

GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
RETREAT MINUTES
August 14, 2025

The School Board of Grand Forks Public School District No. 1 held a retreat on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at Sharon Lutheran Church, with President Dave Berger presiding.

Board Members Present: Josh Anderson, Dave Berger, Amber Flynn, Dr. Sherry Houdek, Jay Kleven, Joel Larson, Eric Lunn, Jeff Manley, and Bill Palmiscno. **Absent:** None.

Others Present: Dr. Terry Brenner, Superintendent of Schools; Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager; Dr. Catherine Gillach, Associate Superintendent of Secondary Education; Matt Bakke, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education; Michelle Shepperd, GFAFB School Board President; and Cindy Johnson, Executive Secretary.

Call to Order.

The retreat was called to order at 8:02 a.m.

APPROVED: _____
(Date)

Strategic Plan Overview.

Dr. Brenner, Dr. Gillach, and Bakke led a review of the draft strategic plan proposed for 2025-2030, with suggestions from board members discussed.

Dave Berger, President

Larson joined the retreat at 9:09 a.m.

Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager

Budget Overview.

Baumbach discussed that the district has little control over its revenues and therefore looks to its expenditures when budgeting. He explained the administration's goal to structure a budget that aligns with the strategic plan and led board members through a practice exercise that required hypothetically making choices between expenditures.

Boundary Line Discussion.

Dr. Brenner, Dr. Gillach, and Bakke led a review of the proposed implementation plan for boundary line adjustments in the fall of 2026, with suggestions from board members discussed.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.