

FINANCE COMMITTEE
GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
MEETING MINUTES
March 3, 2026

The Grand Forks School Board Finance Committee met on Tuesday, March 3, 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; and Matt Bakke, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education.

Committee Members Absent: Board Member Amber Flynn and GFAFB School Board Liaison Terry R. Snider.

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

Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m.

Consideration of Meeting Minutes.

It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Lunn to approve the minutes of February 16, 2026, as written. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Flynn.

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

Chad Dustin of Construction Engineers reported on the Century bid results. The total projected expenses prior to bids were \$429,367. The bids totaled \$406,074, or \$23,293 less. Total project cost decreased from the original estimate of \$506,652 to \$479,167 (a decrease of \$27,485).

Following discussion, it was moved by Lunn and seconded by Anderson to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$406,074 (total project of \$479,167) 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 Bid Results related to Safety and Security Enhancement at Ben Franklin Elementary School.

Chad Dustin of Construction Engineers reported on the Century bid results. The total projected expenses prior to bids were \$522,834. The bids totaled \$535,409, or \$12,575 more. Total project cost increased from the original estimate of \$616,945 to \$637,137 (an increase of \$20,192).

Following discussion, it was moved by Anderson and seconded by Lunn to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$535,409 (total project of \$637,137) and to forward it to the school board with a unanimous recommendation for approval. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Flynn.

Palmiscno suggested that the administration look into possible safety improvements for the bus drop-off at Ben Franklin.

Next Meeting Date.

The next meeting date was scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting

adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

APPROVED _____
(Date)

Bill Palmiscno, Meeting Chairperson

Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager