

**GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD  
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 20, 2025

The Grand Forks School Board Government Affairs Committee met via Zoom on Thursday, February 20, 2025, with Josh Anderson as the meeting chairperson.

**Committee Members Present:** Board Member Josh Anderson; Dr. Terry Brenner, Superintendent; and Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager.

**Committee Members Absent:** Board Members Amber Flynn and Jay Kleven, Dr. Catherine Gillach, Associate Superintendent of Secondary Education; and Matt Bakke, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education.

**Others Present:** Mark Sanford, ND State Representative; Eric Ripley, Executive Director of Career and Technical Education; and Cindy Johnson, Executive Secretary.

*Due to the lack of a quorum, no action was taken.*

**Call to Order.**

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m.

**Introductions.**

This topic was dispensed with.

**Approval of Minutes.**

This topic was dispensed with.

**Legislators' Legislative Update.**

Representative Sanford joined the meeting at 8:11 a.m. He provided comments about a bill regarding low-interest construction loans for the GFAFB school district and the funding bill.

A discussion was held about the best meeting time for legislators, which might be a late Friday afternoon while they are driving home.

Sanford left the meeting at 8:22 a.m.

**Legislative Bills Tracking.**

Dr. Brenner, Baumbach, and Ripley reported on various legislative bills they were tracking and bills for which they had provided testimony in support of or in opposition. Topically, the bills related to the budget for the Department of Career and Technical Education, requirements

for employing and maintaining school counselors, guidelines for students' eligibility in high school sports activities pertaining to their residence, board observers, ESA voucher program, financial literacy requirement for graduation, special education funding, reduction in local contribution deduction in state aid formula, and transportation funding,

**Next Meeting Date.**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2025; however, this will likely be changed.

**Adjournment.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 a.m.

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(Date)

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Josh Anderson, Meeting Chair

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Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager