

GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #140
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 15, 2024

The School Board of Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District No. 140 held a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, with President Michelle Shepperd presiding.

Board Members Present: Branden Shepperd, Michelle Shepperd, and Terry R. Snider, Sr. via phone.

Board Members Absent: Stanley E. Cornelius, Jr. and Arielle Neumann.

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; and Cindy Johnson, Executive Secretary.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Because there was no quorum, agenda topics were discussed in an order different than those listed on the agenda.

Fall Enrollment Report. Bakke reported on this year's student enrollment for grades K-12.

Snider joined the meeting at 12:05 p.m., and a quorum was present.

Comparatively, from spring 2024 to fall 2024, enrollment increased by 182 students, and from fall 2023 to fall 2024, enrollment increased by 220. The fall 2024 enrollment is 212 students more than the demographer's projection and is the most significant increase in the past 20 years.

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: Cornelius and Neumann.

Approval of Minutes. It was moved by B. Shepperd and seconded by Snider to approve the September 17, 2024, minutes as written. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Cornelius and Neumann.

Public Comments. None.

Monthly Enrollment Report. Bakke reported that as of September 30, 2024, there were 216 students in

grades K-5 and 73 in grades 6-8 at Twining School, for a combined total of 264 students. Grand Forks Central High School had 58 students, and Red River High School had 1 student from the Air Base. Community High School did not have any students from the Air Base enrolled.

Quarterly Financial Update. Baumbach reported that from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, total fund revenues were \$5,121,046, and total expenditures were \$4,868,664, resulting in revenues over expenses of \$6,030,760.

Consideration of DPI Submissions Related to New Twining School Building Construction. Baumbach explained that the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (DPI) requires the board to consider approving and submitting three documents related to the prospective new Twining School construction to DPI.

It was moved by B. Shepperd and seconded by Snider to approve 1) SFN 52304, School Construction Approval Request, 2) SFN 61974, Capital Expenses (Non-Construction) Prior Approval for Use of Federal Funding, and 3) SFN 52813, School Facility Plan. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Cornelius and Neumann.

Announcements. Dr. Brenner thanked Jonathan Ellwein, who was in the audience, for his and his team's work managing the many building projects happening now and in the next few years in the Grand Forks and Grand Forks Air Force Base school districts.

M. Shepperd invited board members and administrators to review STEM projects on the way out of the meeting.

Board Request for Future Consideration. None

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

APPROVED _____
(Date)

Michelle Shepperd, President

Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager