

FINANCE COMMITTEE
GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
MEETING MINUTES
December 15, 2025

The Grand Forks School Board Finance Committee met on Monday, December 15, 2025, at the Mark Sanford Education Center, with Bill Palmiscno presiding.

Committee Members Present: Josh Anderson, Amber Flynn, Eric Lunn, and Bill Palmiscno, Board Members; Dr. Terry Brenner, Superintendent; Dr. Catherin Gillach, Associate Superintendent of Secondary Education; and Matt Bakke, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education.

Committee Members Absent: Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager; and Terry Snider, GFAFB School Board Vice President.

Other Staff Present: DaLee Wilkinson, Safety and Security Manager; and Cindy Johnson, Executive Secretary.

Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Consideration of Meeting Minutes.

It was moved by Flynn and seconded by Lunn to approve the minutes of November 17, 2025, as written. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Safety and Security Update.

Chad Dustin, Construction Engineers, and Wilkinson updated the committee on the secure entrance projects completed to date and those scheduled for the future.

Budgetary highlights include:

- Access controls, Red River, Schroeder, Winship, and Lake Agassiz are completed. Wilder is still under construction.
- Across the first six projects, Construction Engineers has credited back approximately \$145,000 in unused contractor contingency to the school district.
- The total contract amount for these six projects is roughly \$51,000 under the approved GMP.
- With the current rough budgets in place, the overall program (all projects combined) is tracking at approximately \$17.5 million in

total project cost.

- Approximately \$75,000 remains in owner contingency.
- Approximately \$80,000 remains in contractor contingency.
- Grand Forks Central, South, Viking, Ben Franklin, Discovery, and Century will be completed in summer 2026.
- Community and Phoenix will be completed in summer 2027.
- There are concerns about the Phoenix project due to the City's plans to address traffic flow in the area with a roundabout. The district prefers a bump-out.

Next Meeting Date.

The next meeting date was scheduled for Monday, February 16, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., although a special meeting may be called in January for the Grand Forks Central project.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

APPROVED _____
(Date)

Bill Palmiscno, Meeting Chairperson

Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager