

GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE SCHOOL BOARD
This meeting was held jointly with the Grand Forks School Board
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #140
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 25, 2024

The School Board of Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District No. 140 held a regular meeting on Monday, November 25, 2024, at the Mark Sanford Education Center with Vice President Terry R. Snider, Sr. presiding.

Board Members Present: Stanley E. Cornelius, Jr., Branden Shepperd via phone, Michelle Shepperd via phone, 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; Matt Bakke, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education; GFAFB School Liaison Jennifer Schroeder; GF School Board Members Josh Anderson, Dave Berger, Amber Flynn, Sherry Houdek, Jay Kleven, Joel Larson, Eric Lunn, Jeff Manley, and Bill Palmiscno; Brady Olson, 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.

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

Approval of Minutes. It was moved by Cornelius and seconded by B. Shepperd to approve the minutes of November 6, 2024, as written. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Neumann.

Public Comments. None.

State of the Base – Colonel Bishane Whitmore, Deputy Wing Commander. In the absence of Colonel Whitmore, Colonel Reynaldo Champion, 319th Mission Support Group Commander, gave an overview of missions and programs at the Air Base. Some areas discussed were the temporary return of B1 Bombers from Ellsworth Air Force Base, disaster resiliency program, traffic control, the new fire station at Grand Sky, partnering to clean out the old Eielson Elementary School building, and the prospective new Twining School building.

Annual Report for 2022-2023. Bakke reported on various information, including student enrollment, academic achievement, staffing, and business information. Dr. Elisa Diederich, Director of Special

Education, and Ivona Todorovic, District Multilingual Coordinator, participated in the presentation.

Sagini left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Impact Aid Funding Update. Baumbach gave an overview of Impact Aid funding and payment history to the districts.

Curriculum Review. Gillach reported on the Secondary Curriculum Review Committee's proposal for 2025-2026, including course titles, descriptions, rationale, grade level(s), and credits. Courses recommended for approval include the addition of Orchestra III, the addition and modification of Practical Applications of Composition, the addition of Peer to Peer Leadership and Spanish for Native/Heritage Speakers. Career Impact Academy course updates and proposals included relocating existing CTE courses/programs from GF Central and Red River high schools, expanding existing CTE programs with new course offerings, adding new CTE programs with new course offerings, and deleting/removing existing CTE courses in place of updated courses/curriculum. A detailed list of career and technical education program courses was provided. The proposal will be brought forth for action at Grand Forks School Board's December meeting.

Monthly Enrollment Report. Bakke reported as of October 31, 2024, there were 214 students in grades K-5 and 72 students in grades 6-8 at Twining School,

for a combined total of 286 students. Grand Forks Central High School had 55 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.

Announcements. None.

Board Request for Future Consideration. None.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

APPROVED _____
(Date)

Michelle Shepperd, President

Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager