @ \$112,153.80 and #201-4.339 @ \$259,281.66 (revenue) and #201-5.311.425.17 @ \$371,435.46 (BR 319 Crow Creek Structure expenditures). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PLAT: Commissioner Hansen offered the following Resolution: RESOLUTION #60-16. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Brown County, South Dakota, that the plat showing "Klipfel Subdivision in the N 1/2 Sec 14 and NE 1/4 and NW 1/4 of Sec 8-T128N-R65W of the 5th P.M., Brown County, South Dakota" having been examined is hereby approved in accordance with the provisions of SDCL 11-3, and any amendments thereof. Seconded by Commissioner Fjeldheim. Roll call vote: Commissioners Hansen-aye, Sutton-aye, Fischbach-absent, Fjeldheim-aye, Kippley-aye. Resolution adopted.

SHERIFF REPORTS: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve the following July 2016 Sheriff Reports: Incidents and offenses, Prisoner care, JDC, and Money deposited with the County Treasurer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Sutton to approve and authorize the Chair sign agreement, submitted by Garner Hansen DBA Dakota Entertainment for lease of the Club House on August 6, 2016. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACTS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the following contracts for the 2016 Brown County Fair: NB Golf Cars (golf carts) @ \$13,375.00; Piles of Smiles Entertainment (face painting) @ \$1,700.00; Celtic Faire and Games (Gate A Security) @ \$1,000.00; ShowClix Event Operations Agreement (scanning equipment) no charge; Dakota Motorsports (utility side by sides) @ booth space. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

NORTHEASTERN MENTAL HEALTH CENTER: Northeastern Mental Health Center representatives Susan Kornder and Lisa German presented center statistics and related information in regard to the 2017 NEMHC Budget request.

APPLICATIONS FOR OCCUPANCY: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve applications, submitted by CenturyLink for occupancy of the following Brown County Highways: #13 in Sec 22-T124N-R63W, Sec 27-T124N-R63W, Sec 34-T124N-R63W, Sec 33-T124N-R63W; #12W in Sec 16-T123N-R64W; #6 in Sec 1-T123N-R65W, Sec 12-T123N-R65W; #6 in Sec 12-T122N-R65W, Sec 13-T122N-R65W, Sec 24-T122N-R65W, Sec 25-T122N-R65W, Sec 36-T122N-R65W, Sec 1-T121N-R65W; #2 in Sec 13-T122N-R66W, Sec 30-T122N-R65W; #16 in Sec 20-T123N-R62W, Sec 29-T123N-R62W, Sec 32-T123N-R62W to install fiber cable. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to go into executive session to discuss contract with legal counsel, per SDCL 1-25-2(3) with Derek Ricci, Larry Lovrien and Gary Vetter in attendance. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. The Chair declared the executive session closed, with no action taken as a result of the discussion.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 10:45 A.M. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor  
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	GENERAL FUND	C.O. FUND	SP. ED. FUND	PENSION
Beginning Checking Bal	\$263,469.19	\$965,007.42	\$346,714.99	\$97,731.14
RECEIPTS:				
Taxes	\$2,360.00	\$962.10	\$451.78	\$96.18
Local Sources	\$283.60	\$40.00		
Interest	\$71.88		\$0.00	
Federal & State	\$89,745.00		\$218.24	
Investments	\$833,934.57	\$40,429.40	\$256,175.05	\$45,189.23
Disbursements	\$163,982.68	\$7,857.63	\$10,824.05	\$25,045.00
CLOSING BALANCE	\$1,025,881.56	\$998,581.29	\$592,736.01	\$117,971.55
	TRUST & AGENCY FUND	ENTERPRISE DRIVERS ED	FOOD SERVICE FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT FUND
Beginning Balance	\$84,147.45	\$275.09	\$2,016.19	\$19,090.52
Receipts	\$433.58	\$0.00	\$27.40	
Disbursements	\$1,062.79	\$0.00	\$433.54	
CLOSING BALANCE	\$83,518.24	\$275.09	\$1,610.05	\$19,090.52

# 2016-2017 Groton Area School District Back to School Information

## Groton Area School District 06-6 – “Mission Statement”

Each school will foster a school climate conducive to learning by encouraging good behavior and citizenship, good attendance, a thirst for knowledge, and high academic standards. Teachers will employ strategies and approaches to instruction to meet the needs of all children assigned to them. With proper motivation and instruction, all children can learn!

## Teacher Qualifications

All teachers of core academic subjects must hold at least a bachelor's degree, have full state certification, and demonstrate knowledge in the core academic subject they teach. For information regarding the qualifications of your child's teachers, you may contact the superintendent's office at 397-2351.

## Certified Staff Changes

Certified staff new to the District include: Austin Fordham, Instrumental Music Teacher

## Registration

Anyone new to the District should contact the respective building principal(s) as soon as possible. Most kindergarten children were registered at pre-school screening in April; therefore, only those who did not register in April need to report for registration. Middle School and High School Schedule changes can be made on Monday, August 22nd from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

## School Supply Lists

Students' school supply lists for the elementary school (preschool – grade 5) are posted on the District's web site at [www.grotonarea.com](http://www.grotonarea.com). Students in the middle school (grades 6-8) will be required to have the same color notebook, folder, and book cover for each class. Math will be green; English, blue; reading, red; science, purple; and social studies, black. The students can choose their own colors for PE, art, health, and computer classes.

## Welcome Back Picnic & Open House – Tuesday, August 23rd

All students enrolled in the district for the 2016-2017 school year, their parents, and all staff are invited to a “Welcome Back” picnic and Open House on Tuesday, August 23rd. The picnic will be held at the GHS gym and will run from 5:00PM – 6:30PM. A free meal will be served and door prizes will be given away.

Open House will run from 6:30PM – 8:00 PM at the elementary school. There will be

no open house activities at the middle/high school building following the picnic. In lieu of the fall open house event for middle/high School students, we'd ask you to mark your calendars for a Fall Family Night from 4:00PM to 7:00PM on Monday, November 7.

## 6th Grade Orientation – Tuesday, August 23rd

Orientation for all 6th grade students and their parents will take place at 6:30PM in the GHS Arena following the “Welcome Back” picnic. This will be an opportunity for the 6th grade students and their parents to become familiar with the building and ask questions about their upcoming transition.

## Tablet PCs Issued to Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors

Prior to being issued their tablet PC, students and their parents must sign and return the following documents: Laptop Computer Protection Agreement, the Student Pledge, E-mail Acceptable Use Agreement, the Groton Area School District Network/Internet agreement, and the Parental Consent to Publish Student Photos/Work. Required forms can be picked up in the High School Office or will be sent home with students on the first day of classes.

## First Day of School – Thursday, August 25th

The first day of school is on Thursday, August 25th. Students participating in band should bring their instruments. Buses will run and school lunch will be served. Each route driver will contact parents to confirm bus arrival times. Other bus route questions may be referred to transportation supervisor, Loren Bahr, at (605) 397-8117. The GRASP (OST) program at the elementary school will be available on the first day of school.

## Junior Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and First Grade

The District offers all-day, every day kindergarten classes. Children may enter kindergarten if they are 5 years of age on or before September 1 of the year in which they are to enter school. The District offers a junior kindergarten program each day from 12:30PM – 3:23PM for students that are eligible to attend kindergarten, but are not quite ready for kindergarten. Students enrolling in first grade must be 6 years of age on or before September 1 of that school year.

## Non-Resident Enrollment

For out-of-district students, applications to open enroll may be accepted throughout the school year. Applications are available from any school district administrative office. All open enrollment requests and related questions should be referred to school superintendent, Joe Schwan, at (605) 397-2351.

## 2016-2017 School Hours

Groton Area Elementary 8:15AM  
Arrival Time (Supervision)  
8:25AM – 3:23PM Classes in Session  
Groton Area MS/HS8 :25 AM First Bell  
8:30AM – 3:30PM Classes in Session

## Athletic Physicals

In accordance with SDHSAA regulations and District policy, each student (grades 7-12) who intends to participate in athletic competition is required to have an athletic physical prior to participation, including practice.

1st practice for HS boys' golf  
Monday, August 8  
1st practice for HS soccer Monday,  
August 1  
1st practice for HS football  
Thursday, August 11  
1st practice for HS volleyball  
Thursday, August 11  
1st practice for HS cross country  
Thursday, August 11

1st JH practice First week of school  
Since athletic physical requirements are more comprehensive and are required only every third year, parents are advised to make appointments directly with their family physician or chiropractor. Any questions may be directed to head coaches or athletic director, Brian Schuring, at (605) 397-8381.

## GRASP (OST) Program

The GRASP program services children in junior kindergarten through grade five with before and after-school homework help, supervised learning activities, and snacks. The GRASP program will be held in the Groton Area Elementary School from 7:00AM - 8:00AM and 3:25PM – 6:00PM each day that school is in session. Rates are \$2.50 per hour, per child. Any OST questions or registrations may be directed to elementary principal, Mr. Brett Schwan, at (605) 397-2317.

## K-12 Breakfast and Lunch Program

The school provides breakfast and lunch for all students each day school is in session. All meals are on a cash basis (i.e. pay as you go), while recognizing the provisions for free and reduced price meals. Guidelines for 2016-2017 applications for free and reduced priced meals were mailed out the week of August 1st. Parents are encouraged to apply for free and reduced priced meals if there is a possibility they may qualify. Prices are as follows:

Groton Area Elementary:  
Daily Breakfast \$2.00  
Daily Lunch \$2.75  
Prices for second servings at the elementary are \$0.50.  
Groton Area Middle School/High School:  
Daily Breakfast \$2.50  
Daily Lunch \$3.25  
Prices for second servings at the middle/high school are \$0.75.

## Activity Tickets

Activity tickets are intended to admit all students to regularly scheduled home activities or events, with about the only exceptions being tournaments and the Pops Concert. Students in grades 1-5 may purchase an activity ticket, if they wish. All students who participate in activities for which an activity stipend is paid are required to purchase an activity ticket as a condition of participation since they are the primary beneficiaries of the activity programs. For example, staff activity stipends include: all sports, marching band, forensics, cheerleading, drama, oral interp, DI, FFA, FCCLA, FBLA etc.

## Activity Ticket prices for 2016-2017 are as follows:

Grades 1-5 \$25.00  
Grades 6-12 \$30.00  
Adults \$45 (10 events)  
Adults – All Events \$75.00

## Admission Prices:

Adults = \$5.00; \$6.00 for double headers  
Students, Grades 1-12 = \$4.00

## Church Night

Wednesday nights during the school year are set aside for activities in the community's churches. No locally sponsored school activities or conflicting practices are to be held after 6:00PM on Wednesday.

## School Cancellations

All school cancellations or early dismissals due to inclement weather or emergencies will be sent out via the School Messenger System. Within minutes, School Messenger automatically sends a pre-recorded message to every recipient on a selected list. Parents will be asked to provide phone numbers and e-mail addresses (when available) to the school so that a selected calling list can be created. Emergency cancellations will be broadcast over TV stations KSFY, KDLT, and KELO as well

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### **Immunization Requirements (SDCL 13-28-7.1)**

State law requires that any pupil entering school or an early childhood program in the state shall, prior to admission, be required to present the appropriate school authorities certification from a licensed physician that the new child has received or is in the process of receiving adequate immunization against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, rubeola, rubella, mumps, tetanus, and varicella, according to recommendations provided by the Department of Health. The Department of Health may modify or delete any of the required immunizations. As an alternative to the requirement for a physician's certification, the pupil may present:

1) Certificate from a licensed physician stating the physical condition of the child would be such that immunization would endanger the child's life or health; or

2) A written statement signed by one parent or guardian that the child is adherent to a religious doctrine whose teachings are opposed to such immunization; or

3) A written statement signed by one parent or guardian requesting that the local health department give the immunization because the parents or guardians lack the means to pay for such immunization.

NEW...Students enrolling in 6th grade are required to get one dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine and one dose of Meningococcal vaccine on or after their 11th birthday.

### **Harassment and Bullying Policies**

The district has harassment & bullying policies in place in both buildings. Bullying among students can be defined as intentional, repeated hurtful acts, words or other behavior, such as name-calling, threatening and/or shunning committed by one or more students against another. This definition also includes "cyber-bullying" which is the sending or posting of cruel or harmful texts or images using the Internet or other digital media such as cell phones, etc. For a complete copy of the district's harassment or bullying policy, please contact the building principal.

### **Grievance Procedure**

In an effort to maintain effective communications, if you have a particular concern about your child's progress or about what is happening on the bus, at school, in a class or activity, first discuss it with the driver, teacher, or director of the activity. If your concern or grievance remains unresolved at that level, or if there is a need to share your concern, contact the principal in charge of the school in which your child attends. If the concern/grievance remains unresolved at that level, contact the superintendent. If school policy is at issue or if the concern/grievance remains unresolved, you may request that the superintendent include the subject on the school board meeting agenda. To maintain confidentiality, student matters may be confined to an "executive session" with the Board and administration.

### **Complaint Policy for Federal Programs and Homelessness Policy**

A parent, student, employee, or district stakeholder who has a complaint regarding the use of federal funds and is unable to solve the issue, may address the complaint in writing to the district's superintendent. Disputes addressing the enrollment, transportation, and other barriers to the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness are also addressed under this procedure. For a copy of the complete policy, contact the school superintendent or refer to the District web site.

### **Child Find**

Parents or guardians are to be informed that the Groton Area School District 06-6 continuously conducts a "Child Find" search to identify and evaluate District children ages 0-21, with special education needs. Persons who know of a child with un-served education needs may refer the child, by name, to the appropriate building principal. With the parent or guardian's consent, an evaluation will be made. After the evaluation has been completed, a placement committee will meet with the parent or guardian to determine if special assistance is needed.

### **Title I**

The federal government provides funding to states each year for Title I services. The goal of Title I is to provide extra help in math and reading for eligible students. Students are selected for the program based on information provided by classroom teachers, parents, and achievement test results. Title I services in our district are provided to students in grades K-5, with a strong emphasis on students in grades K-3.

### **Federal Compliance Notice**

Students, their parents, and employees of the Groton Area School District #06-6 are hereby notified that this school district does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, national origin, color, age, disability or religion in employment practices and educational activities. To ensure compliance with Section 427 of GEPA, effective steps shall be taken to remove potential barriers so as to ensure equity of access and participation in grant programs and to achieve high standards. Any person having inquiries concerning compliance or application of Title VI, Affirmative Action, Title IX, Section 504, and the Americans with Disabilities Act is directed to contact Federal Program compliance coordinator, Joe Schwan, Superintendent, Groton Area School District 06-6, Phone 397-2351 or, Department of Education, Civil Rights Office, 8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037, Kansas City, MO 64114; Phone: (816) 268-0550; TTD (800) 4370-0833; FAX: (816) 823-1404; Web link: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html?src=mr>

### **FERPA Notification of Rights**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the Groton Area School District receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

1. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the Groton Area School District to amend a record should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

1. The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of the school who performs an institutional service of function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes of the student's enrollment or transfer.

1. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the Groton Area School District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202

### **Notice of Nondiscrimination**

Applicants for admission and employment, students, parents, employees, and all professional organizations holding negotiated agreements or professional agreements with the school district are hereby notified that this district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, age, gender, disability, national origin, or ancestry in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities.

### **Section 504**

Section 504 is the part of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that applies to persons with disabilities. Section 504 is a civil rights act that protects the civil and constitutional rights of persons with disabilities. It states that no person with a disability can be excluded from or denied benefits of any program receiving federal financial assistance. Section 504 and special education are two separate services.

### **Notification of Asbestos in School Building(s)**

In compliance with the Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools Rule, the Groton Area School District had its school buildings inspected on 04/18/16 by an asbestos inspector, accredited by the state of South Dakota. During that inspection, areas of suspected asbestos (ACBM) were identified and inspected. The Groton Area School District has an Asbestos Management Plan which provides information on the periodic monitoring of the condition of asbestos (ACBM) remaining in the school buildings. Anyone that would like to see the Asbestos Management Plan can contact a building principal or superintendent.

