

GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
February 20, 2024

The School Board of Grand Forks Public School District No. 1 met in special session on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at the Mark Sanford Education Center with Vice President Dave Berger and President Amber Flynn presiding.

Board Members Present: Josh Anderson, Dave Berger, Amber Flynn, Monte Gaukler, Eric Lunn, Jeff Manley, Bill Palmiscno, and Cynthia Shabb. **Absent:** Joel Larson.

Others Present: Dr. Terry Brenner, Superintendent of Schools; Catherine Gillach, Associate Superintendent of Secondary Education; Matt Bakke, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, School District Attorney Meredith Vukelic, Administrative Law Judge Jessica Binder; Nneka Nwaokeafor; Tracey Johnson, Head Start Director; Cordelia Ekweme; Terry Arason; Jordyn Williams; Ashlyn Hanson; Eloisa Flores; Katya Morales; Andrea Tyce; Natalia Bosch-Santiago; and Griffin Gillespie, Human Resources Director.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Berger and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Flynn joined the meeting and continued the meeting as the presiding officer.

Executive Session (closed meeting) as allowed by NDCC 15.1-15-08. It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Manley to convene into an executive session to conduct a hearing to discuss and act upon the contemplated discharge of Nneka Nwaokeafor from her current contract. Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion unanimously carried. Aye: Anderson, Berger, Gaukler, Lunn, Manley, Palmiscno, Shabb, and Flynn. Nay: None. Absent: Larson.

Members of the public were asked to leave the room.

The executive session began at 2:03 p.m. The executive session was recessed from 3:57 to 4:10 p.m., 5:44 p.m. to 5:57 p.m., and 6:43 to 7:16 p.m. The executive session ended at 8:08 p.m.

Members of the public were invited back into the room.

The open meeting resumed at 8:23 p.m.

It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Palmiscno that the Board finds that the charges and reasons for discharge of insubordination and conduct unbecoming the position of a teacher have been sustained with evidence produced at this hearing; that

said charges have not been refuted; and that the school district's attorney prepare draft Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for subsequent board discussion and action at a meeting to be scheduled within the next thirty days for purposes of finalizing the discharge of Nneka Nwaokeafor. Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion unanimously carried. Aye: Anderson, Berger, Gaukler, Lunn, Manley, Palmiscno, Shabb, and Flynn. Nay: None. Absent: Larson.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

APPROVED _____
(Date)

Amber Flynn, President

Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager