

GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #140
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 19, 2025

The School Board of Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District No. 140 held a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, with President Michelle Shepperd presiding.

Board Members Present: Branden Shepperd and Michelle Shepperd.

Board Members Absent: Terry R. Snider, Sr.

Others Present: Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager; Catherine Gillach, Associate Superintendent of Secondary Education; Matt Bakke, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education; Jennifer Schroeder, GFAFB School Liaison; and Cindy Johnson, Executive Secretary.

Call to Order and Voluntary Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Approval of Minutes. It was moved by B. Shepperd and seconded by M. Shepperd to approve the minutes of July 15, 2025, as written. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Snider.

Public Comments.

M. Shepperd read an email from Marjorie Myrold about funding for streaming equipment.

Fall Enrollment Report.

Bakke reported that as of August 14, 2025, 208 students were projected to be in grades K-8, and 80 students were projected to be in grades 6-8, for a total of 288 students.

NDSBA Opportunities for Board Member Development.

Bakke informed board members of upcoming opportunities for board member development sponsored by the North Dakota School Boards

Association (NDSBA), including the New Member Learning to Lead Workshop (formerly known as the New Member Seminar), which GFAFB policy 1035 and state law, NDCC § 15.1-09-32 requires new board members to attend within one year of assuming office, and the School Law Seminar and Annual Convention. The events will be held October 9-10, 2025, in Bismarck. Board members were asked to notify Cindy Johnson of their attendance plans.

School Board Committee Appointments for 2025-2026.

It was moved by B. Shepperd and seconded by M. Shepperd to approve the school board standing committee appointments for 2025-2026 as follows:

- District #140 Standing Committee Appointments:
 - Agreement between Districts Committee – Michelle Shepperd and Terry Snider.
 - Policy Review – all board members.
- Appointments to District #1 Standing Committees:
 - Facilities Committee of the Whole – Branden Shepperd.
 - Finance Committee – Terry Snider.
 - Policy Review – Michelle Shepperd.
 - Superintendent Evaluation Committee – Michelle Shepperd.

Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Snider.

Administrative and Liaison assignments were provided for information as follows:

- Liaison to GF School Board:

July	N/A
August	None
September	Branden Shepperd
October	Terry Snider
November	All Members at Joint mtg.
December	Michelle Shepperd
January	Branden Shepperd
February	Terry Snider
March	Michelle Shepperd
April	Pending
May	Pending
June	N/A
- School Building Liaison:
 - Nathan F. Twining Elementary and Middle School – Terry Snider
 - Grand Forks Central High School – Branden Shepperd

Consideration of Guaranteed Maximum Price Related to Carl Ben Eielson Demolition and Perimeter Fencing for the New Twining School Construction.

Brian Lambrecht of McGough Construction, Ben Matson of Construction Engineers, and Andrew Budke of JLG Architects were present for this topic.

Lambrecht reported on the bids received and the recommendation. Five bids were received for the demolition, and three bids were received for the installation of perimeter fencing.

It was moved by B. Shepperd and seconded by M. Shepperd to approve the guaranteed maximum price (GMP) related to the demolition of the Carl Ben Eielson school building and perimeter fencing for the new Nathan F. Twining school building in the amount of \$880,616. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Snider.

Announcements.

Amanda Weston Caillier was introduced as the Air Base's new military family life counselor (MFLC).

Board Request for Future Consideration.

B. Shepperd requested to explore options related to funding for streaming equipment.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

APPROVED _____
(Date)

Michelle Shepperd, President

Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager