

GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #140
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
July 15, 2025

The School Board of Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District No. 140 held its annual meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, with Superintendent Dr. Terry Brenner and President Michelle Shepperd presiding.

Board Members Present: Branden Shepperd, Michelle Shepperd, and Terry R. Snider, Sr.

Board Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Dr. Terry Brenner, Superintendent of Schools; Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager; Catherine Gillach, Associate Superintendent of Secondary Education; Matt Bakke, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education; and Jennifer Schroeder, GFAFB School Liaison.

Superintendent of Schools as Presiding Officer:

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at noon, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Declaration of 2025-2026 School Board. Baumbach declared membership on the Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District No. 140 School Board as follows:

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
1. Branden Shepperd	June 2027
2. Michelle Shepperd	June 2028
3. Terry R. Snider, Sr.	June 2027
4. Vacant Seat	June 2026
5. Vacant Seat	June 2028

Election of President of the School Board. Brenner called for nominations for president of the school board. B. Shepperd nominated Michelle Shepperd. After calling for nominations again, no other nominations were made, and nominations were closed. Upon roll call vote as follows, Michelle Shepperd was declared the president of the 2025-2026 Grand Forks Air Force Base School Board. Aye: Snider, B. Shepperd, and Michelle Shepperd. Nay: None. Absent: None.

President as Presiding Officer:

Election of Vice President of the School Board.

M. Shepperd called for nominations for vice president of the school board. B. Shepperd nominated Terry Snider. After calling for nominations again, no other nominations were made, and nominations were closed. Upon roll call vote as follows, Terry Snider was declared the vice president of the 2025-2026 Grand Forks Air Force Base School Board. Aye: B. Shepperd, Snider, and Michelle Shepperd. Nay: None. Absent: None.

Approval of Agenda. It was moved by Snider and seconded by B. Shepperd to approve the agenda as written. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes. It was moved by Snider and seconded by B. Shepperd to approve the minutes of June 17, 2025, as written. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments. None.

School Board Regular Meeting Schedule for 2025-2026. Board members reviewed the proposed school board regular meeting schedule, which was prepared in accordance with policy and current practice. The meetings begin at noon and are held at Nathan F. Twining Elementary and Middle School, located at 1422

Louisiana Street, Grand Forks Air Force Base, ND, unless otherwise noticed. Special meetings may be called at any time.

The proposed October 21 meeting was changed to October 14. No other changes were made.

It was moved by Snider and seconded by B. Shepperd to approve the school board's regular meeting schedule for 2025-2026 as follows:

Tuesday, July 15, 2025 – Annual Meeting
Tuesday, August 19, 2025 – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 16, 2025 – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 14, 2025 – Regular Meeting
Monday, November 24, 2025 – Special Meeting
(held jointly with GFAFB School Board)
Tuesday, December 16, 2025 – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2026 – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2026 – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 17, 2026 – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 2026 – Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2026 – Regular Meeting
Typically, the board does not meet in June.
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Tuesday, July 21, 2026 – Annual Meeting

Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Designation of Official Newspaper of the School District. It was moved by Snider and seconded by B. Shepperd to designate the *Grand Forks Herald* as the official newspaper of the school district. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Board Member(s) for Mid-Term Vacancy(ies).

Baumbach presented current vacancies and applications.

One mid-term vacancy exists due to the resignation of Stanley E. Cornelius, Jr., effective May 13, 2025. The unexpired term ends in June 2026.

A second vacancy exists due to the resignation of Arielle Neumann on December 31, 2024. The

opening was advertised, but no applications were received. On February 18, 2025, the Board decided to forgo re-advertising the opening as a mid-term vacancy because it would have overlapped with advertising the regular-term vacancy, thereby causing confusion for applicants. The unexpired term ends in June 2028.

It was moved by Snider and seconded by B. Shepperd to appoint Brendan Brustad to the vacancy with a term ending June 2026. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Snider and seconded by B. Shepperd to appoint Gladstone Edwards, Jr. to the vacancy with a term ending June 2028. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Announcements.

- SPA is wrapping up at Grand Forks Central and starts at Red River High School this week.
- Emily Dawes is a finalist for North Dakota Teacher of the Year.

Board Request for Future Consideration.

None.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

APPROVED _____
(Date)

Michelle Shepperd, President

Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager