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Padfield steps down, Clocksene steps up as food service director

Chuck Padfield will be stepping down as the school's cook after 28 years on the job at Groton Area. Padfield presented his final report to the school board Tuesday night. This past week, the school lunch program had its federal inspection and Padfield said it was a very good report. Only a couple of minor issues were reported and will be taken care of. After an executive session, the board hired Brandon Clocksene to follow in Padfield's footsteps. Clocksene will be the new food service director for the upcoming school year.

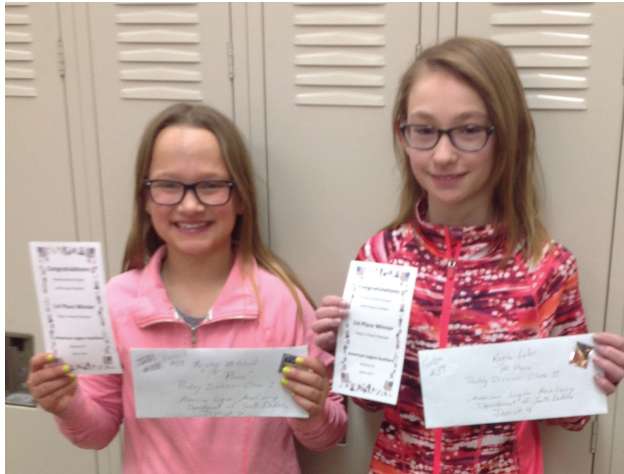
At the beginning of the meeting, a group of people came to talk about the upcoming school projects. Corey Barber gave his talk about how the district could have saved \$1 million to \$2 million in the MS/HS project. Others said a brand new elementary school building should have been built instead of sticking a bunch of money into an older building.

Reports were also heard from Loren Bahr on transportation, Mike Nehls on custodial and Beth Gustafson on wellness and health services.

The music and band directors came to make their presentation on the proposed trip to Orlando.

A committee will be formed to review and study the progress of the current first grade class and make recommendations. There are 50 students in the first grade class.

The resignation of Brian Gravatt as bus driver was accepted and a request by the St. John's Lutheran Preschool to use a school bus for a trip to the Watertown Zoo on May 3 was approved.



Two students earn first place in poetry contest

The District 4 American Legion Auxiliary had their spring meeting in Redfield last Saturday. Groton and Columbia each had 1st place winners from that meeting.

(left) Paisley Mitchell (representing the Columbia Legion Auxiliary) was 1st place in the Poetry Division - Class I

and (right) Kayla Lehr (representing the Groton Legion Auxiliary) was 1st place in the Poetry Division - Class II

There are 8 Legion Auxiliary Districts in South Dakota. These girls are now in the South Dakota competition against 7 other 1st place winners.

Schuring signs on with Presentation

Sean Schuring has signed on to play basketball at Presentation College in Aberdeen. According to his dad, Brian Schuring, eight schools were trying to recruit Sean. In the photo below are Andrea and Brian Schuring, Presentation Head Coach Jeremy Reigle and Assistant Coach Brendan Goetzinger, with Sean Schuring in the front..



Three Groton teams place at State DI Tourney

The state Destination Imagination tournament was held Saturday in Pierre. Groton Area had six teams competing at the state level. Only the first place winners will advance to Globals in Knoxville, Tenn., at the end of May. The top three teams received trophies. The awards ceremony was broadcast live on GDILIVE.COM. Groton Area had one team that placed second and two that placed third.

The Out of the Boxers placed second in Challenge B, Top Secret, Secondary Level

The Aquarium Solvers placed third in Challenge C, Vanished!, Elementary Level

The Disfunctional Broad Squad placed third in Challenge C, Vanished!, Middle Level

The Dumpling Jokers placed sixth in Challenge A, Show & Tech, Elementary Level

The Wonderful Nonsense placed fourth in Challenge C, Vanished!, Secondary Level

The Army Ants placed fifth in Challenge D, 3-Peat, Elementary Level

The Bazang Boys placed fourth in Challenge D, 3-Peat, Middle Level

Living Stations to be presented at SEAS

The Living Stations event at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 107 E. 7th Ave., will be held on April 12, 2017 at 7:00pm. There will be bars and coffee afterwards. It is being sponsored by the High School CCD students.



Pappas is outstanding presiding officer

Samantha Pappas earned an Outstanding Presiding Officer award at the East River Student Congress held in Brookings on March 24, 2015. Samantha led approximately 20 peers to this honor.

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Groton Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Cheetahs 17 1/2, Chipmunks 17, Foxes 16, Coyotes 15, Jackelopes 11, Shih Tzus 7 1/2

Men's High Games: Brad Waage 204, 201, Ron Belden 194, Randy Stanley 192, Roger Colestock 192, Roger Spanier 192

Women's High Games: Lori Giedt 213, 175, Vicki Walter 178, Karen Spanier 171

Men's High Series: Brad Waage 591, Roger Spanier 565, Ron Belden 551

Women's High Series: Lori Giedt 536, Vicki Walter 486, Vicki Jorgensen 448

Adult Birthday Club

The Adult Birthday Club met at Rosewood Court with LaVonne Helmer being the hostess. Prizes were awarded to Ruby Donovan, Arlowyn Specner and DeLoris Knoll. The honors were awarded to DeLoris Knoll. Arlowyn Spencer was a guest. The April 4th meeting location is unknown right now, but will meet at 1 p.m. with Grace Albrecht as hostess.

Lazy Farmers

Date of Meeting: March 5th, 2017

Place of Meeting: Rosewood Court in Groton

Host/Hostess: Vicci Stange and Ashlyn Sperry

Pledge Leaders: U.S.: Lane Krueger 4-H: Kayde Stange

Demonstrations Given: Lexi G- how to create picture letter wall art, Alex S- how to clean your cowboy boots, Alicia D- how to properly set a table, Ashlyn S- how to make homemade popcorn. Talks Given: Jarrett E- Cows, Delayne J-animals at a glance, Makayla J-Show pig care, Jayla J- Angus cattle, Lane K- Anthony Robles, Jamesen S- Baby calf care, Travis T- health in your cattle herd.

Special Club Activities or Events: Fruit Delivery is March 21st

Other Business Discussed: -Public Talks and Demos

-Market beef affidavits due March 31st

-FFA/4H judging contest is April 7th

-Horticulture and Consumer decision making skills

Date & Place of Next Meeting: April 3rd at 4:00, in high school conference room

Club Reporter: Lexi Gustafson

Rondell Robins

The February 2017 meeting of the Rondell Robins was held at 10:00 on February 4th at the Stratford Hall. Meeting was called to order by Jessica Pullman

Members present: Ashley Crouch, Christine Crouch, Aspyn Frink, Dawson Frink, Chandler Pullman, and Jessica Pullman. Jessica Pullman led the Pledge of Allegiance and Chandler Pullman led the 4-H pledge.

The secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasures report: we have \$346.15

Old business: Skate away party on January 14th. Dawson Frink made a motion and Christine Crouch 2nd it.

New business: Helping with the Stratford play. Ashley Crouch made a motion and Chandler Pullman 2nd it. We discussed helping color eggs for the Stratford egg hunt. Each person brings 2 dozen. Chandler Pullman will get the door prizes for the Easter Party. Dawson Frink made a motion and it 2nd by Christine Crouch.

Leaders report: Fruit sales will be here March 21st, we need to bring order forms to next meeting.

Aspyn Frink made motion to adjourn meeting and Ashley Crouch 2nd the motion.

Aspyn Frink, Secretary

Groton Garden Club

The Groton Garden club met at the home of Beverly Sombke with Grace Albrecht assisting. Pledges were recited in unison. Nine members answered roll call with whether they were their or not. Only two were. Marg Overacker presented a check from the Bahr family in memory of Hazel McKittrick. Dues of (.50/ person will be due at the April meeting. A proposed by low change concerning delegates to state conventions was read. Discussion on 2 project ideas was considered . One was having a plant/seed/ equipment sale and one was getting a community garden started. Next meeting will be with Deb McKiver with Linda Anderson co- hosting and also giving the program. Grace Albrecht concluded the meeting with a program on "Forcing Tender Bulbs in doors.

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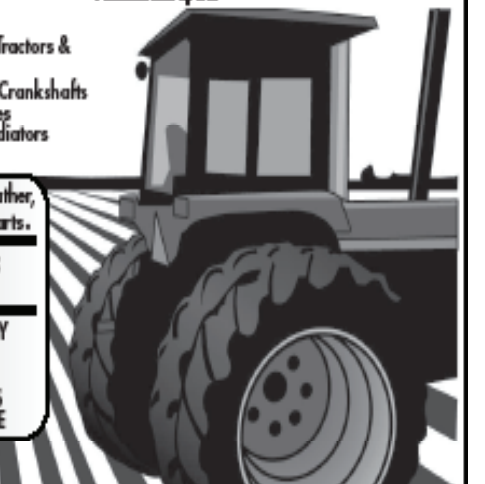
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Tasting Urine to Test for Diabetes Mellitus

Testing for diabetes started a long, long time ago. The word "diabetes" comes from ancient Greek and literally means "pass through", intended to mean excessive passing of urine. This characteristic of "too much urine" was first described 3500 years ago on an Egyptian papyrus. About 1900 years ago, Roman physician Galen called it "diarrhea of the urine." The reason for so much passing of urine with diabetes mellitus is because high levels of sugar in the blood overwhelm the kidneys' ability to keep sugar out of the urine. Like a dam on a river, sugar spills over the dam into the urine when sugar gets too high in the blood. Then, with concentrated sugar in the urine, fluid is pulled out of blood into the urine, resulting in dehydration of the diabetic. Indeed, the name "diarrhea of the urine" seems appropriate.

About 2500 years ago, someone noted flies were attracted to the urine of diabetics. Tasting urine for sweetness may seem disgusting today, but it was how they diagnosed diabetes all the way through the Middle Ages. It was English physician John Rolle who in the 1700's added "mellitus" to the term diabetes to reflect the age-old understanding of the sweet taste of the urine in diabetic patients. The word mellitus comes from Latin meaning "sweetened

with honey."

Starting in the 1950's, patients roughly estimated the level of sugar in their blood by testing their urine with a chemical test they could do at home. By determining how much sugar spilled into the urine, people with diabetes mellitus were better able to adjust their insulin dose. Home URINE glucose testing was an improvement for patients with diabetes, but home BLOOD glucose testing, developed in the '80's, took it to the next level. Patients could finally know when sugars were too low, not just too high.

Another great improvement in monitoring the blood sugar of diabetics was the development of the Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) BLOOD test. The hemoglobin molecule within red blood cells becomes more "sugarized" (the scientific word is glycosylated) when it has extended exposure to higher levels of sugar. Since red cells normally live for about three-months, we can monitor the percentage of Hemoglobin affected by sugar, watching it change slowly according to diabetic control. The HbA1c levels give a three-month average BLOOD sugar, which gives you and your care provider a good measure about how well you are controlling your diabetes over time.

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Thursday, April 6th 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Dakota Event Center
Gold Rush Room, Aberdeen

Clare Lopez will be discussing civilization jihad, what it is, and the affects it will have on America!

Clare M. Lopez is the Vice President for Research and Analysis at the Center for Security Policy, a Senior Fellow at the London Center for Policy Research, and a member of the Board of Advisors for the Canadian Mackenzie Institute. In 2016, she was named to Senator Ted Cruz's presidential campaign national security advisory team. Since 2013, she has served as a member of the Citizens Commission on Benghazi. Formerly Vice President of the Intelligence Summit, she was a career operations officer with the Central Intelligence Agency, a professor at the Centre for Counterintelligence and Security Studies & Executive Director of the Iran Policy Committee from 2005-2006.

There is no charge to attend
A free will donation will be accepted

Brown County March 21

Meeting Minutes

MARCH 21, 2017 – 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 Kippley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Kippley to approve the General Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Payroll: Commission \$5,289.97; Auditor \$8,034.27; Treasurer \$13,477.20; States Attorney \$20,405.23; SVAWA Grant \$1,286.82; Maintenance \$7,539.58; Assessor \$15,848.14; Register of Deeds \$9,277.34; Veterans Service Office \$4,188.07; GIS \$2,301.47; Information Technology \$7,574.38; Human Resources \$3,082.21; Sheriff Admin \$34,056.44; Jail \$48,694.48; Coroner \$1,050.00; JDC \$21,261.18 Welfare Office \$3,665.57; Museum \$8,179.42; Parks & Fairgrounds \$4,689.23; Fair Board \$3,782.78; 4-H \$553.28; Weed \$1,578.40; Planning and Zoning \$2,546.02; Highway \$47,019.58 Communications \$22,867.39; Emergency Management \$4,004.45; Teen Court \$530.23; 24/7 \$3,560.44; Landfill \$12,013.20.

Matching Benefits: FICA \$18,792.34; Medicare \$4,395.00; Health Ins \$117,960.04; Life Ins \$813.78; Dental Ins \$7,106.40.

Insurance: Alliant Insurance Services \$2,082.00.

Professional Fees: Avera St. Luke's \$1,500.09; Dohrer Law Office \$2,921.40; Fox & Youngberg \$184.00; Gellhaus & Gellhaus \$662.40; William Gerdes \$2,624.10; Harmelink, Fox & Ravnsborg \$172.50; IAAO \$190.00; Lewis & Clark BHS \$320.00; Midstates Printing \$3,514.88; Richardson, Wylly, Wise & Sauck \$6,971.55; Ronayne Law Office \$1,704.60; Safe Harbor \$83,211.95; Sanford Clinic \$56.25; SD State Retirement System \$8,983.49; SDAE4-HP \$35.00; Kristi Spitzer \$781.00; Taliaferro Law Firm \$959.78; UND – Pathology \$6,290.00; Yankton Co. Treasurer \$237.50.

Publishing: Aberdeen American News \$479.62.

Repairs & Maintenance: Aberdeen Plumbing & Heat-

ing \$2,352.42; Dakota Tree \$1,788.00; Farm Power Mfg. \$5.00; G & K Services \$266.34; Grote Roofing \$191.84; Heiser's Jewelry \$909.75; HF Jacobs & Son \$1,895.04; Leidholt Electric \$251.39.

Supplies: 446-Praxair \$79.09; Avera AFP \$37.27; DT Pharmacy \$2,563.31; Farm Power Mfg. \$2,278.59; Fox & Youngberg \$7.32; HF Jacobs & Son \$328.19; Keeley's \$23.40; L.G. Everist \$4,197.94; Midstates Printing \$34.20; Milbrandt Enterprises \$250.00; NCFE – Warner \$30,145.94; Network Services \$474.24; PRC \$1,200.00; Share Corp \$240.50; Steven Lust Automotive \$187.37; West Payment Center \$1,737.48; WPR \$110.00.

Travel & Conference: Cathy McNickle \$15.00; NACO \$1,010.00; Derek Ricci \$125.00; Sara Swisher \$164.46; Gary Vetter \$30.00.

Utilities: Dependable Sanitation \$286.00; Northern Electric \$2,189.42; NVC \$1,860.79; NWPS \$2,294.49; Verizon \$200.05.

Buildings: Huff Construction \$8,011.00; Pauer Sound & Music \$5,815.12; Redlinger Bros. \$296.74. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

PERONNEL: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Hansen to approve the Commission Assistant/HR Office Report, which includes the following personnel changes:

Approve hiring Kaitlyn Macks, effective March 15, 2017 and Heather Kulwicki, effective March 28, 2017 as part-time JDC Correctional Officers @ \$13.42 per hour.

Approve hiring Fernando Lopez as full-time JDC Correctional Officer, effective March 23, 2017 @ \$15.83/hr.

Amend effective date for Breanne Bjerke from April 3 to April 10, 2017.

All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

ABATEMENTS: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following abatements: Holum Farms Inc @ \$1,379.40 (assessment error); East River Electric Power @ \$274.00 and \$225.20 (centrally assessed). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

FAIR CONTRACTS: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following contracts for the 2017 Brown County Fair: Orchard Fire @ \$2,500.00 (entertainment); Crossroad Station LLC @ \$2,500.00 (entertainment); Karen Mikkelsen, Gweneth Hansen @ \$30.00 each (Judges). All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

LEASE AGREEMENT: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following agreement: Hannah Kolb for lease of the Richmond Lake Youth Camp with permission to serve alcoholic beverages on April 29-30, 2017. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

TEMPORARY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE: Moved by Fjeldheim, seconded by Hansen to approve and authorize the Chair sign the following Temporary Alcoholic Beverage License in conjunction with a special event, submitted by Olive Grove Golf Course, effective June 17, 2017 – Brown County Fairgrounds (Clubhouse) SW 1/4-Sec 1-T123N-R64W (map indicating specific area licensed on file with applications. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BID - WEED CHEMICAL: Time and place, as advertised to open, read and consider sealed bids for furnishing and delivery of chemical for the Brown County Weed and Pest Department for 2017. Bid were received from State Contract, ADAPO, Univair and Van Diest. Moved by Hansen, seconded by Sutton to refer all bids to Chris Hemen, Weed Supervisor for review and recommendation. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

BMX: Further discussion was held on the recent request from Kyle Oswald, BMX for an additional area of County owned land on First Ave SE adjacent to BMX track for the construction of a building. Various options (lease, sell, donate) were discussed. No action was taken at this time.

ROAD 14: Dirk Rogers, Highway Superintendent discussed the following work projects slated for 2017 on Brown County Road 14: #1 Intersection of Co 13 and Co 14; #2 Rail crossing on Co 14 near 131st Street; #3 Intersection Co 14 and 8th Ave; #4 Left turn lane into Industrial Park; #5 Railroad crossing approaches; #6 Intersection US 12 and Co 14; 7) speed limit change on Co 14.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Sutton, seconded by Fjeldheim to adjourn the Brown County Commission at 9:50 a.m. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

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Bates Township Right-of-Way Notice

Bates Township Board of Supervisors reminds all landowners and tenants that the road right-of-way extends 33 feet from the center of the township road. This ditch is to be maintained and mowed. Any crops planted in the road right-of-way will be mowed and charged to the landowner, effective with the 2017 growing season.

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Brown County County Equalization

NOTICE OF MEETING OF COUNTY EQUALIZATION BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners, sitting as a County Board of Equalization (SDCL 10-11-25) of Brown County, SD will meet in the Commissioners' Chambers in said County on TUESDAY, the 11th day of April, 2017, (being the second Tuesday in April) for the purpose of reviewing, correcting and equalizing the assessment of said County for year 2017.

All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment are required to submit written notice to the County Auditor no later than April 4, 2017.

Maxine Fischer, County Auditor, Brown County, SD

Dated this 21st day of March, 2017

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Brown County Consolidated Equalization

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CONSOLIDATED EQUALIZATION BOARD

Notice is hereby given that members of the Board of County Commission, Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeen School Board, sitting as a Consolidated Board of Equalization (SDCL 10-11-66) of Brown County, SD will meet in the Commissioners' Chambers in said County on TUESDAY, the 11th day of April, 2017, (being the second Tuesday in April) for the purpose of reviewing, correcting and equalizing the assessment of said County for year 2017.

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Maxine Fischer, Brown County Auditor, Brown County, SD

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Groton School March 28

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: Fjeldstad, 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.

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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Groton School Notice of Bond Election

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND ELECTION
GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6

A Special School District Bond Election will be held on April 11, 2017 in all the voting precincts in Groton Area School District 06-

6, Groton, South Dakota. If the polls cannot be opened because of bad weather, the election may be postponed one week.

The election polls will be open from seven o'clock a.m. to seven o'clock p.m. central time on the day of the election.

At the election, the following questions will be voted upon:

SHALL THE GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6, BROWN, CLARK, DAY, MARSHALL AND SPINK COUNTIES, SOUTH DAKOTA, ISSUE ITS NEGOTIABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$14,500,000, ISSUED IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, BEARING INTEREST AT SUCH RATES AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD AND MATURE OVER A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY YEARS FROM THEIR DATE OF ISSUANCE WITH PRINCIPAL DEFERRED IN THE FIRST THREE YEARS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL FACILITY AND HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC SPACES TO REPLACE THE 1934 HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION AND THE REMODELING OF THE PERFORMING ARTS PRACTICE ROOM AND COSTS OF ISSUANCE?

SHALL THE ABOVE PROPOSITION BE APPROVED AND THE BONDS ISSUED?

The polling place in each precinct of this district is as follows:

Andover Area Precinct #1, (which includes Andover Town, Andover Township and Farmington Township) – Andover Senior Center.

Bristol Area Precinct #2, (which includes Bristol Town, Butler Town, Lily Town, Bristol Township, Butler Township, Kidder Township, Lynn Township, Oak Gulch Township, Scotland Township, Troy Township, Union Township, Valley Township and York Township as well as Clark County residents in Warren Township) – Bristol Community Center.

Columbia Area Precinct #3, (which includes the City of Columbia, Brainard Township #7, Shelby Township #8, Cambria Township #15, and Garland Township #46,) – Columbia Community Center

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Voters with disabilities may contact the business official for information and special assistance in absentee voting or polling place accessibility.

Groton Area School District No. 06-6
Michael J. Weber, Business Official

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Frederick Town Election is Cancelled

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION MUNICIPALITY OF FREDERICK

Notice is hereby given that no Municipal Election will be held on the 9th day of May, 2017, in Frederick, South Dakota.

The election for which public notice was given has been canceled because

(a) No new Certificates of Nomination were filed for (any of) the following position(s) and the incumbent(s) will hold over for the new term:

2-year Board Member for the Town of Frederick

Troy Millard, present Board Member

1-year Board Member for the Town of Frederick

Gary Schlosser, present Board Member

Because (each of) the candidate(s) is unopposed, certificates of election will be issued in the same manner as to successful candidates after election.

Dated this 27 day of March, 2017

Diane Bruns,
Finance Officer

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Groton School March 13

Meeting Minutes

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

REGULAR MEETING
March 13, 2017

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Fjellstad, Gengerke, Harder, Kjelden, Rix, Smith and Weismantel. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principals A. Schwan and B. Schwan, and Business Official Weber.

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

There were no potential conflicts of interest reported.

Moved by Harder, second Weismantel to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: North Central Special Ed Coop agenda items, District regular minutes of February 13, special meeting minutes of February 27, March 6 and March 9, bills, financial reports, agency reports, school lunch reports and transportation reports. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary - 180,942.65; FIT - 20,286.84; Medicare - 6,894.42; FICA - 29,479.24; American Funds - 764.50; Washington National - 98.40; SDRS - 29,476.34; Waddell & Reed - 1,438.36; Horace Mann - 1,469.21; Thrivent - 226.50; AFLAC - 2,090.91; Delta Dental - 4,587.80; SD Supplemental Retirement - 851.53; Wellmark - 62,744.00; Reliastar Life - 606.85; A&B Business - clips, 7.47; Acme Tools - bits, 34.32; Agency Fund - advance payments, 10,958.87; Arlington Inn - wr lodging, 320.00; K. Bjerke - bb entries, 550.00; Brookings School Dist. - region wr expense, 163.61; Carquest - supplies, 123.00; City of Groton - utilities, 13,279.95; Cole Papers - supplies, 2,499.32; Dakota Supply Group - supplies, 197.86; Dependable Sanitation - services, 1,238.00; Dollar General - supplies, 12.00; Farnams - supplies, 24.09; Fire Safety First - inspections, 501.00; G&K Services - rug services, 473.06; GCR Tires - tire, 319.17; Geffdog Designs - sc shirts, 1,504.79; K. Gonsoir - meals, 39.13; GASD Food Service - supplies, 209.28; Groton Chiropractic - physical, 95.00; Groton Daily Independent - legal notices, 279.88; HASBO - registration, 10.00; A. Helvig - class fee, 35.00; Holiday Inn Express - music lodging, 270.40; James Valley Telecomm. - services, 850.37; Locke Electric - services, 1,994.00; Matheson - supplies, 260.49; Mid-American Research - supplies, 769.45; MJ's Sinclair - services, 20.00; North Central Special Ed Coop - assessments, 5,000.00; Northside Implement - repair services, 10,645.45; Northwestern Energy - utilities, 3,357.30; QQP/MidStates - supplies, 13.50; Quality Inn - band lodging, 267.00; rSchoolToday - scheduler renewal, 277.00; S&S Lumber - supplies, 41.97; SDASBO - registration, 50.00; SDECE Conference - registration, 180.00; SDMEA - wkshop fees, 200.00; Sewer Saver - services, 362.10; S. Sippel - gas, 60.01; Stan Houston Equipment - supplies, 316.67; E. Strom - background ck fee, 43.25; Taylor Music - supplies, 66.03; Twin Valley Tire - tires, 231.88; Walmart Community - supplies, 31.84. Total General Fund - \$400,141.06.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: Agency Fund - adv pmts, 3,364.36; B.E.Publishing - software, 705.00; David M. Kampa Construction - services, 850.00; Hauff Mid-America Sports - bb jerseys, 140.00; Locke Electric - services, 1,606.76. Total Capital Outlay - \$6,666.12.

SPECIAL ED: Net Salary - 25,546.24; FIT - 2,495.37; Medicare - 977.36; FICA - 4,179.40; SDRS - 4,446.06; Waddell & Reed - 250.00; AFLAC - 592.58; Delta Dental - 845.22; SD Supplemental Retirement - 200.00; Wellmark - 12,237.00; Reliastar Life - 225.46; Agency Fund - adv pmts, 15,599.68; W. Duncan - mileage, 17.14; North Central Special Ed Coop - assessments, 37,665.00; Walmart Community - supplies, 67.82; Patron - parent mileage, 635.04. Total Special Ed - \$105,979.37.

CAPITAL PROJECTS: City of Groton - building permit, 70.00; Foster, Jacobs & Johnson - design/mgmt services, 276,144.00; Franz Reprographics - services, 5,164.21; Groton Daily Independent - bid notice, 93.48. Total Capital Projects - \$281,471.69.

ENTERPRISE: Food Service - Net Salary - 7,036.81; FIT - 512.26; Medicare - 247.04; FICA - 1,056.48; SDRS - 638.50; AFLAC - 54.22; Wellmark - 1,510.00; Reliastar Life - 1.30; CWD - food/suppl, 2,329.45; Dean Foods - dairy products, 902.79; Earthgrains - bakery products, 175.20; G&K Services - linen services, 229.09; Mid-American Research - gloves, 493.29; Reinhart - food/suppl, 3,038.04; SD DOE-CANS - processed commodities, 79.50; Sysco - food/suppl, 1,634.24; US Foods - food/suppl, 2,715.01. Total Food Service - 22,653.22.

OST - Net Salary - 1,525.43; FIT - 60.08; Medicare - 52.28; FICA - 223.52; SDRS - 158.14; AFLAC - 135.98; Wellmark - 664.00; Reliastar Life - .65; Agency Fund - adv pmts, 70.37; Dollar General - supplies, 18.00; S&S Lumber - supplies, 3.99. Total OST - \$2,912.44.

Total Enterprise Funds - \$25,565.66.

AGENCY FUND: Total - \$51,591.07.

RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes - 117,300.45; Other Local Sources - 103,468.08; County Sources - 3,159.92; State Sources - 118,525.95; Federal Sources - 16,854.34; Other - 100.00. Total Receipts - \$459,308.74.

Members of the public were allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. Bob Swisher was concerned that elementary teachers would not have enough time to pack up the items in their room that need to be moved before construction begins on May 22nd. He was also concerned that there was not a public vote on the elementary remodel project, and he felt that the project was a waste of taxpayer dollars.

The board reviewed a list of contractor bids from the bid opening on February 21st. Members of Foster, Jacobs and Johnson (FJJ) reported the following negotiated pricing on plumbing and heating work that was not received during the bid opening. Bid Package 22.05 - Plumbing & Heating: Redlinger Brothers - base bid of \$545,850 with alternate adding \$8,500 for new water heater. Krohmer Plumbing - base bid of \$673,126 with alternate adding \$8,638 for new water heater. FJJ also provided vetting information on contractors that provided the lowest bid to the satisfaction of the school board.

Moved by Harder, second Rix to approve the following bids for elementary renovation and addition: (Motion carried.)

Bid Package 02.60 - Sitework: Lien Transportation - base bid of \$463,691.15.

Bid Package 06.15 - General Construction: JDH Construction - base bid of \$1,514,000 with

alternates adding \$1,365 for replacement of windows in 1992 addition, \$7,570 for additional door security, \$2,830 for flagpole, \$7,260 for exterior signage and \$18,675 for additional casework.

Bid Package 07.50 - Roofing: Architectural Roofing & Sheetmetal - base bid of \$72,270 with alternate adding \$69,340 for re-roofing existing areas.

Bid Package 08.00 - Aluminum Storefronts, Curtain Walls and Glazing: House of Glass, Inc. - base bid of \$122,380 with alternate adding \$7,944 for replacement of windows in 1992 addition.

Bid Package 09.50 - Acoustical Ceilings: Gemini Acoustical - base bid of \$189,620.

Bid Package 09.60 - Flooring and Wall Tile: Grazzini Brothers & Company - base bid of \$264,350 with unit pricing for moisture mitigation on the addition and existing facility of \$8.75 per square foot.

Bid Package 21.00 - Fire Protection: Prairie Sons, Inc. - base bid of \$88,275.

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Bid Package 23.05 - Ventilation: Custom Sheet Metal, Inc. - base bid of \$616,900 with alternate adding \$500 for new water heater.

Bid Package 24.05 - Testing & Balancing: Balancing Professionals - base bid of \$23,890.

Bid Package 26.05 - Electrical: Muth Electric - base bid of \$759,336 with alternates adding \$7,305 for additional door security, \$6,610 for flagpole, \$39,047 for new electrical panels/feeders and \$6,592 for copper electrical wiring with unit prices for standard receptacle at \$36.00, GFCI receptacle at \$51.00, tamper-resistant receptacle at \$42.00, tamper resistant GFCI receptacle at \$54.00, 1-way toggle switch at \$37.00 and 3-way toggle switch at \$40.00.

The total amount of the aforementioned bids is \$4,844,100.15.

The board held discussion on the MS/HS Replacement Project in regards to financial terms and the structure of a bond certificate issue. Moved by Rix, second Weismantel to approve financing bond certificates for a 20-year term with principal deferred in the first three years and an initial tax levy of \$0.50 per thousand of taxable value as presented at the public meeting in Groton on March 9th. Motion carried.

Weber was authorized to confirm the language on the Notice of Election and Official Ballot with bond counsel Todd Meierhenry.

Moved by Weismantel, second Kjelden to approve 2017-18 school calendar as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Weismantel to approve second reading of recommended policy changes to Policy AE - Wellness Policy. Motion carried.

Weber presented the 2016 School District Audit for review.

There were no committee reports given.

The following topics were addressed in administrative reports: elementary project update, food service administrative review, ASBSD Protective Trust Meeting, legislative issues, election update, and SDRS Agent Seminar.

Moved by Harder, second Kjelden to approve resignation of elementary teacher, Kayla Krause, at the end of the 2016-17 school year. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Gengerke to approve resignation of K-12 special education teacher, Katie Miller, at the end of the 2016-17 school year. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Rix to approve resignation of elementary aide, Gail Kyar, at the end of the 2016-17 school year. Motion carried.

Moved by Kjelden, second Weismantel to approve resignation of cheerleader advisor, Kelli Hanson, at the end of the 2016-17 school year. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Weismantel to approve signed administrative contracts. Motion carried.

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President Smith declared the board out of executive session at 8:53 pm.

Moved by Harder, second Rix to approve open enrollment 17-25 for a student in grade 1 from the Aberdeen School District. Motion carried.

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Moved by Weismantel, second Gengerke to adjourn. Motion carried.

M. J. Weber, Business Manager

Steven R. Smith, President

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COM CORPORATE CREDIT, REPAIRS, 130.88; BARONDEAU, JANELLE, SUPPLIES, 26.63; CLIMATE CONTROL INC., REPAIRS, 5,223.38; COLE PAPERS, INC., SUPPLIES, 702.74; COMMUNITY STORE, SUPPLIES, 35.35; CRAWFORD TRUCKS & EQUIPMENT, REPAIRS, 398.86; CWD-ABERDEEN, FFPV, 506.56; DAKOTA ELECTRONICS, FEES, 20.00; DON'S BUILDERS HARDWARE, KEYS, 12.00; ELLENDALE TRUE VALUE, REPAIRS, 31.99; FARNAM'S GENUINE PARTS INC, REPAIRS, 664.40; GRAVES IT SOLUTION, FEES, 90.00; J.W. PEPPER & SON INC., MUSIC, 452.40; JAMES DUMIRE, REPAIRS, 100.00; JAMES VALLEY COOP. TELE. CO., TELEPHONE, 237.30; JM ELECTRIC INC., REPAIRS, 297.68; JOSTENS, MEDALS, 39.29; LEOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT, BBB REFUND, 159.24; MARC, SUPPLIES, 1141.88; MENARDS ABERDEEN, REPAIRS, 174.17; MERTZ LUMBER & SUPPLY, REPAIRS, 58.79; MORLOCK, MARTY, TRAVEL, 9.00; NORTH CENTRAL FARMERS ELEVATOR, GAS, 3,190.58; NORTH CENTRAL SPECIAL ED COOP, FEES, 5,000.00; O'REILLY AUTO PARTS, REPAIRS, 9.99; PANTORIUM CLEANER INC., FEES, 154.70; PLANK ROAD PUBLISHING, INC, MUSIC, 70.35; PODOLL, LANCE, MILEAGE, 618.24; POMP'S TIRE SERVICE, INC, REPAIRS, 978.28; POSTMASTER, POSTAGE, 2.38; QUALITY QUICK PRINT, INC., MEDALS, 45.00; REALITYWORKS, SUPPLIES, 41.00; SDASBO, FEES, 150.00; TOWN OF FREDERICK, WATER, 200.34; TRUST AND AGENCY FUND, FEES, 1,235.54; UNITED STATE POSTAL SERVICE, POSTAGE, 2.66; A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, STAPLES, 91.90; MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO., ELECTRIC, 4,350.56; BROOKS, RENEE, SUPPLIES, 8.31; HOFFMAN, ANDREW, JH BBB REF, 390.00; HUB AREA SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS, FEES, 20.00; KENS SUPERFAIR FOODS, SUPPLIES, 1.98; THAYER, LEXI, JH REF, 50.00.

CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND: A&B BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, FEES, 595.03.

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND: NORTH CENTRAL SPECIAL ED COOP, FEES, 9,990.00; POSTMASTER, POSTAGE, 1.61.

FOOD SERVICE: COMMUNITY

Adema, sub 100.00; Autumn Holt, sub 80.00; Haley Rheault, sub 1,500.00; Carma Ruenz, sub 850.00; Marie Schumacher, sub 100.00; Jon Ellwein, board salary 61.72; Alex Hart, board salary 55.00; Marty Morlock, snow removal 47.07; Marty Morlock, driving 58.77; Dan Nickelson, board salary 55.00; Richard Schlosser, board salary 61.30; Eric Sumption, board salary 65.08; Stephanie Sumption, sub 300.00. Special Ed: Teachers, 10,578.06; Support, 5,690.88; SS & Med, 3,964.24; SDRS, retirement, 1,544.82; AFLAC, ins, 30.08; Delta Dental, ins, 154.36; Reliastar Life, ins, 1.39; SDRS Supplemental, retirement, 250.00; VSP, vision ins, 29.73; Wellmark, ins, 1,339.06; Anna Hegge, sub 100.00; Carma Ruenz, sub 100.00; Stephanie Sumption, sub 100.00. Food Service: Support, 4,037.61; SS & Med, 1,080.64; SDRS, retirement, 445.59; VSP, vision ins, 22.64.

The following reports were given at this time:

A. Knute Reierson - Superintendent

B. Jessica Ringgenberg - Principal

C. Knute Reierson - Maintenance

D. AD/Athletic Co-op - no report

Enter Justin Brotzel at 6:20pm.

The 2017-2018 School Calendar was reviewed. Adoption of calendar was tabled until the April meeting due to changes needed on a few dates.

Action 16-93 Motion by Nickelson, second by Hart to move the meeting time to 7:00pm on the 2nd Monday of each month. All aye, motion carried.

Action 16-94 Motion by Sumption, second by Nickelson to accept the contract of Randy Hermansen for the position of Assistant Track Coach for the 2017 track season. All aye, carried.

Action 16-95 Motion by Nickelson, second by Hart to accept the resignation of Teri Trumble. All aye, carried.

Justin Brotzel presented information concerning the purchase of new student iPads, Promethean boards for K-3 classrooms and staff laptop upgrades.

Superintendent Reierson reported information concerning the grant submitted for Building Security upgrades. Results of

the grant award will be announced in September 2017.

Superintendent Reierson presented quotes from two vendors for the purchase of a new minibus. Updated quotes will be received during summer and purchase was tabled until 2018 fiscal year.

Thank You and Congratulations were read and will be posted on the school web site.

Action 16-96 Motion by Nickelson, second by Sumption to enter into Executive Session at 8:11 pm. All aye, carried.

Exit Janel Wagner and Deb Klapperich.

Chairman Schlosser declared out of Executive Session at 9:22 pm.

Action 16-97 Motion by Nickelson, second by Hart to offer Intent to Renew to Principal Jessica Ringgenberg. All aye, carried.

Action 16-98 Motion by Hart, second by Nickelson to adjourn at 9:24 pm. All aye, carried.

Chairman

Business Manager

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	GENERAL FUND	C.O. FUND	SP. ED. FUND	PENSION
Beginning Checking Bal	\$484,777.77	\$690,606.47	\$379,281.40	\$109,315.03
RECEIPTS:				
Taxes	\$37,903.31	\$13,202.85	\$7,411.55	\$57.74
Local Sources	\$611.94	-\$40.00		
Interest	\$63.03			
Federal & State	\$59,990.51		\$421.92	
Investments	\$337,260.13	\$540,429.40	\$256,175.05	\$45,189.23
Disbursements	\$163,397.07	\$3,642.06	\$21,794.97	
CLOSING BALANCE	\$757,209.62	\$1,240,556.66	\$621,494.95	\$154,562.00
	TRUST & AGENCY FUND	ENTERPRISE DRIVERS ED	FOOD SERVICE FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT FUND
Beginning Balance	\$89,448.63	\$275.09	-\$709.44	\$19,090.52
Receipts	\$10,294.89	\$0.00	\$5,757.50	
Disbursements	\$6,984.00	\$0.00	\$9,226.20	
CLOSING BALANCE	\$92,759.52	\$275.09	-\$4,178.14	\$19,090.52

present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Schlosser called for Conflict of Interest Disclosures. None were acknowledged.

Action 16-91 Motion by Ellwein second by Hart to approve the agenda. All aye, carried

Action 16-92 Motion by Sumption second by Ellwein to approve the consent agenda which included the following items:

A. Minutes

B. Financial Statements as presented

A. Bills. All aye, carried.

FREDERICK AREA SCHOOL, MARCH CLAIMS
GENERAL FUND: AMAZON.

STORE, FOOD, 10.38; CWD-ABERDEEN, FOOD, 2,565.32; PANTORIUM CLEANER INC., FEES, 127.37.

Salaries: General: Adm. & Teachers, 111,177.90; Support, 15,430.11; SS & Med, 29,307.92. The following benefits and salaries are included in the above totals. General: SDRS, retirement, 10,662.84; Delta Dental, ins, 1,221.44; AFLAC, ins, 631.82; SDRS Supplemental, retirement, 362.50; VSP, vision, ins, 181.23; Security Benefit, retirement, 362.50; American Funds, retirement, 950.00; Reliastar Life, ins, 198.55; Wellmark, ins, 16,024.94. Laura

present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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A. Bills. All aye, carried.

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GENERAL FUND: AMAZON.

MONTHLY DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6										
	General Fund	Restricted Gen Funds	Capital Outlay	Special Education	Pension Fund	Bond Redemption	Capital Projects	Enterprise Fund	Agency Fund	Total for District
1. Beginning Balance	1,542,422.69	32,052.21	802,468.22	123,563.78	0.00	145,785.32	0.00	70,997.26	234,281.98	2,951,571.46
a. cash	1,542,422.69	32,052.21	802,468.22	123,563.78	0.00	145,785.32	0.			

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BRIDAL SHOWER

Open House Bridal shower for Casey Kroll, bride to be of Steve Johnston. April 8th, starting at 10:30 am at St. Paul's Lutheran church, Ferney. The couple is registered at Target and Herbergers. (0329/0405*)

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Argumentative Essays On the MS/HS Proposed Building Project Written by GHS Students By Allyssa Locke

How many of you like to come to school in the morning and smell the sewer when you go to class? Chances are that you don't like to smell the sewer, and this is why we need the new addition of a school building. Issues like this have broken many codes that need to be fixed, so we are here to fix those codes, and to build a new and better school for the students. Today I will be telling you about how the new school addition will help and support our education.

My support for building a new school involves the morning when the students come to school, and have nowhere to go but stand around waiting for the bell to ring. If we get the new addition of the school, students will have a place to go hang out until the bell rings.

Another thing about the new addition is that we wouldn't have to learn in a classroom where the temperature can change drastically. The temperature can either be very warm or very cold, but with the new addition, we won't have to face that problem in our school.

The last major thing about our 1934 year old school, is that we are breaking many of the codes that apply to our school. Our school should be able to follow the codes that apply to the students' health. This is why we need to build a new school.

Many of the people who pay the taxes think that the cost of the new school would be too much. I believe that even though the cost of taxes will rise, the people will see that in the end, the new addition will all be worth it in the end, and we will be very happy with our new school.

I've told you about all the things that would make our school a healthier and safer place for us to learn for our education. I've told you about the sewer problems, the drastically changing temperatures, and all the codes that our school has broken. If you are having doubts about the new addition to our school, I hope that from this essay, you can make the decision to build a new school!

Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

Since there is no recent news regarding the Vikings and free agency, we'll get back into the roster breakdown. We've covered the offense, so now it's time to turn to defense, starting with the defensive line.



At defensive end, the Vikings will be bringing back almost everyone from last year's squad. The Vikings were 5th in the NFL last year with 41 sacks, and most of that pressure came from the defensive end position.

Danielle Hunter was the best pass rusher on the team last season, which is incredibly impressive because he is only 22 years old. Hunter led the team with 12.5 sacks as a backup, and was the only Viking to accumulate double-digit sacks. Hunter has been fantastic through his first two years in the NFL, and he has certainly earned a shot at a starting spot on the team. He is still on a rookie contract through 2018, but will likely get a nice contract extension next offseason.

Everson Griffen was second on the team with 8 sacks in 2016. Griffen is only 29 years old, and is firmly entrenched as the team's starting left defensive end. He is signed through the 2018 season.

Brian Robison started at right defensive end last season, but will likely be demoted due to the emergence of Hunter. Robison was third on the team with 7.5 sacks last year, and has yet to crack double digits in his NFL career. Robison turns 34 next month, but just signed an extension that will drop his cap number and ensure his roster spot.

The Vikings signed Datone Jones this off-season, who was a former first round pick by Green Bay. Jones will become a backup who will play all along the defensive line. The Vikings cut one of their backup defensive ends last week, Scott Crichton, who was a third round pick in 2014.

The Vikings were 16th in the NFL, allowing 4.2 yards per carry. The team was also 3rd in the NFL, allowing only nine touchdowns on the ground. Most of that production was due to the defensive tackles, specifically Linval Joseph. Joseph is one of the best defensive tackles in the league, even if he doesn't get the recognition he deserves. Joseph is 28 years old and signed through the 2018 season at a very reasonable price.

Sharrif Floyd was supposed to be the defensive tackle next to Joseph, but the former first round pick only played 25 snaps in 2016 because of injury. He is entering the final year of his rookie contract, and will need to prove his worth this upcoming season if he wishes to remain on the team.

Shamar Stephen and Tom Johnson filled in for Floyd last season. Stephen played more snaps than Johnson, even though his play didn't warrant the increase in playing time. Tom Johnson is 32 and entering the last year of his contract. Shamar Stephen's contract will also be up after this season, but he just turned 26 and has a chance to improve.

All in all, the Vikings are set at defensive end, although it wouldn't surprise me to see the team take a chance on a project player in the middle to late rounds of the upcoming draft. Defensive tackle is a little more muddled. If Sharrif Floyd could ever live up to his potential, the Vikings could have the best defensive line in the league. However, with his injury concerns, the Vikings may look to invest a high draft pick in a defensive tackle to start next to Linval Joseph.

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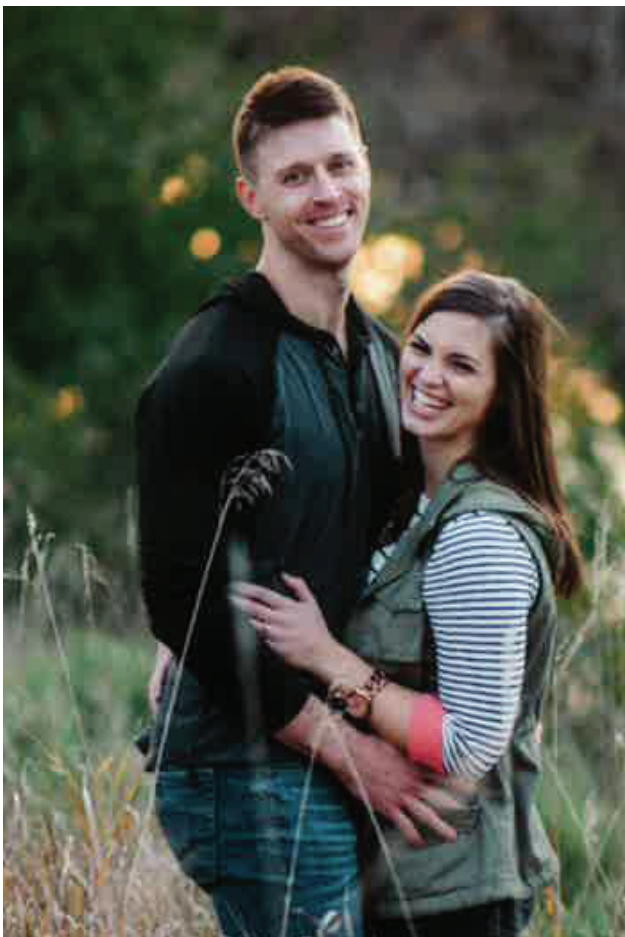
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Johnston, Kroll Engaged

Steve Johnston and Casey Kroll of Sioux Falls are engaged and plan a May 20th wedding at Memorial Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. Parents of the couple are Dave and Sandy Johnston of Sioux City, Iowa and Ron and Luanne Kroll of Groton. (pd)

Argumentative Essays On the MS/HS Proposed Building Project Written by GHS Students By Regan Leicht

Have you ever fallen off your bike and got scraped up? Well if you have you know that if you fell hard enough, one bandage won't hold all the blood, so you have to keep bandaging it. That is kind of how our school is. It has many bumps and bruises and we've been putting bandages on them for quite some time now, but it is getting to be too much. As you can see our school is running into more and more problems that cannot be solved. We need this school, not only because our building is fragile, but because we need a better, more comfortable place to be able to become educated.. And we aren't going to get that if people replace what we need with what they want. Today, I will provide you with positive evidence to why we need a new school.

This building has been standing for 82 years, and has had many good days.. But the number of good days is becoming rare. Our heating and air conditioning is one of the major problems. We begin school in August, which is the end of summer, and that is usually very hot and humid. When you're sweaty and hot what do you do? How do you act? A lot of kids lose focus, and end up getting lost in class. Even in the winter, some of the classrooms become too cold to even concentrate. Wouldn't you want a school with heating, and air conditioning? Getting new heating and air would help out a lot, because not only would it help our students become more focused, but it would prevent a lot of other problems like getting ill, especially in the winter time.

Classroom size is another major issue. They are simply too small to fit all of the students and their classroom supplies in. Our school is going to keep growing, like it or not, and we are going to run out of room, and we are

going to be crammed. Increasing classroom sizes will help with how well we are getting educated. Our teachers will be able to get to us easier, and help us more efficiently. This will also make it able for our teachers to do more activities with the students, and make our class more productive.

We need to make our school look more presentable and welcoming. Right now our school doesn't look as bad on the outside, but when you get on the inside it is a different story. We have stench that roam the halls, our heaters make weird noises, and sometimes at night teachers claim to hear a lady walking around in heels. For this reason, our staff don't even take the job applicants on a tour, they just show them pictures because they don't want to scare them off. So by redoing everything, and putting in a lot more windows and what not our school will look more presentable.

One of the main reasons people won't vote for the new school is because of how much the taxes are going to go up, especially for farmers. What they don't realize though is if we don't get the new school now, we will eventually get it later. If we get it later then they will have to pay even more than what they would now. Another thing they don't realize is that we need the school now, we can't wait much longer. We come to school each day hoping that our heat will work, and that is one thing they don't fully understand.

As you can see our school has had, and still has many problems. Heating is bad, no air conditioning, small classrooms, and much more. By getting a new school we will have a better, more comfortable place to be able to learn more efficiently, and get a better education. Kids will want to come to school. They will have more room to move smoothly from class to class, and will be able to communicate with teachers better. I think this would and will be a good thing for our Groton Area High School.

By Travis Townsend

"Change is hard at first, messy in the middle and gorgeous at the end." This is a quote by Robin Sharma which means change is not very easy to do at first, but it is worth it at the end. Did you know that twenty-five percent of the Groton Area High School building is over eighty years old? It would cost \$4.4 million to do the maintenance to this old building. So this is the question, should we stay with the school we have or should we look to the future? Therefore, today, I am

going to tell you why we should get a new school.

Twenty-five percent of this building is over 80 years old. Most of the building is inadequate. It has major electrical, plumbing, heating, and air quality problems. To just fix those problems it will cost \$4.4 million dollars to replace them in this old building. When they were constructing this building, they didn't think of the impact of the future. Many of the classrooms are too small to fit the teacher to student ratio. We need to get better technology to fit the 21st century education system, and to get the best teachers to replace those that will retire in the near future. The students need a place to gather and collaborate rather than in the halls. If there are collaboration rooms then the hallways will be less cluttered and more space for the teachers to get ready for the day. There are a lot of safety and security needs to keep the students safe like the fire alarms. Our fire alarms have gone off twice this year when there hasn't been a fire. The locker rooms are out of date and have little privacy when athletes are showering after games or practice.

On the other hand, the taxes will go up for the patrons of the district and some may struggle to pay the taxes. The farmers in the area are going to have to pay more taxes because of their sheds and land value so the farmers will possibly buy less products which could have a chain affect back to the other people in town. I think that this is the wrong point of view for the benefits outweigh the costs. Money is easier to earn back then the school's reputation. I think we need to consider the next generation and let them have a campus like what is presented before us.

Today, I have told you how old this building is, the small classrooms, the need for quality teachers, better technology, and have a place to collaborate. I hope you look at my point of view and remember, "Change is gorgeous at the end."

Community Calendar



GROTON VET CLINIC
1503 N Broadway, Groton, 605/397-8145

Thursday, March 30

School Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Hot dog, French fries, fruit, carrots and dip.

Senior Menu: Hot turkey sandwich, macaroni salad, fruit, carrot bar.

United Methodist, Groton: Trustees meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 31

School Lunch: Cheese stick, mixed vegetable, fruit, romaine salad.

Senior Menu: Fish sticks, macaroni & cheese, lettuce salad with dressing, fruited Jell-O dessert, whole wheat bread.

Student Congress at Brookings High School

Saturday, April 1

Prom Grand March at 7 p.m. in GHS Gym



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Sunday, April 2

St. John's Lutheran: Worship with communion at 9 a.m., Sunday School at 10 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship at 9 a.m., Sunday School at 10 a.m., 1st Communion Class at 11 a.m.

Groton Christian & Missionary Alli-

ance: Easter Cantata at 7 p.m. with fellowship and lunch following the concert (will be carried live on GDILIVE.COM)

Catholic Parish: Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church at 9 a.m., then at St. Joseph in Turton at 11 a.m.

United Methodist Parish: Worship in Conde at 9 a.m., coffee fellowship time at 10 a.m. and worship in Groton at 11 a.m.

Heaven Bound Ministries in Pierpont: Worship at 10 a.m.

Monday, April 3

Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study at 6:30 a.m.

Senior Menu: Tater tot hotdish, green beans, orange half, sugar cookie, whole wheat bread.

Tuesday, April 4

United Methodist: Bible Study at 10 a.m.

Track at Ipswich at 12:30 p.m.

Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, macaroni salad, squash, pineapple strawberry ambrosia, whole wheat bread.

Wednesday, April 5

St. John's Lutheran: Ladies Aid LWML at 1:30 p.m., Confirmation at 3:45 p.m., Lenten Service at 7 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Lenten meal (Sarah Circle serves) at 6 p.m., Lenten Service at 7 p.m.

United Methodist, Groton: Community Coffee Time from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. with free coffee and rolls; Kid Zone at 3:30 p.m., Confirmation at 6 p.m., Lenten Service at 7 p.m. with coffee and dessert following.

Senior Menu: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, broccoli medley, fruit, whole wheat bread.

Thursday, April 6

St. John's Lutheran: Nursery Circle and Good Cheer Circle at 1:30 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Nigeria Circle at 2 p.m.

Track at Oakes, N.D. at 4 p.m.

Senior Menu: Stir fry beef with rice, oriental blend vegetables, honey fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

Friday, April 7

State Student Congress in Pierre 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Groton FFA CDE

Senior Menu: Tuna noodle casserole, beets, peach upside down cake, whole wheat bread.

United Methodist: MOMS Group, 9:30 a.m.



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Friday, March 31
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Packets will be sent home this week with a scheduled time and additional paperwork that will need to be completed.
Kindergarten Roundup will take place at the Groton Area Elementary School. Please check in at the office.