

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD  
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1  
Monday, February 12, 2024 – 6:00 PM  
Mark Sanford Education Center (Enter at West Door #3)  
2400 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Grand Forks, ND**

(The meeting will be broadcast live and archived at <https://www.youtube.com/c/GFSchools>)

**AGENDA**

*Please note the stated times per topic are approximate and intended only as a guide. Upon convening the meeting, agenda topics may begin earlier or later than their stated approximate time.*

- 6:00 pm     **1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
                  A. Reading of School Board Meeting Norms
- 6:01 pm     **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 6:02 pm     **3. CELEBRATING SUCCESS**  
                  A. Community High School
- 6:17 pm     **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
                  A. January 22, 2024
- 6:18 pm     **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**  
*Individuals wishing to address the school board are asked to complete a Public Comment Card, submit it to the school board secretary before the start of the meeting, and wait to be invited to speak. Each person may speak for up to three (3) minutes. No individual may speak on the same topic more than once. The chairperson reserves the right to limit the comments and the number of speakers. School Board members shall not engage in a response or enter a debate about any issue(s) brought before the board during this portion of the meeting. Public comments and concerns will be directed to the Superintendent of Schools, who will deal with them according to policies adopted by the Board.*
- 6:24 pm     **6. SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISCUSSION**  
                  A. Public Forum Planning (Strategic Plan Area 3)
- 6:34 pm     B. School Board Election Process Timeline
- 6:39 pm     **7. SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION**  
                  A. Consent Agenda:  
                      1. Teacher Resignations  
                      2. Third-Party Student Information Requests:  
                          a. Varsity Tutors  
                          b. DNDBeyond  
                          c. RTI Scheduler
- 6:40 pm     d. Wyoming Survey and Analysis Center (WSAC)
- 6:45 pm     B. Agreement Between Districts Committee Report:  
                      1. Joint Powers Agreement between District # 140 and District #1 Educational Services
- 6:55 pm     C. Level IV Grievance – Steve Paintner
- 7:05 pm     D. Level IV Grievance – Tim Tandeski
- 8. OTHER**  
                  A. Announcements  
                  B. Board Requests for Future Consideration  
*There should be no discussion concerning any item that is requested for future consideration. The Board President and Superintendent will determine the best method of response to board requests.*
- 7:10 pm     C. School Board Meeting Norms – How did we do?
- 9. ADJOURNMENT**

*Persons with disabilities who may need assistance to access the meeting should call the superintendent’s office at 701-787-4880 at least 24 hours prior to this meeting.*

## School Board Meeting Norms

*The purpose of establishing school board norms is to ensure that all individuals have the opportunity to contribute in the meeting; to increase productivity and effectiveness; and to facilitate the achievement of its goals.*

### **NORMS**

- 1) Be prepared
- 2) Be on time
- 3) Value and respect each other
- 4) Exercise thoughtful deliberation and conversation
- 5) Be professional at the Board table and when visiting with the general public
- 6) Speak up when the norms are not being followed
- 7) Advocate on behalf of students and keep the community in mind

### **GOVERNANCE**

- 1) Lead by policy
- 2) Serve as advocates for K-12 public education
- 3) Entrust the day-to-day operations to the professionals; Let the administrators do their work
- 4) Assist community members and stakeholders in following the chain of command

### **OTHER**

- 1) Consider staff and District capacity in resources
- 2) Balance the meeting agendas so one meeting isn't heavier than the other



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Grand Forks School Board  
FROM: Dr. Terry Brenner, Superintendent of Schools  
SUBJECT: Celebrating Success – Classified and Certified Employees of the 2nd Quarter  
DATE: February 12, 2024

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At tonight's meeting, Jennifer Marshik, Secretary at Nathan F. Twining Elementary and Middle School, will be introduced as the Classified Employee of the 2nd Quarter by Mr. Chad Kurtyka, Principal. Mr. Kurtyka will provide a few remarks on behalf of Jennifer as the recipient. Board Member Flynn will present the plaque.

Additionally, Sara Tezel, English Teacher at Community High School, will be introduced as the Certified Employee of the 2nd Quarter by Mr. Terry Bohan, Principal. Mr. Bohan will provide a few remarks on behalf of Sara as the recipient. Board Member Berger will present the plaque.

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# Community High School Celebration

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Sources of Strength



# Sources of Strength ~

## Community High School

- Introductions
- Why Sources of Strength is such a valuable program?
  - Strength Based: Stories of Hope, Help & Strength instead of Sad, Shock & Trauma
  - Upstream approach: Identify & Grow Our Strengths Continually
  - Trained Peer Leaders Creating School Wide Campaigns with Intentional Messaging/Activities
  - National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs
- Supported by TEARS
- Annual Activity: TEARS Talk & Walk: Featured Speaker Milo



# Sources Messaging: Video Competition

- 2022 video competition through FirstLink & Tellwell/Fargo
- Student leaders told their stories of hope and healing
- Focused on the 8 strengths found on the Sources wheel
- 2022 awarded first place at FirstLink & Tellwell Film Festival
  
- 2023 submitted video to FirstLink & Tellwell
- Students focused on stress & coping strategies
- Chill Zones were developed for each classroom at Community
- Messaging shared schoolwide



# What did these competitions do for Community students?

- Student leaders gained strength from sharing stories
- They were part of a group—not often experienced
- Student leaders were vulnerable which gave opportunities for others
- The messaging impacted the whole school
- The 2022 proceeds impacts students to this day
  - Chill zones for all
  - Healthy activities

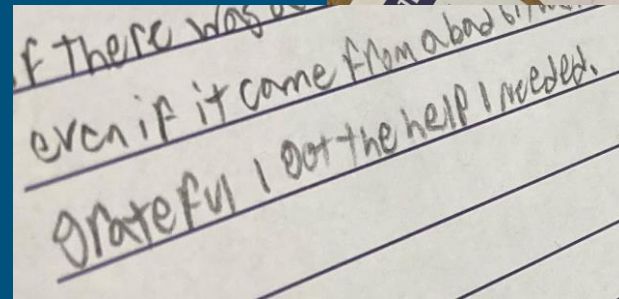


# Connect Campaign & Advisory

- Meetings occur twice a block
- SOS campaigns are embedded within Advisory
- Connect Campaign: sharing **a friend asks** app and a hotline connection
- Stories of I'm a Connector and I Got Connected
- Toilet Talk: offering an alternative way to Connect and encourage

## Upcoming...

- Sticky notes of gratitude and kindness
- Whole school Healthy Activities engagement





Thank you &  
We welcome you to visit our school!