

GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #140
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2024

The School Board of Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District No. 140 held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, with President Michelle Shepperd and Vice President Terry Snider presiding.

Board Members Present: Stanley E. Cornelius, Jr., Branden Shepperd, Michelle Shepperd, and Terry R. Snider, Sr.

Board Members Absent: Arielle Neumann.

Others Present: Dr. Terry Brenner, Superintendent of Schools; Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager; Catherine Gillach, Associate Superintendent of Secondary Education; Colonel Timothy Monroe, MSG Commander; Jennifer Schroeder, GFAFB School Liaison; and Jay Kleven, GF School Board Member.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda. It was moved by B. Shepperd and seconded by Snider to approve the agenda as written. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Neumann.

Approval of Minutes. It was moved by B. Shepperd and seconded by Snider to approve the August 20, 2024, minutes as written. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Neumann.

Public Comments. None.

Summer School Reports. Summer School Directors Allison Peterson and Trevor Lennon reported highlights of the Summer Performing Arts (SPA) and high school summer school. Gillach reported on driver's education, middle school summer program, and Valley Summer RISE program. Bakke reported on the elementary summer program and ENCORE. 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.

M. Shepperd left the meeting at 12:46 p.m. The meeting continued with Snider presiding.

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.

Designation of NDSBA Convention Delegates. Dr. Brenner reported the Board is authorized up to two delegates at the North Dakota School Boards Association (NDSBA) Delegate Assembly. Board members Snider and Cornelius are required to attend the NDSBA New Member Seminar and will also attend the annual convention.

It was moved by B. Shepperd and seconded by Cornelius to designate Snider and Cornelius as delegates to the NDSBA Delegate Assembly. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Neumann.

Consideration to Pursue Grand Forks Air Force Base School District Tax Levy. Baumbach reported the administration began investigating why the Larimore School District levies taxes on Grand Sky property when District 140 is a coterminous district with the Grand Forks Air Force Base and Grand Sky exists on the Grand Forks Air Force Base. The administration engaged the legal assistance of Howard Swanson, Swanson & Warcup Ltd. to research the question further. In light of Mr. Swanson's initial findings, the administration recommended approving the investigation into a possible tax levy on eligible property within the Grand Forks Air Force Base School District.

It was moved by B. Shepperd and seconded by Cornelius to approve the investigation into a possible tax levy on eligible property within the Grand Forks Air

Force Base School District. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Neumann and M. Shepperd.

Announcements. Mr. Cornelius was welcomed on the board, and an update on enrollment numbers was announced.

Board Request for Future Consideration. None

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

APPROVED _____
(Date)

Michelle Shepperd, President

Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager