

GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 28, 2024

The School Board of Grand Forks Public School District No. 1 met in regular session on Monday, May 28, 2024, at the Mark Sanford Education Center with Vice President Dave Berger presiding.

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

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

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; and Cindy Johnson, Executive Secretary.

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. The school board meeting norms were read aloud by Palmiscno.

Approval of Agenda. It was moved by Manley and seconded by Palmiscno to approve the agenda as amended. Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Larson, Anderson, Lunn, Manley, Palmiscno, Shabb, Flynn, and Berger. Nay: None. Absent: Gaukler.

Celebrating Success. Baumbach introduced Julie Chine, Accounts Payable Supervisor at the Mark Sanford Education Center, as the Classified Employee of the 4th Quarter. She was presented with a plaque in recognition of the selection.

Angie Jonasson, Lake Agassiz Elementary School Principal, introduced Nadine Raymond, 4th Grade Teacher, as the Certified Employee of the 4th Quarter. She was presented with a plaque in recognition of the selection.

Gaukler joined the meeting at 6:08 pm

Public Comments. None.

Update on RTI Rider Time. Kris Arason, Red River High School Principal, and several teacher leaders from the Response to Intervention (RTI) “guiding coalition” gave an update on their RTI-driven “Rider

Time” schedule. RTI Rider Time is designed to help students gain access to highly qualified staff for extra support in understanding curricular standards and concepts, to complete makeup or retake assessments, or to engage in enrichment-related activities during the school day. This intervention started in the fourth quarter after the guiding coalition worked with staff on understanding its purpose and structure and the data is compelling thus far.

Self-Assessment Committee Report. Larson reported on the May 23, 2024, meeting of the Self-Assessment Committee at which a compilation of the self-assessment responses was discussed. Generally speaking, the board is effective and a reasonably cohesive group. Continuing education for future years and involving the school board in legislative advocacy in the upcoming session were also discussed.

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

- ◆ Appointments effective August 19, 2024, of Devon Tucker, Band Teacher, salary of \$60,706; Jennifer Stam-Stangl, Special Education Teacher, salary of \$53,694; Reanna McNeely, Special Education Teacher, salary of \$55,121; Aubrey Johnson, Social Studies Teacher (50%), salary of \$24,738.50; Megan Baker, Social Studies Teacher, salary of \$55,062; Allison Brist, 4th-Grade Teacher, salary of \$49,477; Riley Regorrah, 5th-Grade Teacher, salary of \$49,477; Marah

Paintner, 3rd-Grade Teacher, salary of \$49,477; Stephanie Krueger, Math Collaboration Teacher, salary of \$56,202; Skylar Vickery, Art Teacher, salary of \$50,274; Hailey Greef, 5th-Grade Teacher, salary of \$49,477; Tiffany Ley, Head Start Teacher, salary of \$49,477; Alanna Dusek, 5th-Grade Teacher, salary of \$49,477;

- ◆ Waiver of years of experience to allow eighteen (18) years of experience to be brought into the district by Judy Klaus and her appointment as special education teacher, salary of \$77,236 (MA+45, Step 19);
- ◆ May 13, 2024, and May 20, 2024, meeting minutes;
- ◆ K-5 Library, K-5 Music, and Secondary Music Seven-Year Curriculum Adoption as follows.
 - Elementary Library (per year costs):
 - 1. K-5 ELBA Curriculum \$ 23,940.00
 - 2. K-5 Digital Platforms \$ 29,175.21
 - Total Yearly Adoption \$ 53,115.21
 - Total Seven-Year Adoption \$371,806.47
 - Elementary Music:
 - 1. K-5 Game Plan Curriculum \$ 58,650.00
 - 2. K-6 Music Play Platforms \$ 20,941.48
 - Total Seven-Year Adoption \$ 79,591.48
 - Secondary Music:
 - 1. Band Curriculum \$ 2,379.39
 - 2. Orchestra Curriculum \$ 1,594.75
 - 3. Chorus Curriculum \$119,540.63
 - 4. Harmony and Piano \$ 2,856.63
 - 5. Total Seven-Year Adoption \$126,371.40
 - Grand Total (Seven Years) \$577,769.35

and

- ◆ Cybersecurity and Computer Science Integration Plan.

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

Amendment to Head Start Baseline Grant First Year of the Five Year 2024-2029.

Tracey Johnson, Director of Head Start presented her recommendation to amend the First Year (2024-2025) of the Five Year Baseline Grant from a duration grant to a locally designed option (LDO) and to approve the cost of living adjustment (COLA) for 2024-2025. The Policy Council unanimously approved both items on May 21, 2024.

It was moved by Gaukler and seconded by Larson to approve the amendment of the First Year of the Five Year Baseline grant, Fiscal Year 2024-25, from a

duration grant to an LDO and the COLA for FY 2024-2025 at the rate of 2.35% for the amount of \$71,940.

The motion and second were amended to approve the amendment of the First Year of the Five Year Baseline grant, Fiscal Year 2024-25, from a duration grant to an LDO. Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Shabb, Manley, Anderson, Larson, Gaukler, Palmiscno, Lunn, Flynn, and Berger. Nay: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Gaukler and seconded by Larson to approve the COLA for FY 2024-2025 at the rate of 2.35% for the amount of \$71,940. Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Palmiscno, Larson, Manley, Shabb, Flynn, Anderson, Lunn, Gaukler, and Berger. Nay: None. Absent: None.

General Fund Financial Statement. Baumbach reported the period of July 1, 2023, through April 30, 2024, total general fund revenues were \$112,206,794 and total general fund expenditures were \$96,959,839 resulting in revenues over expenses of \$15,246,955.

It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Palmiscno to approve the General Fund Financial Statement for the period July 1, 2023, through April 30, 2024. Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Gaukler, Lunn, Manley, Anderson, Palmiscno, Flynn, Larson, Shabb, and Berger. Nay: None. Absent: None.

Consideration of Use of Building Fund Dollars for Leases.

Baumbach reported North Dakota Century code 57-15-17.1(b)(4) permits the use of the Building Fund for payment of the lease of buildings and facilities upon order of the school board. To prioritize other needs in the general fund, the administration is recommending the following lease expenses be paid out of the building fund rather than the general fund:

Shared Use Agreement with Parks	\$131,700.00
GFC Parking Ramp	\$48,000.00
SAIL Center - Hope	\$31,200.00
SAIL CENTER - Olive Anne	\$35,160.00
Community	\$154,092.07
GFC Qwest Lot	\$6,000.00
RRVA	\$9,000.00
Phoenix United Lutheran	\$14,000.00
Mentor Center	\$49,530.64
<u>Maintenance Garage</u>	<u>\$28,000.00</u>
Total	\$506,682.71

It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Shabb to approve an order to expense up to \$506,682.71 in lease expenses incurred in fiscal year 2024 against the building fund and to permit the future expense of building and facility leases to be paid from the building fund. Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Manley, Flynn, Gaukler, Palmiscno, Larson, Lunn, Shabb, Anderson, and Berger. Nay: None. Absent: None.

APPROVED _____
(Date)

Amber Flynn, President

Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager

Consideration of Guaranteed Maximum Price for Access Control Upgrades. Jonathan Ellwein, Director of Building and Grounds, reported District representatives have been collaborating with Construction Manager at Risk (CMaR) Construction Engineers to establish Guaranteed Maximum Prices (GMPs) for each phase of the Safety and Security component of the referendum. A GMP of \$292,233 was recommended.

It was moved by Palmiscno and seconded by Anderson to approve the guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for access control upgrades of \$292,233. Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Anderson, Flynn, Gaukler, Larson, Lunn, Manley, Palmiscno, Shabb, and Berger. Nay: None. Absent: None.

Announcements. Congratulations were extended to several student-athletes on their recent accomplishments and to all graduates.

Interested teachers were invited to a Pre-K literacy conference on June 18-19 and a STEM conference on August 1 at UND.

Board Requests for Future Consideration. None.

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

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.