

GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
March 18, 2026

The School Board of Grand Forks Public School District No. 1 held a special meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at the Mark Sanford Education Center, with Vice President Josh Anderson presiding.

Board Members Present: Josh Anderson, Amber Flynn, Dr. Sherry Houdek, Jay Kleven, Jeff Manley, Eric Lunn, and Bill Palmiscno.

Board Members Absent: Dave Berger and Joel Larson.

Others Present: Hope Hogan, Administrative Law Judge; Matt Bakke, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education; Travis Thorvilson, Principal, Lake Agassiz Elementary School; Meredith Vukelic, Attorney, Pearce Durick, PLLC; Ana Marie Fernandez, Teacher; Maria Bradshaw, Interpreter; Glen King, Interpreter; Desiree Morton, Representative, State of North Dakota; Lori VanWinkle, Representative, State of North Dakota; and C.T. Marhula.

Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda.

It was moved by Palmiscno and seconded by Flynn to approve the agenda as written. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Berger and Larson.

Executive Session (closed meeting).

It was moved by Manley and seconded by Flynn to convene into executive session to hold a hearing pursuant to NDCC 15.1-15-08 to discuss and act upon the contemplated discharge of Ana Marie Fernandez from her current contract. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Manley, Anderson, Houdek, Kleven, Palmiscno, Flynn, and Lunn.

Nay: None.

Absent: Berger and Larson.

Members of the public were asked to leave the room, and the executive session hearing began at 9:05 a.m. The executive session hearing was recorded as required by state law. All individuals listed as present above attended the executive session hearing. Witnesses were called into the

executive session individually for purposes of providing testimony and were then excused.

The executive session hearing recessed for a morning break and later recessed for a lunch break. An afternoon break was also taken.

At 6:05 p.m., the executive session hearing was continued to Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

APPROVED: _____
(Date)

Dave Berger, President

Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager