

GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2026

The School Board of Grand Forks Public School District No. 1 held a special meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2026, via Zoom, with President Dave Berger presiding.

Board Members Present: Josh Anderson, Dave Berger, Dr. Sherry Houdek, Jay Kleven, Joel Larson, Jeff Manley, and Bill Palmiscno.

Board Members Absent: Amber Flynn and Eric Lunn.

Others Present: Dr. Terry Brenner, Superintendent of Schools; Eric Ripley, Executive Director of Career and Technical Education; and Cindy Johnson, Executive Secretary.

Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m.

Recommendation for Board to Determine Scope of Reduction-in-Force.

Dr. Brenner reported that due to lower-than-anticipated student enrollment in the Aviation program at the Career Impact Academy for the 2026-2027 school year, the District must adjust staffing levels to align with program needs and ensure responsible stewardship of resources.

Based on the needs of the district, the administration recommended the board move forward with a reduction of force of a total of .75FTE (full-time equivalent) certified position, as follows: Aviation Teacher - .75 FTE.

Ripley reported a lack of interest in the program locally and from all member and area schools.

It was moved by Palmiscno and seconded by Kleven, based on the needs of the school district, to eliminate .75 full-time equivalent position as follows: Aviation Teacher - .75 FTE, and instruct the Superintendent to identify the individual for Reduction in Force based on the Reduction-In-Force Policy. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Manley, Anderson, Houdek, Kleven, Larson, Palmiscno, and Berger. Nay: None. Absent: Flynn and Lunn.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
(Date)

Dave Berger, President

Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager