

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

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

Committee Members Present: Board Members Josh Anderson and Jay Kleven; Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager; and Dr. Catherine Gillach, Associate Superintendent of Secondary Education.

Committee Members Absent: Board Member Amber Flynn; Dr. Terry Brenner, Superintendent; and Matt Bakke, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education.

Others Present: Eric Ripley, Executive Director of Career and Technical Education, and Cindy Johnson, Executive Secretary.

Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m.

Introductions.

This topic was dispensed with.

Approval of Minutes.

It was moved by Kleven and seconded by Anderson to approve the February 6, 2025, February 20, 2025, and March 7, 2025, meeting minutes as written. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Flynn.

Legislators’ Legislative Update.

This topic was dispensed with.

Legislative Bills Tracking.

Baumbach and Ripley provided an update on, and committee members discussed, several legislative bills they were tracking related to distance education, school choice, charter schools, property taxes, school construction loans, school finance, CTE issues, the Career Impact Academy project, transportation, student phones in school, teacher signing bonuses, virtual education, and financial literacy curriculum.

Gillach left the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Next Meeting Date.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

APPROVED _____
(Date)

Josh Anderson, Meeting Chair

Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager