

TEACHER CONTRACT BARGAINING COMMITTEE
GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2025

The Grand Forks School Board Teacher Contract Bargaining Committee met on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at the Mark Sanford Education Center, with Dave Berger as chairperson.

Committee Members Present: Dave Berger, Amber Flynn (via phone), Joel Larson, Jeff Manley, Dr. Terry Brenner, Brandon Baumbach, and Griffin Gillespie.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Grand Forks Education Association Team Members Melissa Buchhop, Kala Christensen, Joseph Drumm, and Cindy Johnson, Executive Secretary.

Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 4:17 p.m.

Approval of Minutes.

It was moved by Manley and seconded by Larson to approve the May 6, 2025, minutes, as written. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Flynn.

Flynn joined the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

Executive Session (closed meeting).

It was moved by Larson and seconded by Manley to convene into executive session to discuss negotiating strategy or provide negotiating instructions regarding contracts that are currently being negotiated or for which negotiation is reasonably likely to occur in the immediate future as allowed by North Dakota Century Code §§ 15.1-16-22, 44-04-19.1(9), 44-04-19.2. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Members of the public were asked to leave the room, and the executive session began at 4:19 p.m. The executive session was held in the business manager's office and recorded as required by state law. Dave Berger, Amber Flynn (via phone), Joel Larson, Jeff Manley, Dr. Terry Brenner, Brandon Baumbach, Griffin Gillespie, and Cindy Johnson attended.

The executive session ended at 5:00 p.m., and the

open meeting reconvened at 5:04 p.m.

Teacher Contract Negotiations.

Committee members participated in a meeting for teacher contract negotiations. Minutes of the negotiation meeting are drafted separately from the committee meeting minutes.

Executive Session (Caucus - Closed Meeting).

It was moved by Larson and seconded by Manley to convene into executive session (caucus) to discuss negotiating strategy or provide negotiating instructions regarding contracts that are currently being negotiated or for which negotiation is reasonably likely to occur in the immediate future as allowed by North Dakota Century Code §§ 15.1-16-22, 44-04-19.1(9), 44-04-19.2. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Members of the public were asked to leave the room, and the executive session began at 5:47 p.m. The executive session was held in the business manager's office and recorded as required by state law. Dave Berger, Amber Flynn (via phone), Joel Larson, Jeff Manley, Dr. Terry Brenner, Brandon Baumbach, Griffin Gillespie, and Cindy Johnson attended.

The executive session ended at 6:09 p.m., and the open meeting reconvened at 6:13 p.m.

Teacher Contract Negotiations continued.

Executive Session (Caucus - Closed Meeting).

It was moved by Larson and seconded by Manley to convene into executive session (caucus) to discuss negotiating strategy or provide negotiating instructions regarding contracts that are currently being negotiated or for which negotiation is reasonably likely to occur in the immediate future as allowed by North Dakota Century Code §§ 15.1-16-22, 44-04-19.1(9), 44-04-19.2. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Members of the public were asked to leave the room, and the executive session began at 6:33 p.m. The executive session was held in the business manager’s office and recorded as required by state law. Dave Berger, Amber Flynn (via phone), Joel Larson, Jeff Manley, Dr. Terry Brenner, Brandon Baumbach, Griffin Gillespie, and Cindy Johnson attended.

The executive session ended at 6:51 p.m., and the open meeting reconvened at 6:54 p.m.

Teacher Contract Negotiations continued.

Executive Session (Caucus - Closed Meeting).

It was moved by Larson and seconded by Manley to convene into executive session (caucus) to discuss negotiating strategy or provide negotiating instructions regarding contracts that are currently being negotiated or for which negotiation is reasonably likely to occur in the immediate future as allowed by North Dakota Century Code §§ 15.1-16-22, 44-04-19.1(9), 44-04-19.2. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Members of the public were asked to leave the room, and the executive session began at 7:09 p.m. The executive session was held in the business manager’s office and recorded as required by state law. Dave Berger, Amber Flynn (via phone), Joel Larson, Jeff Manley, Dr. Terry Brenner, Brandon Baumbach, Griffin Gillespie, and Cindy Johnson attended.

The executive session ended at 7:22 p.m., and the

open meeting reconvened at 7:27 p.m.

Teacher Contract Negotiations continued.

Next Meeting Date.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 4:15 p.m.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
(Date)

Dave Berger, Meeting Chair

Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager