

FINANCE COMMITTEE
GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
MEETING MINUTES
February 16, 2026

The Grand Forks School Board Finance Committee met on Monday, February 16, 2026, at the Mark Sanford Education Center, with Bill Palmiscno presiding.

Committee Members Present: Josh Anderson, Eric Lunn, and Bill Palmiscno, Board Members; 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; and Terry Snider, GFAFB School Board Vice President/Liaison.

Committee Members Absent: Board Member Amber Flynn.

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 Lunn and seconded by Anderson approve the minutes of January 8, 2026, as written. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Flynn.

Consideration of Bid Results related to Safety and Security Enhancement at Viking Elementary School.

Chad Dustin of Construction Engineers reported on the Viking bid results. The total projected expenses prior to bids were \$657,303. The bids totaled \$638,977, or \$18,326 less. Total project cost decreased from the original estimate of \$782,190 to \$770,383 (a decrease of \$11,808).

Following discussion, it was moved by Anderson and seconded by Lunn to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$638,977 (total project of \$770,383) and to forward it to the school board with a unanimous recommendation for approval. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Flynn.

Consideration of Change Proposal Request 15 for the New Valley Middle School. Brady

McDonald of Construction Engineers explained that the scope of CPR15 is to add an exterior stairwell on the roof of Valley Middle School to provide improved access to the highest portions of the building for the maintenance of rooftop heating and cooling units.

The total cost for CPR15 is estimated at \$111,423, resulting in a contract duration extension of 4 additional days, and will be paid from the owner's contingency.

It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Anderson to approve Change Proposal Request 15 in the amount of \$111,423 to install exterior stairs on the roof of Valley Middle School. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Flynn.

Consideration of Building Fund Use for Winship Flooring Project.

Baumbach reported that three rooms were not completed when new carpet was installed throughout Winship Elementary in 2019. The discontinuation date for the carpet tiles used on the project is approaching; after that, they will no longer be available. Administration is seeking to complete the project during the summer of 2026, while the same carpet tiles are still available, and to use Building Fund dollars for the expense. The

expected cost is \$12,321.30, plus a 5% contingency budget of \$616.

It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Lunn to approve Change Proposal Request 16 for up to \$12,937 and to use Building Fund dollars for the expense. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Flynn.

Next Meeting Date.

The next meeting date was scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 5:15 p.m.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

APPROVED _____
(Date)

Bill Palmiscno, Meeting Chairperson

Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager