



UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION GROTON AREA SCHOOL  
DISTRICT NO. 06-6  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 24, 2025  
President Rix called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the GHS Library Conference Room. Members present: Rix, Fliehs, Gengerke, Harder, Lerseth-Fliehs,

Strom and Weismantel. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principal B. Schwan (7:25pm), Principal Edwards, and Business Manager Hubsch.

Moved by Gengerke, second by Harder, to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of approval of the resignation of Desiree Yeigh. Motion carried.

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

President Rix congratulated the cheerleaders on their second in a row Spirit of Six award and congratulated the boys' basketball team on their seventh-place finish at the state tournament.

Members of the public are allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. Beverly Sombke expressed her gratitude to the board for assisting with her dental bill due to an incident last year and for installing a new sidewalk to prevent any future incidents.

Program overview presentations were provided by Sarah Hanten, Diane Kurtz, and Mary Johnson for the English Language Arts and Reading 6-12 programs.

Buildings, grounds, and transportation committee, made up of board members Fliehs, Rix, and Harder, reported on at their last meeting as they discussed the football field on what updates would need to be done for the football field such as drainage, irrigation, sodding, and the crow's nest. Timelines were discussed regarding the duration of a project like this and whether it would be a joint effort involving capital outlay funds and fundraising. A discussion was also held on planning for the future of the middle/high school building and auxiliary gymnasium, as well as creating a timeline for conducting cost analyses and needs assessments with professionals, community, and staff. The building, grounds, and transportation committee will meet again and present information to the board at the next regular meeting.

The following items were discussed in administrative reports: J. Schwan announced that the District's accreditation review is officially completed and approved. The next review is scheduled for the 2029-2030 school year. Schwan informed the board on exploring options for property and liability quotes and continuing with CorInsurance to get renewal rates through EMC or alternative options. Schwan updated the board on legislation and highlighted acts that have been approved or are waiting for the Governor's signature.

Principal B. Schwan reminded everyone about the kindergarten roundup taking place on April 4 for those students who will be turning five on or before September 1. Principal Edwards reported on testing dates and congratulated the Cheerleading squad on receiving the Spirit of Six award and the boys' basketball team on placing 7th at the state tournament. Hubsch is working with the District's insurance representative on quotes and has notified the board that the representative will be attending the second April meeting.

Moved by Gengerke, seconded by Fliehs, to approve the BAGS Backpack custodial account. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second by Weismantel, to approve participation in the South Dakota Department of Education Statewide Title III Consortium. Motion carried.

Moved by Fliehs, second by Harder, to approve Carla Tracy and Bruce Babcock as volunteer track coaches for the 2025 track season. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second by Fliehs, to approve the resignation of Desiree Yeigh, 5-12 Instrumental Music Teacher, at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried.

President Rix called for a short recess at 7:50 pm. Rix declared the board back in session from recess at 7:54 pm.

Moved by Fliehs, second by Gengerke, to go into executive session pursuant to SDCL1-25-2(4) Negotiations at 7:54 pm. Motion carried.

President Rix declared the board out of the executive session at 8:46 pm.

Moved by Weismantel, second by Lerseth-Fliehs, to adjourn at 8:46 pm. Motion carried.

Becky Hubsch, Business Manager

Grant Rix, President The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official.

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