

FINANCE COMMITTEE
GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 2025

The Grand Forks School Board Finance Committee met on Monday, February 17, 2025, at the Mark Sanford Education Center, with Bill Palmiscno as the meeting chairperson.

Committee Members Present: Josh Anderson, Joel Larson (via phone), Bill Palmiscno, Dr. Terry Brenner (via phone), Brandon Baumbach, Catherine Gillach, and Matt Bakke.

Committee Members Absent: Eric Lunn and Branden Shepperd.

Others Present: Cindy Johnson, Executive Secretary.

Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Consideration of Meeting Minutes.

It was moved by Larson and seconded by Anderson to approve the January 28, 2025, minutes as written. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Lunn.

Discussion on Transportation Routing Software and Student Ridership Tracking RFP. Baumbach introduced the discussion of this topic. Allison Hillebrand, the district's transportation coordinator, discussed improvements the software would provide in safety, security, and communications, including tracking students and utilizing multiple languages.

Baumbach discussed the RFP timeline and explained there was some urgency to be established by the start of the next school year. There was consensus that the administration could review the bids and submit them to the school board without first reporting them to the committee.

Consideration of Bid Results related to Safety and Security Enhancement at Lake Agassiz Elementary School.

Chad Dustin, Construction Engineers Project Manager, reported on bids received for the Lake Agassiz Elementary School safety and

security enhancement project. The total project cost is projected to be \$941,814 (underestimate by \$225,213).

Following discussion, it was moved by Anderson and seconded by Larson to recommend approval of a Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$794,780 (total project of \$941,814) for Lake Agassiz to the school board on February 24. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Lunn.

Next Meeting Date.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 3, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., and thereafter for March 24, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

APPROVED _____
(Date)

Bill Palmiscno, Meeting Chair

Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager