

GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #140
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 21, 2026

The School Board of Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District No. 140 held a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at Nathan F. Twining Elementary and Middle School, with President Michelle Shepperd presiding.

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

Board Members Absent: Brendan Brustad.

Others Present: Dr. Terry Brenner, Superintendent of Schools; Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager; Dr. Catherine Gillach, Associate Superintendent of Secondary Education; Matt Bakke, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education; Jennifer Schroeder, GFAFB School Liaison Program Manager; Dave Berger, Grand Forks School Board President; DaLee Wilkinson, Safety and Security Manager; and Cindy Johnson, Executive Secretary.

Call to Order and Voluntary Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Because there was no quorum at the start of the meeting, the order of some agenda topics was changed.

Public Comments.

None.

Monthly Enrollment Report.

Bakke reported that, as of March 31, 2026, enrollment at Twining Elementary and Middle School was 278 students, with 206 in grades K-5 and 72 in grades 6-8. At the high school level, 61 students were enrolled at Grand Forks Central. No Air Base students were enrolled at Red River High School and Community High School.

Quarterly Financial Update.

Baumbach reported that from July 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026, total fund revenue was \$4,081,367, and total expenditures were \$391,575, resulting in revenues exceeding

expenditures by \$3,689,792. The total fund balance as of March 31, 2026, was \$11,323,929.

CMSgt Marcus Cook Perry joined the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Edwards joined the meeting via phone at 12:05 p.m.

Approval of Agenda.

It was moved by Snider and seconded by Edwards to approve the agenda as written. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Snider, Edwards, and M. Shepperd.

Nay: None.

Absent: Brustad and B. Shepperd.

Approval of Minutes.

It was moved by Snider and seconded by Edwards to approve the minutes of March 12, 2026, as written. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Snider, Edwards, and M. Shepperd.

Nay: None.

Absent: Brustad and B. Shepperd.

B. Shepperd joined the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

Summer School Program.

Bakke and Dr. Gillach presented an overview of the summer school program, including Introduction to Kindergarten, elementary, middle, and high school programs, Valley Middle School Summer RISE Program, Driver Education, and Summer Performing Arts (SPA).

Notables include foreign-exchange trips for students in German and Spanish classes and the high school SPA performances of *Seussical* and *Frozen*. Rydell Motors will again provide vehicles for driver education.

Annual Report Specific to Twining Elementary and Middle School.

Bakke reported on enrollment and achievement data from a variety of assessment measures and by student groups. A comprehensive report was provided in this meeting's agenda packet.

Update on New Nathan F. Twining Elementary and Middle School.

Baumbach gave an update on progress toward the proposed new building for Nathan F. Twining Elementary and Middle School at Grand Forks Air Force Base, with a focus on readiness for the upcoming construction season. Staff indicated that moving forward is contingent on receiving a Notice to Proceed from the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC), which requires completion of two final items. Significant progress has been made on a renewed lease with the Air Force, with agreement reached and final approvals underway at the federal level.

An update was also provided on environmental remediation efforts required for project approval. Crews have completed excavation of contaminated soil, which exceeded initial expectations, and samples have been submitted for testing. Results are anticipated soon and will be shared with the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) to secure a required "No Further Action" determination. Completing these steps on time is critical to begin construction as soon as possible, given seasonal limitations.

Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended June 30, 2025.

Baumbach reported that the annual audit report for Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District #140 for the year ended June 30, 2025, prepared by Brady, Martz & Associates, P.C. The audit concluded with an unmodified opinion, indicating that the district's financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of its governmental activities and major funds in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Four minor audit observations related to internal processes were noted, and the administration acknowledged that corrective actions have been outlined to address each area.

It was moved by Snider and seconded by B. Shepperd to approve the audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2025, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: B. Shepperd, Snider, Edwards, and M. Shepperd.

Nay: None.

Absent: Brustad.

8th-Grade Graduation Ceremony Planning and Budget.

Dr. Brenner reported that, as directed by the board president, 22 tassels for student caps have been purchased at a total cost of \$308. Snider shared a proposed design for the commemorative challenge coin with a cost estimate of \$2,009 for 500 coins. Additional elements, such as supplies and refreshments, and whether to include expenses for the 5th grade, were discussed.

It was moved by Snider and seconded by B. Shepperd to approve a budget of \$2,309 expenses related to the 8th-grade graduation. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Edwards, B. Shepperd, Snider, and M. Shepperd.

Nay: None.

Absent: Brustad.

Announcements.

Schroeder and M. Shepperd announced a student clap-in event and other details for the Month of the Military Child, scheduled for April 30 at 7:55 p.m.

Board Request for Future Consideration.

None.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

APPROVED _____
(Date)

Michelle Shepperd, President

Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager