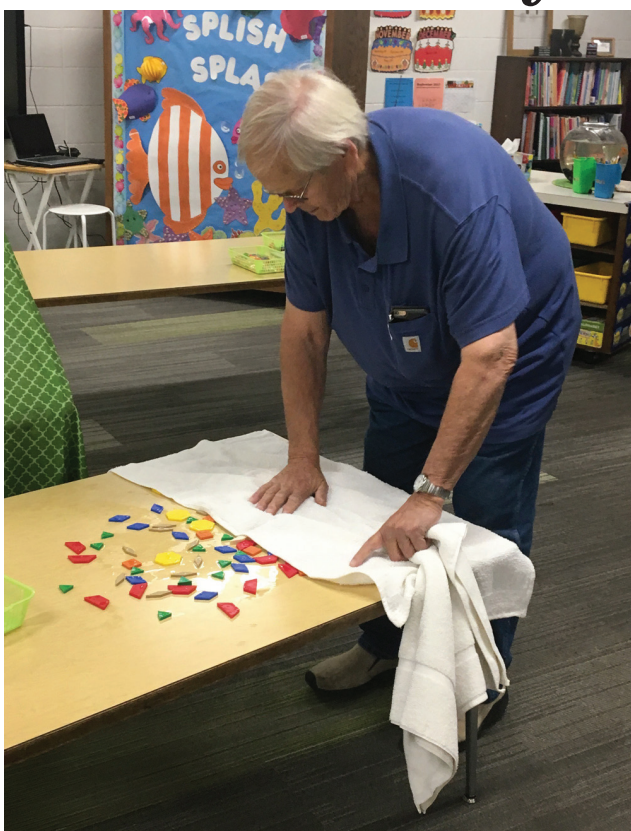




## Mil levy set for Groton Area School



**Board member Merle Harder helps to dry off some plastic pieces that got wet just before the school board meeting. The contractors were testing the sprinkler system and a coupling broke in the kindergarten room. The leak was fixed and the system was pressurized again and is working fine.**

The Groton Area School Board adopted the 2018-19 budget which included slight adjustments to the district's mil levy.

For Ag property, the mil levy will increase from 3.269 this year to 3.530 next year. Home owner occupied property will increase from 5.388 this year to 5.395 next year. Commercial property and non-ag decreased from 9.331 this year to 9.001 next year. Patrons of the former Bristol and Conde schools do not pay the .243 bond redemption tax this year and will not pay the bond redemption tax year of .223. The valuations for the Groton Area School district increased from \$1.081 billion in 2016 to \$1.233 billion in 2017 to \$1.333 billion in 2018.

Student enrollment in 2006 was 623 compared to 589 last year and the projection is around 570 this year. Friday is the date that the final enrollment will be submitted to the state that will determine state aid. Certified staff has dropped by one since 2006 to 49. The square miles of the district increased from 785 square miles in 2006 to 871 square miles in 2018.

The expense budget for 2018 \$5.322 million in general fund, \$1.486 million in capital outlay and \$0.928 in special education fund. The projected fund balance at the end of the 2017-18 school year will be 26 percent in general fund, 50.7 percent in capital outlay and 10.1 percent in special education.

Three more change orders were approved at the board meeting Monday night. One was for fire extinguishers and cabinets for \$3,175. Superintendent Joe Schwan said he was disappointed that the engineers didn't catch this earlier when they fire extinguishers could have been installed flush with the wall. Now that will be fastened to the wall. The cut out the holes would be dusty and they did not want dust getting into the filtering system. Another was \$22,505 to fix a drainage issue that was not included in the original design. Schwan also expressed disappointment that this could not have been done with the original design and could have saved the district some money had it been done prior to the sidewalk being installed. The board agreed to negotiate with the engineer on the cost of these two items. The other item was \$415 for an access panel for the new lighted building sign.

The board learned Monday evening that Kelly Kjelden and his wife will be moving to Aberdeen in the next 30 to 40 days as they have sold their Groton home. That will mean that Kjelden will need to resign off the board and will leave a vacancy. The board will meet in October to discuss how to handle the vacancy for the rest of his term will expire in 2018.

Chuck Padfield and Adam Franken are now official bus drivers. The board approved the agreements with them. They were substitute drivers prior to the agreements.

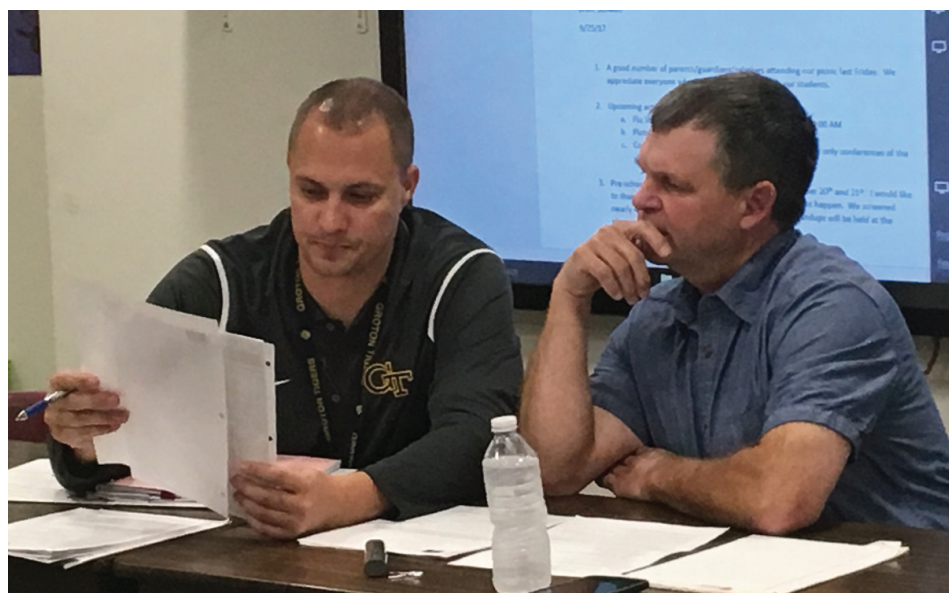
The board agreed to allow the Groton Youth Rally committee to use the gym free of charge for the youth rally scheduled for November 15.

The second and third grade teachers presented their programs and gave the school board a tour of their new rooms at the elementary school. The school board meeting was held in the lower pod of the elementary school. The teachers had glowing reports of the renovations and were well pleased with the new set up.

Matt Locke was hired as the eighth grade girls' basketball coach at 5% of base salary. Shannon Wiedrick was hired as a student custodian at \$9.25 per hour for up to 20 hours per week. Sarah Lewandowski was hired as an elementary special education paraprofessional at \$11.40 per hour.

An open enrollment for a sophomore from the Aberdeen School District was approved.

- Paul Kosel



**Superintendent Joe Schwan and Board President Steve Smith review the procedure on the handling of a vacancy. Kelly Kjelden will be leaving the district in 30-40 days and will be moving to Aberdeen.** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Best thing to happen in Groton for safe travel**  
**Roger Rix is one of the local farmers who is totally ecstatic about the new green-yellow-red lights at the junction of US12 and SD37 in Groton. He said that the lights are perfectly timed and will do wonders to keep people safe. "I go through the intersection many times a day and when I come from the north," Rix said, "by the time I slow up and get to the intersection, the lights are turning yellow on US12. I'm very happy about these lights and they are a great asset to the community. This is the best thing that happened for safe travels in our community."** (Photo by Paul Kosel)



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**Drywall dust causes fire alarm at Elementary School**  
 Drywall dust triggered a sensor at the Groton Area Elementary School during noon hour on Wednesday, Sept. 20, as the Groton Fire Department was called to the scene. According to Superintendent Joe Schwan, the workers were sanding sheetrock and the dust got so thick that it triggered a sensor. The students and staff were evacuated from the building just to make sure it was safe to re-enter.

(Photos by Paul Kosel)



**No More Shortcut**

The road going south on Washington Street has been a short cut through city property, but the recent rain has ruined the property as people continued to use it. The city has not shut off access to this short cut. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

**Groton Garden Club**

The Groton Garden Club met at the home of Laurie Mitchell with Pam Rix assisting. Thirteen members answered roll call with their favorite county fair food. Bev Sombke, president, reminded the group about the Fall board meeting in Watertown, September 30, at the Ramkota at 11:00 am. Yard of the week winner for September 10 Rich and JoAnn Krueger, September 17, Bob and Kristie Gibbs and September 24, Spike and Pat Nehls. These will finish the program for the season. The group will decorate main street for fall on Tuesday, September 19. Next meeting will be October 16, at 5:30 pm at the Groton Rehab Center. Linda Anderson and Deb McKiver will host and Deb will give the program. Following the meeting Pam Rix gave the program on "How to catch Fruit Flies."

**Sisseton Golf Meet Results**

Three Groton Area golfers participated in the Sisseton Golf meet held Thursday. Cade Guthmiller placed 20th with scores of 46 and 48 for a total of 94. Tristan Traphagen placed 33rd with scores of 51 and 50 for a total of 101. Hunter Kassube placed 34th with scores of 55 and 46 for a total of 101.

**Guthmiller advances to state in golf**

The regional golf tournament was held Monday at Dell Rapids. Sophomore Cade Guthmiller placed 18th in the region with scores of 47 and 42 for a total of 89. Others golfing for Groton were freshmen Tristan Traphagen with scores of 55 and 50 and a total of 105; Hunter Kassube with scores of 50 and 56 and a total of 106, and Lucas Simon with scores of 65 and 64 and a total of 129. The state golf meet will be held October 2-3 at Dakota Valley.

**Smith places second at Groton XC meet**

Tri-State edged out the Groton Area boys to claim the cross-country title at the Steve Grode Memorial Invitational held Monday at the Olive Grove Golf Course on Monday. Isaac Smith placed second running the 5,000m course in 19:13.74. Micah Poor was seventh with a time of 20:15.42. Noah Poor was 15th with a time of 22:26.14. Spencer Jacobs was 19th with a time of 25:44.83. Frederick's Trevor Sumption won the race with a time of 19:50.19 and Isaac Sumption was eighth with a time of 20:21.38. Tri-State won the team title with 15 points followed by Groton with 16, Sargent Central/Lidgerwood 19 and Roncalli 30. In the girl's division, Emily Thompson placed fifth with a time of 21:31.82. Hannah Lewandowski was 10th with a time of 23:23.54. AnnaMarie Smith was 16th with a time of 25:38.28. Rylee Rosenau was 17th with a time of 26:40.90.



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# Part of 37 gets asphalt



The long waited process of putting down asphalt on SD37 through Groton has begun. The first 1.5 inches of asphalt was laid down on Friday from US12 to Fifth Avenue. (Photos by Paul Kosel)



# Work at Ballpark



Locke-Karst Field is getting a new infield this year. Weber Landscaping has removed the sod and will be putting a new sod down next week. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The dugouts on the smaller fields at the Groton Baseball Complex have been removed with new ones to be installed for the next season. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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# Groton Area wins fourth "Battle of the Tigers"



**Groton Area's Luke Thorson and Moberidge-Pollock's Nathan Bauer get ready to tangle at the line.** (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

It was not only the Battle of the Tigers, but it was also Groton Area's homecoming and the traveling trophy will remain in Groton as the Groton Area Tigers posted a 28-20 win over the visiting Tigers.

"The boys were pretty excited to get the trophy back," said Coach Shaun Wanner. "We got it out the other night and put it in the locker room. Some of the younger ones never seen this before so we had to explain the history of the trophy. It was a nice idea that this guy (Roy Gay) had and he still e-mails to find out the update of it."

The game was carried live on GDIL-IVE.COM, sponsored by Bahr Spray Foam and Construction, Erickson Insurance Agency, James Valley Seed with Doug Jorgensen, Hanlon Brothers of Groton and Verdon, John Sieh Agency, Northern Plains Psychological Associates with Dr. Franne Sippel, Mike-N-Jo's Body-N-Glass, Milbrandt Enterprises Inc., Groton Ford, Blocker Construction, Grain Solutions with Jesse Zak, Allied Climatic Professionals with Kevin Nehls, Olson Development,

Doug Abeln Seed Company and the touchdown sponsor was Cheri's on Main.

"It was a nice win for the boys," Wanner said. "With Roncalli losing, it might put us into the number one spot in the region. We also have a chance at a split for the conference title. Milbank is 2-0. Roncalli is 1-1 and we're 1-1. Next week's game with Milbank will be a big conference game for us."

Groton Area's defense stopped Moberidge-Pollock in a goal line stand on the visiting Tigers' first drive. On third and goal from the Groton Area five yard line, Moberidge-Pollock attempted a pass into the endzone which was picked off by Brandon Keith.

"That was a big booster for us," Wanner said. "We stopped a big Moberidge-Pollock drive and then we went down to score. Our offensive and defensive lines did a great job. It shows that hard work does pay off - practicing hard and listening to the coaches. The boys are getting more experience with each game and it's showing. We just need to manage the clock better. We're shooting ourselves in the foot at the end of the games."

Groton would then go 80 yards on five plays as Lucas Hinman would score with a two-yard run with 1:27 left in the first quarter. Hunter Schaller kicked the PAT and Groton Area took a 7-0 lead. During that drive, Marshall Lane connected with Brandon Keith for a 59 yard pass play that would take the ball quickly inside Moberidge-Pollock territory.

Groton Area would score on its third drive of the game, starting at its own 42 yard line. The Tigers would score in four plays as Marshall Lane connected with Seric Shabazz for a 45-yard pass play. Groton Area would take a 14-0 lead with 10:12 left in the first half as Schaller kicked the PAT.

The fourth possession by Moberidge-Pollock proved fruitful as the Tigers would score on a five play, 61 yard drive culminating with a 23 yard pass play from Caden Halsey to Reece Cerney. The PAT kick by Tom Zott was good and it would be 14-7, Groton Area, with 2:43 left in the half.

Moberidge-Pollock would take the opening kick-off of the second half all the way into the endzone. Nathan Bauer had the 73 yard kick-off return. Brandon Keith blocked the PAT kick and Groton Area hung on to the lead, 14-13.

Moberidge-Pollock was inside the redzone just before half time as the Tigers threatened to score, but Luke Thorson had a big sack that took the thunder out of that drive and the half ended, Groton Area 14, Moberidge-Pollock 13.

The Groton Area defense kept Moberidge-Pollock deep in its own territory, forcing the Tigers to punt on fourth and 11 from the Moberidge-Pollock 25 yard line. On the punt, Groton Area had a fair catch at the Moberidge-Pollock 37 yard line. Two Moberidge-Pollock penalties put the Groton Area Tigers in the red zone at the 12 yard line. On the fourth play of the drive, Lucas Hinman would dash in for the 12-yard touchdown run. Schaller kicked the PAT and Groton Area took a 21-13 lead with 7:30 left in the third quarter.

Right before the end of the third quarter, Groton Area would start its drive from the Moberidge-Pollock 37 yard line. On second and 11 from the 38 yard line, Marshall Lane would connect with Brandon Keith for a 38-yard touchdown pass play. Schaller kicked the PAT and Groton Area took a 28-13 lead with 28 seconds left in the third quarter.

Moberidge-Pollock would score on its 11th drive of the game. The Moberidge-Pollock drive would start from its own 44 yard line with 7:45 left in the game. Moberidge-Pollock would go for it on fourth and five and Dylan Cerney would get a first down and he got down to the Groton Area 36 yard line. And again, Moberidge-Pollock would go for it on fourth and 10, but this time, the Tigers would score on a 36-yard pass play from Caden Halsey to Dyaln Cerney. The PAT kick was good by Tom Zott and Groton Area now had a 28-20 lead with 4:30 left in the game. Groton Area would stop the final Moberidge-Pollock drive and the Groton Area Tigers would once again, win the Battle of the Tigers and the travelling trophy will remain in Groton for the fourth year.



**The traveling "Battle of the Tigers" trophy was donated by 1957 Moberidge Alumni Roy Gay. It was started in 2014. Groton Area Coach Shaun Wanner and Moberidge-Pollock Coach Nathan Lamb hold the trophy back in 2014. The trophy has never left Groton.** (GDI file photo by Paul Kosel)

- 2014: Groton Area 27, Moberidge-Pollock 18**
- 2015: Groton Area 27, Moberidge-Pollock 8**
- 2016: Groton Area 33, Moberidge-Pollock 0**
- 2017: Groton Area 28, Moberidge-Pollock 20**



**Hunter Schaller gets ready to kick the ball on the kickoff.** (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



**Brandon Keith makes a catch and has a 59 yard pass play to set up a touchdown for the Groton Area Tigers.**

(Photo by Julianna Kosel)



**Marshall Lane hands off the ball to Lucas Hinman.** (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



**First Downs:** Groton Area 14, Mobridge-Pollock 11

**Rushing:** Groton Area 36-119 (Lucas Hinman 19-90, 2 touchdowns; Marshall Lane 16-33, Andy Rintalla 1-(-4)). Mobridge-Pollock: 35-113 (Dylan Cerney 17-111).

**Passing:** Groton Area's Marshall Lane completed 6 of 12 passes for 161 yards, 2 touchdowns. Mobridge-Pollock's Caden Halsey completed 6 of 19 for 104 yards, 2 touchdowns and 1 interception.

**Receivers:** Groton Area: Brandon Keith 2-97, 1 touchdown; Seric Shabazz, 3-61, 1 touchdown; Jackson Oliver 1-3. Mobridge-Pollock: Dylan Cerney 2-64 yards, 1 touchdown; Reece Cerney 1-23.

**Penalties:** Groton 8-70, Mobridge-Pollock 10-80.

**Fumbles:** Groton area had none. Mobridge-Pollock recovered both of their fumbles.

**Defense:** Groton Area: Brandon Keith 11 tackles and 1 interception, Luke Thorson 9 tackles and 2 sacks for a -19 yards, Seric Shabazz 8 tackles and 1 sack for a -4 yards, Brandyn Anderson had 1 sack for -7 yards, Darien Shabazz had 1 sack for a -10 yards and Peyton Johnson had 1 sack for -2 yards. Mobridge-Pollock: Jason Gerry 16 tackles, Braxyton Alberts 6 tackles.

**Record:** Groton Area 4-2, Mobridge-Pollock 1-4.

**Next Games:** Groton Area at Milbank, Mobridge-Pollock hosts Cheyenne-Eagle Butte.

- Paul Kosel

## Netters beat Sisseton, 3-0

Groton Area's volleyball team defeated Sisseton in three games Thursday night in action taking place at the Groton Area Arena.

Groton Area won the games, 25-13, 25-13 and 25-8.

In serving, Groton Area was 66 of 73 with 16 ace serves. Miranda Hanson was 17 of 17 with five ace serves and Jessica Bjerke and Payton Maine were each 11 of 12 with three ace serves. Sisseton was 29 of 31 with two ace serves. Ayinna Chanku was six of six and Alexis Metz was five of five with one ace serve.

Groton Area was 84 of 96 in attacks with 31 kills. Gia Gengerke was 22 of 25 with 12 kills, Jennie Doeden was 21 of 25 with eight kills and Taylor Holm was 12 of 14 with six kills. Sisseton was 10 of 18 in attacks with six kills. Katylynn Joyce was four of four with three kills and Mariah Pistorius was five of six with two kills.

The Tigers were 98 of 98 in sets with 25 assists. Miranda Hanson was 87 of 87 with 24 assists. The Redmen were 39 of 43 in sets with six assists. Kelsey Heath was 24 of 26 with five assists and Courtney Heath was 14 of 16 with one assists.

Groton Area had 38 digs with Payton Maine having 10, Jennie Doeden nine and Jessica Bjerke six. Sisseton was 44 of 57 in digs with Libby



The varsity volleyball team posed for a picture in front of the banner that they would bust through. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

## Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

When people talk about us from the Midwest, the most common phrase tossed around is "Minnesota nice". I'm not sure those in Florida believe that anymore. The Minnesota Vikings welcomed the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to town Sunday, then proceeded to dominate them in every phase of the game – although I'm sure they did it in a nice way.

Vikings quarterback Sam Bradford was out for the second straight week, so it was once again the Case Keenum show. Keenum seems to always play great against the Bucs, and he saved his best for Sunday, throwing for three touchdowns and a career high 369 yards. Stefon Diggs was the biggest beneficiary of Keenum's throws, as he caught eight passes for 173 yards and two touchdowns. Adam Thielen got in on the action as well, catching five passes for 98 yards. Keenum's 369 yards were the most by a Vikings QB since week 16 of last year against the Green Bay Packers, when Sam Bradford threw for 382 (although he needed 50 pass attempts to do it, compared to Keenum's 33 attempts on Sunday).

The Vikings defense played lights out against the explosive Buccaneers offense. For the past couple seasons the Vikings defense's Achilles heel has been stopping the run, but they held Tampa Bay to only 26 rushing yards – the lowest total the Vikings have given up since week three of the 2011 season. The Vikings did give up 328 passing yards and two touchdowns to Jameis Winston, but they also picked him off three times. The Vikings fearsome defensive line was only able to bring Winston down for a sack twice, but they were constantly putting pressure on him and making him uncomfortable in the pocket.

The biggest improvement for the Vikings this season is clearly the offensive line. While they are far from perfect, they are much improved over last season. The Bucs have a good defense, so it's impressive the Vikings offensive line didn't allow a single sack on the day. The line was also opening holes for Dalvin Cook, allowing him to run for 97 yards and a touchdown on 27 carries.

Speaking of Cook, he continues to make plays all over the field. Not only did he accumulate 97 yards on the ground, he also caught all five of the passes thrown his direction for 72 yards. Adrian Peterson was one of the best pure running backs in NFL history, but Dalvin Cook is proving he is a more complete player. Not only can he hit open running lanes with authority, but he can also catch the ball and pass protect. He is already a special player, and he should only get better as time goes on.

Looking ahead, the Minnesota Vikings will host the Detroit Lions on Sunday, October 1. The game will start at noon Central Time. Both teams are 2-1, with the Lions coming off a heart-breaking loss against the Atlanta Falcons. The Vikings lost both games to the Lions last season, but if you look over the last 10 times these teams have played, they are 5-5. It remains to be seen if Sam Bradford will play in week 4, but if he can't, I'm confident the coaching staff will come up with another masterful game plan that will give the Vikings the best chance to succeed with Case Keenum under center. Skol!

Have any questions or comments? Reach out to me on Facebook (facebook.com/SkolJWright) or on Twitter (@SkolJWright)



Medenwald being 12 of 15.

Groton Area had five blocks with Taylor Holm having four and Gia Gengerke one. Kiara LaFromboise had seven blocks for Sisseton.

In the preliminary matches, the seventh graders won both of the games with the score of one game being 25-11 and the second game was not available. The eighth graders lost their first game, 25-19. In the second game, Groton Area was trailing, 24-17 and the eighth graders rallied to take the lead 25-24, and went on to win, 27-25 with Trinity Smith having an ace serve for the win. The eighth graders then won the match by winning the third game, 25-15. The C team lost their match, 2-1, with game scores of 25-16, 20-25 and 15-25. The junior varsity team won its match, 25-9 and 25-11.

Groton Area will travel to Roncalli on Thursday. The Tigers' season record is now 7-2 on the season while Sisseton is 2-13.

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MONTHLY DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT FOR GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 06-6. Table with 11 columns: General Fund, Restricted Gen Funds, Capital Outlay, Special Education, Pension Fund, Bond Redemption, Capital Projects, Enterprise Fund, Agency Fund, Total for District. Rows include Beginning Balance, Transfers in, Revenue to date, Total accounted for, Transfers out, Expenditures to date, Ending Balance, August Receipts, August Expenses, and Agency Checking.

Groton School Sept. 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6

REGULAR MEETING September 11, 2017 President Steve Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Fjelstad, Gengerke, Harder, Rix, Smith and Weismantel. Absent: Kjelden. Others present: Supt. J. Schwan, Principals Sombke & B. Schwan and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Weismantel, second Rix to approve the agenda with the following changes: under Old/Continuing Business Items #4g - approve change order and under New Business Item #2a - approve resignation/retirement. Motion carried.

Pursuant to SDCL 23-3, there was no potential conflict disclosure reported. Moved by Harder, second Fjelstad to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: North Central Special Ed Coop School of Record agenda items, District minutes of August 14, bills, financial reports, agency accounts and investments. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary - 51,511.55; FIT - 6,023.06; Medicare - 1,964.98; FICA - 8,402.10; Washington National - 98.40; SDRS - 7,434.76; Waddell & Reed - 638.88; Horace Mann - 250.00; AFLAC - 773.80; Delta Dental - 1,074.04; SDRS Supplemental - 352.29; Wellmark - 19,592.84; Reliastar - 64.66; A&B Business - supplies, 293.98; A-1 Locksmith - keys, 29.00; Agency Fund - advance pays, 6,785.45; Brown County Treasurer - bug services, 166.72; Building Sprinkler - inspection, 597.57; City of Groton - utilities, 7,488.87; Cole Papers - supplies, 3,514.56; Dependable Sanitation - services, 1,254.50; GCR Tires - tires, 691.60; Geffdog Designs - jerseys, 493.58; Groton Chiropractic - physicals, 190.00; Groton Daily Independent - notices, 156.34; Harry Implement - belt, 31.48; Hauff Mid-America - supplies, 1,609.37; Hillyard - supplies, 459.12; Ken's - fuels,

334.26; Locke Electric - services, 2,969.06; McLeod's - supplies, 15.00; Menards - supplies, 314.86; Mid-American Research - supplies, 2,114.90; Mike-n-Jo's - repairs, 441.00; Nasco - supplies, 200.55; North Central Special Ed Coop - fee, 5,000.00; Northeast Conference - dues, 300.00; Pantorium Cleaners - services, 348.60; Pearson Education - workbooks, 490.04; Premier Agendas - agendas, 99.75; School Specialty - supplies, 134.08; SDSBF - assessment, 69,298.05; SD Library Assn - fee, 20.00. Total General Fund - \$204,023.65.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: A&B Business - chairs/desk, 1,129.28; Acme Tools - tools, 704.99; Agency Fund - advance pays, 36,891.18; Cengage Learning - curriculum, 290.00; Golden West Tech. - equipment, 11,655.02; Hauff Mid-America - equipment, 2,657.65; House of Glass - services, 248.22; John Deere - repairs, 339.06; Learning Solutions - fees, 340.00; Marco - leases, 2,163.58; MFAC - kit, 114.00; Northside Implement - repairs, 30,830.42; School Nurse Supply - equipment, 957.00; School Specialty - resources, 1,331.66. Total Capital Outlay Fund - \$89,652.06.

SPECIAL EDUCATION: Avera St. Luke's - services, 2,352.00; North Central Special Ed Coop - assessments, 30,841.13; SDSBF - assessment, 8,580.60. Total Special Ed Fund - \$41,773.73.

CAPITAL PROJECTS: Architectural Roofing & Sheetmetal - roofing, 19,322.05; Balancing Professionals - services, 15,057.50; Braun Intertec - testing, 7,721.00; Custom Sheet Metal - services, 72,675.00; Decker - containers, 354.66; Foster, Jacobs & Johnson - design work, 44,756.90; Gemini Acoustical - services- 47,481.00; Grazzini Brothers - flooring, 109,655.65; JDH Construction - services, 219,920.85; Lien Transportation - services, 59,746.45; Muth Electric - cabling, 95,988.00; Prairiesons - services, 15,725.88; Quality Welding - services, 1,882.92; Redlinger Bros. - services, 195,709.50; Sewer Duck - rentals, 1,107.60; Sippel Cabinets - services, 2,094.09. Total Capital Projects - \$909,199.05.

ENTERPRISE FUNDS: Food Service - Net Salary - 1,813.65;

FIT - 273.15; Medicare - 70.08; FICA - 299.66; SDRS - 290.00; Wellmark - 763.00; Reliastar - .65; Ace Refrigeration - repairs, 1,443.30; CWD - food, 1,166.53; G&K Services - services, 41.05; GASD/Patron - transfer, 12.50; L. Nickeson - refund, 12.20; Reinhart - food, 1,855.46; SDSBF - assessment, 1,503.19; US Foods - food, 1,344.10. Total Food Service - \$10,888.52. OST - Net Salary - 6,963.71; FIT - 407.44; Medicare - 237.82; FICA - 1,016.80; SDRS - 402.98; Wellmark - 99.16; Dollar General - supplies, 6.75; Groton Dairy Queen - food, 196.00; R. Jensen - refund, 113.53; Ken's - supplies, 318.65; L. Nickeson - refund, 105.86; SDSBF - assessment, 268.16; Webster Theatre - fees, 300.00. Total OST - \$10,436.86. Total Enterprise Funds - \$21,325.38.

AGENCY FUND: Total - \$47,432.88. RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes - 4,973.50; Other Local Sources - 145,192.66; County Sources - 4,289.15; State Sources - 93,511.51; Federal Sources - 5,535.47. Total Receipts - \$253,502.29.

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

No presentations were made during committee reports. Superintendent Schwan gave an update of the elementary addition/remodel project.

The following change orders to the elementary addition/remodel project were reviewed for consideration: a) CCO#012 with JDH Construction - field work order #9 replace mechanical room walls at north and south pods for an increase of \$11,210; b) CCO#013 with JDH Construction - field work order #10 add wallboard overlay in 1992 Addition/Center Area for an increase of \$9,661; c) CCO#014 with JDH Construction - field work order #4 provide exterior concrete slabs for two mechanical condensing units and extend to building for an increase of \$2,850; d) CCO#002 with Custom Sheet Metal - credit for concrete slabs at ACCU-1 and ACCU-2 for a decrease of \$1,960; e) CCO#015 with JDH Construction - install insulation at wall between addition and existing building for an increase of \$745 and f) CCO#016 with JDH Construction - change metal expansion joint color for an increase of \$1,154.

The board discussed a potential change order g with Lien Transportation to resurface the elementary playground overlay for an increase of \$39,828. Moved by Weismantel, second Gengerke to approve change orders a, b, c, d, e and f as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Fjelstad to table change order g. Motion failed 3-3 with Rix, Harder and Weismantel voting nay.

Moved by Rix second Harder to approve change order g as presented. Motion failed 3-3 with Gengerke, Fjelstad and Smith voting nay.

The following items were discussed in administrative reports: staffing updates, NE Area Superintendent's Meeting, open house, Highway 12 sign troubleshooting, Bus #09 repairs, Marco print contracts, current enrollment at 575, special events, surplus auction sale, Structure Word Investigation presentation by Dr. Houge, elementary drop off area working well, elementary open house, homecoming week activities, preschool screening, thank you to new elementary librarian Melissa Ulmer in getting

the library put back together and functional, annual report completed, fall family night and student council voting,

2017-18 bus routes were distributed. Moved by Gengerke, second Weismantel to approve routes as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Fjelstad to approve resignation from Ryan Dix as special education para-professional for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Weismantel to approve resignation from Kathryn Bury as assistant business manager, effective December 31, 2017. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Gengerke to amend contract of Desiree Yeigh from BS to BS-15 for a salary increase of \$750. Motion carried.

The board acknowledged Public School Exemption #18-03 for children in grades 1 and 2; #18-04 for a child in grade 7, #18-05 for a child in grade 7, #18-06 for a child in grade 1, #18-07 for a child in grade 5 and #18-08 for children in grades 1, 2 and 4.

Moved by Weismantel, second Gengerke to approve open enrollment applications #18-14, #18-15, #18-16 and #18-17 for children in grades 3, 5, 7 and 9 from the Aberdeen School District. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Weismantel to withdraw open enrollment application #16-1. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Fjelstad to adjourn at 8:07 pm. 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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Brown County Fairground Clubhouse

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR BROWN COUNTY FAIR "CLUBHOUSE" (AKA BEER GARDEN) CONCESSIONS DURING THE FAIR

Proposals will be received by the Brown County Commission on behalf of the Brown County Fair Board, at the Auditor's Office, 25 Market Street, Ste 1, Aberdeen SD 57401, for contract to operate concessions during Fair Week at the "Clubhouse" (aka Beer Gardens). Such proposals will be received until 5:00 P.M., Friday, October 13, 2017. The proposal opening will be held at the Brown County Commission Meeting at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 17, 2017.

Groton City Sept. 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2017 The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at the Community Center for their second monthly meeting with the following members present: Opp, McGannon, Blackmun, Glover, Peterson and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were: Finance Officer Hope Block, Attorney Drew Johnson, and Justin Olson.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Glover, and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Peterson and seconded by McGannon to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.

Prepaid: Payroll, \$8,126.42, Employee salaries; Public Safety, \$7,609.71, ; Culture & Recreation, \$516.71, ; First State Bank, \$3,062.42, SS and WH ; April Abeln, \$791.81, Med flex and dep flex; Drew Johnson, \$2,175.00, Legal fees 8/17; Paul Kosel, \$1,155.70, Phone, med flex; Anita Lowary, \$218.04, Retirement contribution error; Stacy Mayou, \$107.20, Med flex; SD Supplemental Retirement, \$530.00, Employee retirement; Web Water, \$13,404.15, 4,384,800 gal 8/17; Harves Sport Shop, \$104.31, 2 dozen baseballs for tournament; SD State Treasurer, \$9,769.25, Sales tax 8/17; MJs, \$617.34, Gas, dsl, spark plugs, Total Prepaid: \$40,061.64.

Payable: Ameripride Inc, \$31.70, Rug rent; Associated Supply Co, \$4,669.01, Dolphin wave pool cleaner, landing pad; Baseball Foundation, \$700.00, Reimburse for mound tarp; Coca Cola Bottling Co, \$336.00, Soda for resale pool & bb; Dakota Pump & Control Co, \$5,668.37, Pump repairs; Dakota Supply Group Inc, \$110.08, PVC flex, saddle; Darrels Sinclair, \$141.80, Tire repair, battery for air compressor; Dollar General, \$95.90, Trash bags, paper products, cleaners, candy for resale, water, fan, soap; Groton Independent, \$159.76, Publishing mins (2) & ordinance (2); HD Supply Waterworks, \$766.08, clamps, bends, couplings, PVC; Heartland Consumer Power, \$43,820.24, Power 8/17; James Valley, \$668.55, Phones, internet; Lien Transportation, \$633.36, Hot mix 10.920 ton @ 58; Lori's Pharmacy, \$43.76, Batteries; NW Energy, \$1,144.79, Nat gas pool 8/17; Olde Bank Floral N More, \$30.00, Flowers; Railroad Management, \$194.55, Electric line crossing rent; Roys Sport Shop, \$94.99, Bats for legion regional; Wellmark, \$12,706.60, Employee insurance; Western Area Power Admin, \$22,594.96, Power 1,198,320 KWH/2647 KW

Moved by Blackmun and seconded by Glover to approve the August finance report. All members present voted aye.

Kathy Sundermeyer entered the meeting at 7:12, and the council requested her invoices for year 2017 be in by October 1. Moved by Opp to approve the second reading of Ordinance #714 Amending the 2012 Revised Ordinances as it Pertains to Water. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Glover and seconded by McGannon to purchase two speed trailers with the Safe Routes to School Grant funds with the City being responsible for 25% of that cost. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Peterson and seconded by McGannon to approve Paul to attend safety training in Mitchell in November. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Peterson and seconded by Glover to allow Hope and Shawn and possibly two council members to attend the Heartland budget meeting in Langford. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Glover to adjourn into executive session for personnel and legal items 1-25-2 (1) & (3) at 7:28 pm. All members present voted aye. Council reconvened into regular session at 7:59 pm. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Opp to close 2nd Street, Main Street, Railroad Ave. and Ninth Ave for the Festival of Bands. All members present voted aye.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm. Scott Hanlon, Mayor Hope Block, Finance Officer Published once at the total approximate cost of \$20.01. 14794

Frederick Town Ordinance 202

2018 Appropriations Town of Frederick 2nd Reading of Ordinance 202 Budget and Appropriations 2018

The 2nd reading of the 2018 Budget and Appropriations was held at the Frederick Community Center on Wednesday evening, September 19, 2017, at 7 PM. Present were Board Members R. Scott Campbell, Chairman, Board Members Gary Schlosser and Troy Millard, and Fiance Officer Diane Brun.

Chairman Campbell called the meeting to order. The board gave a final review of the 2018 budget and decided to keep it as it was presented. The following Ordinance was offered: Ordinance 199 2018 Appropriations

Be it ordained by the City of Frederick that motion has been made by Troy Millard and seconded by Gary Schlosser to adopt the 2018 Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance as presented. The total appropriation is \$99,638.00 transferred to the 2018 budget for the maintenance and operation of the Town of Frederick to meet its obligations for the year of 2018.

Roll Call Vote: Campbell Aye, Millard Aye, Schlosser Aye. There being no further business to come before the board, meeting was adjourned motioned by Schlosser/Millard. Motion Carried.

Diane Brun Frederick Finance Officer Published once at the total approximate cost of \$12.87. 14795

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# GHS Homecoming Float Winners



The sixth grade float took first place. (Photo by Tina Kosel)



The seventh grade float took third place. (Photo by Tina Kosel)



The eighth grade float took second place. (Photo by Tina Kosel)



Farm Credit Services had the best commercial float. Tom Woods was Batman on a motorcycle. (Photo by Tina Kosel)



The Class of 1967 is cheering on the Tigers! (Photo by Tina Kosel)



Katie Koehler is the reigning Carnival of Silver Skates Queen. She is on a car with Groton's first Silver Skates King, Bob Pray, Sr. Bob was the 1st King in 1941 with Queen Gunrun Martinson McCullough and in 1942 with Dorothy Fangen Kah (Photo by Tina Kosel)

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The fifth graders march for the last time through a homecoming parade. (Photo by Tina Kosel)

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## The Life of LaVonne Engstrom



LaVonne A. Engstrom, age 88, of Watertown, SD, passed away on Friday, September 22, 2017 at Jenkins Living Center. She is the widow of Conrad "Connie" Engstrom, Jr.

Funeral services were held Monday, September 25, 2017 at the Wight & Comes Funeral Chapel in Watertown with Pastors Sara Nelson and Scott Dempster officiating.

Burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Watertown, SD.

Honorary Pallbearers were the Staff at Jenkins Living Center.

LaVonne April Engstrom was born on April 1, 1929 to John and Edith (Mereness) Whiteaker near Verdon, SD. She grew up on a farm near Groton, SD and attended school in Groton and graduated from Groton High School in 1946.

She married Conrad "Connie" Engstrom, Jr. on October 4, 1947 at the First United Methodist Church in Aberdeen, SD. Together they raised three children, Connie, Allan and Kevin. The family

lived in Wisconsin for many years and then returned to Watertown. LaVonne and Connie lived at Lake Kampeska until 1996 when they moved into Watertown. Connie Engstrom passed away on October 18, 1999.

LaVonne's whole world was her family who she adored! She loved being a homemaker, cooking and baking and planting flowers. She created cherished memories for the whole family with wonderful Holiday celebrations! She especially loved spending time with her

grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The special bond she had with her granddaughter Jenni Lake. The bond was deep and forever.

LaVonne is survived by her children, Connie Lake, Al (Bobbi) Engstrom and Kevin (Jeanne) Engstrom; eight grandchildren, Troy (Heather) Engstrom, Jenni Lake, Nathan (Jackie) Lake, Staci (Kevin) Smunk, Travis (Chera) Engstrom, Traci (Justin) Stephens, Breanna (Jesse) Kell and Rudy Engstrom; and 11 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents John and Edith Whiteaker; her husband, Connie; one brother, Les Whiteaker; and one sister, Louise Blattert.

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## Former Mayor Gerald Rix has died

Services for Gerald "Jerry" Rix, 92, of Groton will be 11 a.m., Saturday, September 30, 2017 at the United Methodist Church, Groton. Rev. Thomas Carlson will officiate. Burial with Masonic Rites will follow in Union Cemetery, Groton under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Visitation will be held at the chapel on Friday from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Jerry passed away September 27, 2017 at Avera St. Lukes Hospital, Aberdeen.

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