

GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #140
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
October 7, 2025

The School Board of Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District No. 140 held a special meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at Nathan F. Twining Elementary and Middle School with President Michelle Shepperd presiding.

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

Board Members Absent: Brendan Brustad.

Others Present: Dr. Terry Brenner, Superintendent of Schools; Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager; Catherine Gillach, Associate Superintendent of Secondary Education; Col. Reynaldo Champion, Commander, 319th Mission Support Group, GFAFB; and Cindy Johnson, Executive Secretary.

Call to Order and Voluntary Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Consideration of a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Related to the Construction of the New Twining School.

Baumbach provided opening remarks about this project.

Andrew Budke from JLG Architects presented a brief history of this project and reported that, with a favorable bidding environment, all tangible alternates and high-priority items can be included in the project.

Oliver Finneman, McGough, reviewed the scope of the GMP #2 for the construction of the new school. Highlights are:

- GMP #2 Amount: \$62,869,664
- Substantial Completion Date: July 27, 2028
- Basis of GMP: Construction documents issued by JLG, dated August 4, 2025

Alternates included:

- Alternate #1: Two Learning Studios, East Wing
- Alternate #2: Two Learning Studios, West Wing

- Alternate #3: Stage Addition and Infrastructure
- Alternate #4: Early Childhood Education
- Alternate #5: Outdoor Track (4 Lanes)
- Alternate #6: Concrete Parking Lots
- Alternate #7b: Solar Photovoltaics (PV) Inverter A/C Nameplate 72 kW; Annual Production 120,000 kWh
- Alternate #8: Upgraded Theatre Seating
- Alternate #9: Precast Dumpster Enclosure
- Alternate #12: Theater Lighting and A/V
- Alternate #13: Food Service Equipment, Kitchen

Allowances included:

- Allowance #1: Increase Outdoor Track from 4 Lanes to 6 Lanes
- Allowance #2: 32' x 24' Wood Framed Outbuilding

The GMP is subject to the following prior to final authorization:

- Review and approval by Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District #140
- Approval of the build grant by OLDCC
- Approval of applicable federal contracting provisions

GMP#2 pricing can be held until December 3, 2025.

It was moved by Snider and seconded by B. Shepperd to approve the guaranteed maximum price (GMP) for the construction of the new Twining School, amounting to \$62,869,664, plus an owner contingency of \$1,886,090. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Brustad.

Tuition/Cost-Sharing Agreement with the Emerado Public School District #127.

Baumbach reported that this was a unique and rare situation for a military-connected student entering kindergarten, and that the agreement was effective for only one year.

It was moved by Snider and seconded by B. Shepperd to approve the tuition/cost-sharing agreement with Emerado Public School District #127 for the student identified as W.S. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Brustad.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

APPROVED _____
(Date)

Michelle Shepperd, President

Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager