

GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2024

The School Board of Grand Forks Public School District No. 1 held a regular meeting on Monday, September 9, 2024, at the Mark Sanford Education Center with Vice President Josh Anderson presiding.

Board Members Present: Josh Anderson, Amber Flynn, Sherry Houdek, Jay Kleven, Eric Lunn, Jeff Manley, and Bill Palmiscno. **Absent:** Dave Berger and Joel Larson.

Student Board Members Present: None. **Absent:** Adrianna Tande.

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, President of 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.

Appointment of Student Board Member and Oath of Office. This topic was deferred.

Reading of School Board Meeting Norms. Manley read aloud the norms for the school board meeting.

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

Public Comments. None.

Summer School Reports. Summer School Directors Evan Pederson, Trevor Lennon, Terry Bohan, Theresa Ostgarden, Nick Pederson, Allison Peterson, and Kayla Erickson reported highlights of the elementary and secondary summer school, driver's education, Summer Performing Arts (SPA), ENCORE, and Valley Summer RISE programs. The discussion encompassed various topics, including but not limited to reasons for summer school, recruitment, student progress, staffing, financials, equipment, and suggestions for the future. Detailed and statistical data was provided in the meeting agenda packet.

Update on New Twining School at Grand Forks Air Force Base District #140. Janell Regimbal, Insight to

Solutions, and Andrew Budke, JLG Architects, updated the progress toward the potential new Nathan Twining Elementary & Middle School building at the Grand Forks Air Force Base. This included information regarding the granting process with the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation and the design and schematic design processes.

Storm Day Decision-making Process. Dr. Brenner gave a comprehensive overview of the decision-making process on delaying or canceling school during inclement weather such as storms, high heat days, and poor air quality.

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

- ◆ Appointment effective August 19, 2024, of Jessica Sundeen, Literacy Interventionist, salary of \$28,769.84 (44%);
- ◆ Appointment effective September 23, 2024, of Kimberly Mosley, K-2 Social Studies Teacher, salary of \$47,337.55 (164 days);
- ◆ Open Enrollment Applications as presented;
- ◆ August 26, 2024, regular meeting minutes as written; and
- ◆ Breakout EDU and Natural Reader to receive student information as required for their use in the district and as allowed by policy and law.

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

Authorization for Sale of Building Trades Project House. Baumbach reported that construction on the house located at 3975 Diamond Drive for the 2024-2025 school year has started. Part of the selling process includes the action of the school board to designate school district representatives to handle the closing transaction.

It was moved by Palmiscno and seconded by Manley to authorize the school board president or their designee and the business manager to sign the required closing documents for the sale of the 3975 Diamond Drive residential property. Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Houdek, Kleven, Manley, Flynn, Lunn, Palmiscno, and Anderson. Nay: None. Absent: Berger and Larson.

Consideration of Material and Labor Quotes for Fire Panel Associated with the Central Kitchen Project. Baumbach reported on the challenges of the current fire alarm system at the Mark Sanford Education Center and the administration's recommendation to upgrade it using referendum funds.

It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Kleven to approve the material quote from Johnson Controls for \$17,957.51 and the labor quote from Century Electric for \$6,875.00 to upgrade the fire alarm system at the Mark Sanford Education Center. Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Flynn, Houdek, Manley, Lunn, Kleven, Palmiscno, and Anderson. Nay: None. Absent: Berger and Larson.

2024 Renaissance Zone Plan Update Process Letter of Support. Dr. Brenner explained a request from the City of Grand Forks for a letter of support regarding an update to the Renaissance Zone Plan. Andrew Conlon, Economic Development Manager for the city of Grand Forks, fielded questions from the board. Conlon clarified the updates are a result of changes made by the State of North Dakota.

It was moved by Flynn and seconded by Kleven to approve a letter of support for the City of Grand Forks' Renaissance Plan update. Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Palmiscno, Lunn, Flynn, Houdek, Manley, Kleven, and Anderson. Nay: None. Absent: Berger and Larson.

Consideration of Resolution Providing for the Sale of General Obligation Building Fund Bonds, Series 2024. Baumbach explained this resolution authorizes and allows for the sale of the building fund bonds

associated with the construction and equipping of a career and technical education facility. The bonds shall be general obligations of the school district and paid from the Building Fund. The bond sale will be marketed and properly noticed if approved and no protest is received during the 60-day required period. Upon receipt of bids, they will be presented to this body for consideration on October 14, 2024. Baumbach also reported on the necessity of a parameter resolution because of the Indigenous People's Day holiday on October 14.

It was moved by Palmiscno and seconded by Kleven to approve the Resolution Providing for the Sale of General Obligation Building Fund Bonds, Series 2024. Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Flynn, Kleven, Houdek, Palmiscno, Lunn, Manley, and Anderson. Nay: None. Absent: Berger and Larson.

Consideration of Resolution Providing for Participation in School Bond Credit Enhancement Program. Baumbach explained the administration's recommendation to participate in the Credit Enhancement Program.

It was moved by Palmiscno and seconded by Kleven to approve the Resolution Providing for Participation in School Bond Credit Enhancement Program. Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Kleven, Palmiscno, Lunn, Manley, Flynn, Houdek, and Anderson. Nay: None. Absent: Berger and Larson.

Announcements. The board was reminded of the special meeting on September 11, 2024, for a demographic work session.

Board Requests for Future Consideration. None.

School Board Norms—How Did We Do? This topic was deferred.

Executive Session as Allowed by North Dakota Century Code §§ 44-04-19.1(2),(5) and 44-04-19.2. It was moved by Kleven and seconded by Manley to convene into an executive session pursuant to NDCC 44-04-19.1(2),(5) and 44-04-19.2 to receive the school district attorney's advice regarding and in anticipation of reasonably predictable civil litigation. Upon roll call vote as follows, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Manley, Lunn, Palmiscno, Houdek, Kleven, Flynn, and Anderson. Nay: None. Absent:

Berger and Larson.

Members of the public were asked to leave the meeting room, and the board members and administration were dismissed to the superintendent's office at 8:07 p.m.

A brief recess took place from 8:07 p.m. to 8:11 p.m.

Baumbach, Bakke, and Olson left the meeting.

Rachel Bruner, Legal Counsel from Pearce Durick PLLC, joined the meeting via phone.

The executive session began at 8:11 p.m. and ended at 9:13 p.m.

The board and administration returned to the meeting room, and members of the public were invited back. The open meeting reconvened at 9:14 p.m.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

APPROVED _____
(Date)

Dave Berger, President

Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager