

GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #140
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2026

The School Board of Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District No. 140 held a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 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.

Board Members Absent: Brendan Brustad.

Others Present: Dr. Catherine Gillach, Associate Superintendent of Schools; Matt Bakke, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager; Jennifer Schroeder, GFAFB School Liaison Program Manager; Chad Kurtyka, Twining Principal; and DaLee Wilkinson, Buildings & Grounds Director.

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda.

It was moved by Edwards and seconded by M. Shepperd to approve the agenda as written. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Edwards, Snider, and M. Shepperd. Nay: None. Absent: Brustad, B. Shepperd

Approval of Minutes.

It was moved by Edwards and seconded by M. Shepperd to approve the minutes of April 21, 2026, as written. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Snider, Edwards, and M. Shepperd. Nay: None. Absent: Brustad, B. Shepperd,

Public Comments.

None.

Monthly Enrollment Report.

Bakke reported that, as of April 30, 2026, Twining School had a total of 278 students, with 205 in grades K-5 and 71 in grades 6-8. At the high school level, Grand Forks Central had 62

students, while Red River High School and Community High School had no Air Base students enrolled.

Final Discussion: 8th-Grade Graduation Ceremony Planning.

Dr. Gillach and Snider presented the final plans for the 8th-grade graduation. Principal Kurtyka will welcome families and work with board members to recognize student graduates.

Board Member B. Shepperd joined the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

Budget Reconciliation & Consideration of Soil Contamination Mitigation Expense.

Baumbach presented the expenses associated with remediating contaminated soil at the demoed Carl Ben Eielson school site.

It was moved by B. Shepperd and seconded by Edwards to approve payment of the \$814,989.35 invoice from Monsters Contracting, Inc. (dba L2 Contracting), as written. Upon a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Snider, Edwards, B. Shepperd, and M. Shepperd. Nay: None. Absent: Brustad

Announcements.

Schroeder thanked all who volunteered at the recent Clap-In event.

Schroeder drew attention to a recent press release describing Space Force growth on the base and the associated growth of personnel and families.

Gillach announced GFPS graduation events.

Board Request for Future Consideration.

None.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

APPROVED _____
(Date)

Michelle Shepperd, President

Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager