

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
MEETING MINUTES
October 25, 2024

The Grand Forks School Board Government Affairs Committee met via Zoom on Friday, October 25, 2024, with Josh Anderson presiding.

Committee Members Present: Board Members Josh Anderson, Amber Flynn, and Jay Kleven, and Dr. Terry Brenner, Superintendent; Matt Bakke, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education; and Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager.

Committee Members Absent: Catherine Gillach, Associate Superintendent of Secondary Education.

Others Present: Cindy Johnson, Executive Secretary.

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at noon.

Approval of September 5, 2024, Minutes. It was moved by Flynn and seconded by Kleven to approve the September 5, 2024, minutes as written. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Measure 4 (Property Tax) Discussion. The NDCEL White Paper, September 2024, regarding Measure 4 was provided. In it, Dr. Aimee Copas, NDCEL Executive Director, writes about the impact of eliminating property taxes on North Dakota’s K-12 public schools. Dr. Brenner reported a Keep It Local Committee was formed through The Chamber. Discussion continued with concerns about what would happen if the measure passed.

Review of Previously-listed Priority Legislative Topics. Committee members discussed prioritizing the potential legislative session topics as found in the September 5 meeting minutes. Suggested additions included school meals for children and streamlining school accreditation. The administration will prioritize the potential topics and bring them back for the committee’s review at the next meeting.

Flynn left the meeting at 12:33 p.m.

Invitations to Local Legislators for Next Meeting. Dr. Brenner informed the committee that the Grand Forks legislators will be invited to attend the next meeting.

Grand Forks School District-Hosted Legislative Forum – Thursday, December 5, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Dr. Brenner discussed participants, invitees, and logistics of the legislative forum.

Next Meeting Date. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2024, at noon via Zoom.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

APPROVED _____
(Date)

Josh Anderson, Meeting Chair

Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager