

GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2024

The School Board of Grand Forks Public School District No. 1 met in regular session on Monday, June 10, 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 via phone, Joel Larson, Eric Lunn, Jeff Manley, Bill Palmiscno, and Cynthia Shabb via phone. **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; Melissa Buchhop, 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. Flynn read aloud the school board meeting norms.

Berger, Gaukler, and Shabb joined the meeting via phone at 6:03 p.m.

Approval of Agenda. It was reported the entry of Aubrey Johnson on the consent agenda list of teacher appointments was an error and should be removed.

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

Public Comments. None.

Policy Review. Lunn reported on the May 29 and June 4, 2024, meetings of the Policy Review Committee and its recommendations.

It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Manley to expedite the adoption of DKBB, Contracted Staff Resignations and Request for Release from Contract, as amended, with one reading as allowed by Policy BDA. Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Larson, Manley, Anderson, Palmiscno, Gaukler, Lunn, Shabb, Berger, and Flynn. Nay: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Palmiscno to expedite the adoption of DBAC, Recruiting and Hiring Certified Staff, as written, with one reading as allowed by Policy BDA. Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Palmiscno, Lunn, Anderson, Berger, Gaukler, Larson, Shabb, Manley, and Flynn. Nay: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Manley to expedite the adoption of Employment of Relatives/Nepotism, as amended, with one reading as allowed by Policy BDA. Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Gaukler, Larson, Palmiscno, Shabb, Anderson, Berger, Lunn, Manley, and Flynn. Nay: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Palmiscno to expedite the adoption of KACB, Complaints About Personnel, as amended, with one reading as allowed by Policy BDA. The motion and second were amended to further amend the policy by adding "as approved by the Board President." Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion as amended carried unanimously. Aye: Anderson, Gaukler, Lunn, Manley, Larson, Berger, Palmiscno, Shabb, and Flynn. Nay: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Larson to expedite the adoption of DE, Staff Code of Conduct, as amended, with one reading as allowed by Policy BDA. Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Palmiscno, Shabb, Larson, Gaukler, Anderson, Berger, Lunn, Manley, and Flynn. Nay: None. Absent: None.

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

- ◆ Appointments effective August 19, 2024, of Jessica Champion, Geography Teacher, salary of \$63,100; Hannah Capouch, Social Studies Teacher, salary of \$49,477; Anya Herlofsky, Special Education Teacher, salary of \$55,121; Devin Klingbeil, Physical Education Teacher, salary of \$49,477; Kyle DeWitt, Instructional Coach, salary of \$68,572; Kara Millner, 6th-grade ELA Teacher, salary of \$59,907; Bryan Miller, 6th-grade Music Teacher, salary of \$64,969; Amanda Johnson, 5th-grade Teacher, salary of \$49,477; Taylor Porter, 5th-grade Teacher, salary of \$51,074; and Melanie Hanson, Orchestra Teacher, salary of \$68,119;
- ◆ Waiver of years of experience to allow twenty-five (25) years of experience to be brought into the district by Carolyn Olson and to approve her teacher appointment. She would be placed at \$87,348 (MA+45, Step 25);
- ◆ Resignations and Release from Contract effective May 31, 2024, with no liquidated damages for Shanna Trosen, Sadie Mathews, Candace Mailhot, Allyse Dunnigan, and Janelle Huber; and
- ◆ May 28, 2024, School Board meeting minutes.

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

Consideration of SRO Agreement for 2024-2025.

Gillach reported the MOU reads largely the same as last year but financially includes an increase of \$15,261.86 in the contracted amount. The increase reflects an annual growth in officer salary and health insurance.

It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Anderson to approve the Memorandum of Agreement School Resource Officer Services for the term beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to sign the agreement. Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Shabb, Lunn, Gaukler, Anderson, Berger, Larson, Manley, Palmiscno, and Flynn. Nay: None. Absent: None.

Consideration of Authorized Representatives for Title and Other Federal Programs and Competitive Grants for 2024-2025. Dr. Brenner reported on the recommended authorized representatives'

designations as follows:

1. Title I – Disadvantaged Children Meet High Standards - Matt Bakke
2. Title II, Part A –Teacher and Principal Quality Training and Recruiting - Matt Bakke
3. Title III – English Language Acquisition/Enhancement - Matt Bakke
4. Title IV, Part A – Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants - Matt Bakke
5. Title VI-B (IDEA) – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - Matt Bakke
6. Title VII – Indian Education - Matt Bakke
7. Title VIII – Impact Aid - Dr. Terry Brenner or Brandon Baumbach
8. Title IX of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission - Griffin Gillespie
9. Indian Education Formula Grant - Matt Bakke
10. Johnson O'Malley Act (Indian Education) - Matt Bakke
11. Head Start - Matt Bakke
12. 21st Century Community Learning - Matt Bakke
13. District Homeless and Foster Care Liaison - Sara Berg
14. CLSD Grant - Amy Bartsch
15. School Food Service - Wendy Mankie

It was moved by Palmiscno and seconded by Larson to approve the authorization of designated individuals as the authorized representatives for the named title and other federal programs and competitive grants for 2024-2025 as presented. Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Berger, Gaukler, Anderson, Larson, Palmiscno, Manley, Lunn, Shabb, and Flynn. Nay: None. Absent: None.

Consideration of High School Streaming Proposals.

Mike Biermaier, District Activities Director, reported on the recommendation for approval.

It was moved by Palmiscno and seconded by Manley to accept the KNOX bid and allow Business Manager Brandon Baumbach and Activities Director Mike Biermaier to negotiate with KNOX on the final contract language. Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Lunn, Gaukler, Anderson, Shabb, Palmiscno, Berger, Larson, Manley, and Flynn. Nay: None. Absent: None.

Consideration of Use of Building Fund Dollars for Grand Forks Central Weight Room Rehabilitation Project. Jonathan Ellwein, Director of Buildings and Grounds, reported on the recommendation for approval.

It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Palmiscno to approve the use of \$42,386.37 of building fund dollars for the rehabilitation of the Grand Forks Central weight room. Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Anderson, Berger, Gaukler, Larson, Lunn, Manley, Palmiscno, Shabb, and Flynn. Nay: None. Absent: None.

APPROVED _____
(Date)

Amber Flynn, President

Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager

Consideration of Special Reserve Fund Transfer.

Baumbach reported on the recommendation for approval.

It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Palmiscno to approve a transfer of \$912,807.24 from the special reserve fund to the general fund to offset the over-budget expenses. Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Shabb, Palmiscno, Manley, Lunn, Larson, Gaukler, Berger Anderson, and Flynn. Nay: None. Absent: None.

Consideration of Property Insurance Renewal.

Baumbach reported on the process of obtaining a renewal quote, challenges in the property insurance marketplace, and administrative recommendation.

It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Palmiscno to delegate authority to Business Manager Brandon Baumbach to sign off and approve an annual premium for property insurance not to exceed \$589,000. Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Gaukler, Manley, Palmiscno, Berger, Anderson, Larson, Lunn, Shabb, and Flynn. Nay: None. Absent: None.

Announcements. The recognition of outgoing board members was deferred.

The next meeting is the annual meeting on Monday, July 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the MSEC.

Board Requests for Future Consideration. Shabb requested an update on the Grand Forks Central pool and the ML public forum.

School Board Norms – How Did We Do?

Flynn reported the school board did well in following its meeting norms.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.