GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #140
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 20, 2026

The School Board of Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District No. 140 held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at Nathan F. Twining Elementary and Middle School, with President Michelle Shepperd presiding.

Board Members Present: Gladstone Edwards, Jr., Branden Shepperd, Michelle Shepperd, and Terry R. Snider, Sr (via phone).

Board Members Absent: Brendan Brustad.

Others Present: Dr. Terry Brenner, Superintendent of Schools; Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager; Catherine Gillach, Associate Superintendent of Secondary Education; CMSgt Marcus Cook-Perry, GFAFB Liaison; Jennifer Schroeder, GFAFB School Liaison Program Manager; Dave Berger, GF School Board President; and Cindy Johnson, Executive Secretary.

Call to Order and Voluntary Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
The meeting was called to order at noon, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda.
It was moved by B. Shepperd and seconded by Gladstone to approve the agenda as written. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Edwards, B. Shepperd, Snider, and M. Shepperd. Nay: None. Absent: Brustad.

Approval of Minutes.
It was moved by Edwards and seconded by B. Shepperd to approve the minutes of December 22, 2025, as written. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: B. Shepperd, Edwards, Snider, and M. Shepperd. Nay: None. Absent: Brustad.

CMSgt Cook-Perry joined the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Public Comments.
None.

Monthly Enrollment Report.
Dr. Gillach reported that, as of December 31, 2025, Twining School had a total of 274 students, with 202 in grades K-5 and 72 in grades 6-8. At the high school level, Grand Forks Central had 61 students, while Red River High School and Community High School had no students from the Air Base enrolled.

Quarterly Financial Update.
Baumbach reported that from July 1 to December 31, 2025, total fund revenue was $1,235,624, and expenditures were $196,876, resulting in revenues over expenses of $129,503. As of December 31, 2025, the total fund balance was $8,672,885.

School Board Member Regular Term Selection Process.
Baumbach reported that due to the expiration of Board Member Brendan Brustad's term in June 2026, there will be a vacancy on the Grand Forks Air Force Base School Board for a three-year term. The position will be filled by appointment in accordance with North Dakota Century Code and Board Policy 2006. District Administration will advertise the vacancy through various channels, including the GFAFB Public Affairs Office, Twining School, and the district website. Applications are due by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2026, to meet the March 15, 2025, agenda deadline for the April State Board of Public School Education meeting. Interviews will take place on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at noon, with a

review panel making recommendations to the GFAFB Commander. Upon affirmation, the recommendation will be forwarded for appointment at the April meeting. The appointed individual will begin their term at the School Board's annual meeting on July 21, 2026, unless an earlier meeting is necessary.

Budget Realignment Process Update – Criteria, Conditions, and Ongoing Deliberations.
Dr. Brenner provided a high-level update on the budget realignment process, which has included five retreats involving the Grand Forks School Board, principals, directors, and district leadership. The process addresses approximately $4.4 million in General Fund reductions and includes 52 concepts currently under consideration. Public comments regarding potential program impacts were made at a special meeting. A concept that could affect Twining School is a possible change to music programming, including having orchestra begin in grade 5 rather than grade 4. The Grand Forks School Board action is scheduled for February 9, 2026.

Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Impact Aid Certificate of Indebtedness, Series 2026.
Baumbach reported the district has entered into agreements to construct and equip a new pre-K through grade 8 school on Grand Forks Air Force Base, with a total project cost of approximately $74.6 million. Preparatory site work has been completed, including debris removal from the former Eielson site. Administration is working with the grantor to mitigate a larger-than-expected contaminated fuel tank. Two grants have been awarded, each with an 80% cost-share. To finance the local 20% cost share, the district has secured a 2% 20-year loan of $13,812,270 through the Coal Development Trust Fund, administered by the State of North Dakota. The resolution will authorize the issuance of an Impact Aid certificate of indebtedness to secure this loan, delegate authority to the Term and Pricing Committee to finalize loan terms, and set the closing date. The loan is anticipated to be fully repaid by 2045.

It was moved by B. Shepperd and seconded by Edwards to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Impact Aid Certificate of Indebtedness, Series 2026. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Snider, Edwards, B. Shepperd, and M. Shepperd. Nay: None. Absent: Brustad.

Announcements.
M. Shepperd read a letter of appreciation from the VEX Robotics Club at Twining.

Schroeder announced an April 7th event that will be held in conjunction with the Month of the Military Child. M. Shepperd announced purple shirts were available for purchase, and the goal is to have everyone wearing purple at the event and throughout the month.

Dr. Brenner announced January was School Board Appreciation Month.

Board Request for Future Consideration.
None.

Adjournment.
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

APPROVED _____
(Date)

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Michelle Shepperd, President

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Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager