

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD  
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 7, 2026

The Grand Forks School Board Finance Committee met on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at the Mark Sanford Education Center, with Bill Palmiscno presiding.

**Committee Members Present:** Josh Anderson, Amber Flynn (via phone), Eric Lunn, and Bill Palmiscno, Board Members; Terry R. Snider, GFAFB School Board Member; 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:** None.

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

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**Call to Order.**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Consideration of Meeting Minutes.**

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

**Consideration of Bid for Safety and Security Enhancement at Discovery Elementary School.**

Chad Dustin, Senior Project Manager, Construction Engineers, reported that the total projected expenses for this SOW were \$210,518 prior to bids. The bids totaled \$192,185, or \$18,333 less. Total project cost decreased from the original estimate of \$248,411 to \$228,700 (a decrease of \$19,711).

Following discussion, it was moved by Flynn and seconded by Lunn to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$192,185 (total project of \$228,700) and to forward it to the school board with a unanimous recommendation for approval. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Consideration of Bid for Safety and Security Enhancement at South Middle School.**

Dustin reported that the total projected expenses for this SOW were \$217,815 prior to bids. The bids totaled \$190,005, or \$27,810 less. Total project cost decreased from the original estimate of \$257,022 to \$226,106 (a decrease of \$30,916).

Following discussion, it was moved by Anderson and seconded by Flynn to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$190,005 (total project of \$226,916) and to forward it to the school board with a unanimous recommendation for approval. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The total cost run-up for secure entry projects to date was reviewed. The original estimate of all projects was \$18M. Currently, the district is at \$16.93M.

**Next Meeting Date.**

The next meeting date was scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2026, at 5:15 p.m.

**Adjournment.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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Bill Palmiscno, Meeting Chairperson

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Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager