

**GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD**  
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
April 22, 2024

The School Board of Grand Forks Public School District No. 1 met in regular session on Monday, April 22, 2024, at the Mark Sanford Education Center with President Amber Flynn presiding.

**Board Members Present:** Josh Anderson, Dave Berger via phone, Amber Flynn, Monte Gaukler, Joel Larson, Eric Lunn, Jeff Manley, Bill Palmiscno, and Cynthia Shabb. **Absent:** None.

**Student Board Members Present:** Ryaan Alshami and Maggie Barker. **Absent:** None.

**Others Present:** Dr. Terry Brenner, Superintendent of Schools; Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager; Catherine Gillach, Associate Superintendent of Secondary Education; Matt Bakke, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education; Brady Olson, Vice President, Grand Forks Education Association; Arielle Neumann, GFAFB School Board Member; and Cindy Johnson, Executive Secretary.

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**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Reading of School Board Meeting Norms.** Anderson read aloud the school board meeting norms.

Shabb joined the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda.** It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Manley to approve the agenda as written. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes.** It was moved by Shabb and seconded by Palmiscno to approve the minutes of April 8, 2024, as written. Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion carried. Aye: Anderson, Berger, Gaukler, Larson, Lunn, Manley, Palmiscno, Shabb, and Flynn. Nay: None. Absent: None.

Alshami joined the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

**Public Comments.** Kathy Barker extended an invitation to board members to celebrate high school girls' soccer and attend the Cushman Cup on Tuesday, May 14 pre-game activities in the parking lot at 4:30 p.m. followed by the game at 7:00 p.m.

President Flynn announced public comments regarding any employee would not be allowed and that anyone who had any comments or concerns about any employee should follow policy and reach

out to the superintendent.

**Consent Agenda.** It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Larson to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- ◆ Appointments effective August 19, 2024, of Madisen Ellingson-Stumphf, math teacher, salary of \$49,477, and Bailey Gander, ELA teacher, salary of \$55,406;
- ◆ Long-term Leave of Absence for the 2024-2025 school year for LeeAnn Miller, instructional coach, and Hannah Siebels, math teacher;
- ◆ Resignations of Alex Hedlund, physical education teacher; Danielle Larson, music teacher; Paul Boese, orchestra teacher; Alexis Kubal, adaptive Phy Ed teacher; Travis Martin, science teacher; Brianna Reasoner, first-grade teacher; Alisa Bowman, social worker; Ashlyn Hanson, behavior interventionist; and Jane Humble, audiologist, all effective May 31, 2024.

Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion carried. Aye: Lunn, Gaukler, Palmiscno, Anderson, Larson, Manley, Berger, Shabb, and Flynn. Nay: None. Absent: None.

**General Fund Financial Statement.** Baumbach reported the period of July 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024, total general fund revenues were \$103,742,006 and total general fund expenditures were \$86,350,425 resulting in revenues over expenses of \$17,391,581.

It was moved by Shabb and seconded by Manley to approve the General Fund Financial Statement for the

period July 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024. Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Palmiscno, Larson, Shabb, Manley, Anderson, Gaukler, Berger, Lunn, and Flynn. Nay: None. Absent: None.

**Summer School Program.** Summer school directors Allison Peterson, Terry Bohan, Evan Pederson, Kayla Erickson, Mike Wilber, Trevor Lennon, and Nick Pederson presented an overview of their respective programs.

Notables for the Summer Performing Arts (SPA) include an expansion from eight to sixteen sessions and an offering of instrumental lessons. Slated productions are *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *Grease*. Enrollment is anticipated between 900-1,000 students. Fundraising and grant writing will shift to help pay for staff and SPA had the highest donor retention rate of all Giving Hearts Day charities.

Driver Education will continue to offer three sessions that include classroom instruction, simulated driving experiences, and Behind-the-Wheel training with a capacity of about 288 students. The Behind-the-Wheel fee of \$300 remains the same as last year. Vehicles will be secured through Rydell Motors and Grand Forks Subaru/KIA.

Elementary Summer School will be offered from June 3-21, from 8:00 a.m. to noon, at Phoenix, Discovery, Lake Agassiz, Century, and Twining schools. Transportation options may be considered if there is adequate interest.

ENCORE will be offered June 3-21 from 12:30-5:30 p.m. at Century, Phoenix, Lake Agassiz, and Discovery schools. Programming will include academic enrichment, sports and physical activities, games, and STEM projects.

Gillach reported on behalf of Theresa Ostgarden highlights of the middle school program. Classes will be offered June 3-21, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Sessions will include hands-on application projects or learning demonstrations in addition to building content-specific knowledge and provide students an opportunity to apply learned knowledge and gain academic and social-emotional skills. Multilingual Learner (ML) sessions will be held at South Middle School and transportation is available.

The high school session will be offered at Red River

The high school program will run from June 3 through July 10 from 7:45 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. Course offerings will include English, math, physical education, science, and social studies.

The RISE Summer Learning Program will be offered from June 10 to July 12 at Valley Middle School. The program is facilitated by the Lavinia Group and designed to prepare students for the upcoming school year. English and math will be offered and breakfast and lunch will be served.

Barker joined the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

It was moved by Palmiscno and seconded by Gaukler to approve the summer school programs as presented. Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion carried. Aye: Gaukler, Palmiscno, Anderson, Lunn, Berger, Shabb, Manley, Larson, and Flynn. Nay: None. Absent: None.

**Policy Review.** Shabb reported on the April 17, 2024, meetings and recommendations of the Policy Review Committee and District Administration.

It was moved by Shabb and seconded by Gaukler to complete the first reading of the following policies as written or amended:

1. DEAD, Staff use of Electronic Devices (as written) (new);
2. ABCB, Sportsmanship (as written) (new);
3. DFAC, Classified Staff Growth and Evaluation Process (as written) (recodifies current Policy 4200);
4. BCAA, Board meeting Agenda and Pre-Meeting Preparation (as amended);
5. DEAJ, Designated Medical Provider for Work-Related Injury (as written) (new);
6. GAAC, Review and Complaints of Instructional/Resource Material (as amended);
7. HBCC, Fundraising (as written) (new) \*effective July 1, 2024; and
8. HBCD, Parent-Teacher Organizations (PTO)/Booster Groups \*effective July 1, 2024

Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion carried. Aye: Manley, Larson, Berger, Palmiscno, Shabb, Lunn, Anderson, Gaukler, and Flynn. Nay: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Shabb and seconded by Lunn to complete the one reading and adoption of DEBD-BR, Transportation of Students by Staff in Private Vehicles effective July 1, 2024, as written and adopt it as an official board regulation of the district. Upon roll call

vote as follows, the motion carried. Aye: Larson, Manley, Gaukler, Palmiscno, Lunn, Berger, Anderson, Shabb, and Flynn. Nay: None. Absent: None.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

It was moved by Shabb and seconded by Manley to rescind the following policies:

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Amber Flynn, President

1. IEBA, Transportation of Students by Staff in Private Vehicles (replaced by DEBD-BR);
2. DCB, Definition of Workweek and Overtime and Compensatory Time (without replacement);
3. Policy 3150, Periodic Financial Reports (without replacement);
4. Policy 3220, Donations from the School District (without replacement); and
5. Policy 3330, Vendor Rights for Food and Beverage Items (without replacement).

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Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager

Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion carried. Aye: Berger, Palmiscno, Shabb, Lunn, Gaukler, Manley, Anderson, Larson, and Flynn. Nay: None. Absent: None.

**Consideration of Use of Building Funds for Carpet Project Materials.** Buildings and Grounds Director Jonathan Ellwein requested authorization to use building fund dollars to buy materials for the Winship classroom carpeting and Lake Agassiz entry carpeting projects. The estimated cost is \$43,971.30.

It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Shabb to approve the use of Building Fund dollars in the amount of \$43,971.30 to purchase materials for the Wilder classroom carpeting and Lake Agassiz entry carpeting projects. Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion carried. Aye: Shabb, Anderson, Manley, Larson, Gaukler, Lunn, Palmiscno, Berger, and Flynn. Nay: None. Absent: None.

**Announcements.** The following announcements were made:

- Grand Cities Idol is tonight; board members should inform Cindy of their graduation attendance plans by Wednesday, and the annual employee recognition is on Wednesday.

**Board Requests for Future Consideration.** None.

**School Board Norms – How Did We Do?** Anderson reported the school board did well in following its meeting norms.

**Adjournment.** The meeting/forum adjourned at 7:03 p.m.