

GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 27, 2025

The School Board of Grand Forks Public School District No. 1 held a regular meeting on Monday, October 27, 2025, at the Mark Sanford Education Center, with President Dave Berger presiding.

Board Members Present: Josh Anderson, Dave Berger, Amber Flynn, Dr. Sherry Houdek, and Bill Palmiscno. **Absent:** Kleven, Larson, Lunn, and Manley.

Student Board Members Present: McKayla Sagini. **Absent:** Adrianna Tande.

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; Terry R. Snider, Sr., Vice President, GFAFB School Board; Joe Drumm, Vice President of the Grand Forks Education Association; and Cindy Johnson, Executive Secretary.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Reading of School Board Meeting Norms.

Dr. Houdek read aloud the meeting norms.

Approval of Agenda.

It was moved by Palmiscno and seconded by Flynn to approve the agenda as written. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Houdek, Anderson, Flynn, Palmiscno, and Berger. Nay: None. Absent: Larson, Manley, Kleven, and Lunn.

Public Comments.

Amanda Fackler spoke about the pausing of SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) due to the federal government shutdown and its impact on students who rely on free and reduced-price school meals.

Recap of October 10, 2025, Board Retreat.

Baumbach gave a recap of the October 10, 2025, school board retreat, which introduced board members to conversations outlining key concepts for the budget realignment process. Additional retreats are scheduled for November 7, December 12, and January 16.

Board members reflected on the retreat, including requests to receive materials in advance and a desire for continued progress.

Government Affairs Committee Report.

Flynn and other committee members gave a recap of the October 23, 2025, meeting of the Government Affairs Committee. Members agreed it was a valuable opportunity to share the impacts of recent legislation with local legislators. The committee expressed appreciation for the legislators' responsiveness and will continue to meet this year in preparation for the next legislative session.

Consent Agenda.

It was moved by Palmiscno and seconded by Houdek to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- October 10 and October 13, 2025, school board meeting minutes as written;
- Research Request from Katelyn Johnson; and
- School-Sponsored Fundraising Report.

Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Palmiscno, Anderson, Flynn, Houdek, and Berger. Nay: None. Absent: Lunn, Larson, Manley, and Kleven.

General Fund Financial Statement.

Baumbach reported that for the period from July 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025, total

general fund revenues were \$16,315,956 and total general fund expenditures were \$17,494,864, resulting in expenses exceeding revenue by \$1,178,908.

It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Flynn to approve the General Fund Financial Statement for July 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025. Upon a roll-call vote, as follows, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Palmiscno, Anderson, Houdek, Flynn, and Berger. Nay: None. Absent: Larson, Kleve, Lunn, and Manley.

Announcements.

Dr. Gillach announced the departure of Fulbright scholars, the return of students and staff in the GAPP and Japanese Homestay program.

Board Requests for Future Consideration.

None.

School Board Meeting Norms—How Did We Do?

Dr. Houdek reported that the board did an outstanding job in following its meeting norms.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
(Date)

Dave Berger, President

Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager