GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #140
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
July 28, 2026

The School Board of Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District No. 140 held its annual meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, with Superintendent Dr. Terry Brenner and President Michelle Shepperd presiding.

Board Members Present: Gladstone Edwards, Jr., Lucelyn Edwards, Branden Shepperd, Michelle Shepperd, and Terry R. Snider, Sr.
Board Members Absent: None.

District Administration Present: Dr. Terry Brenner, Superintendent of Schools; Ryan Gatzke, Interim Business Manager; Dr. Kris Arason, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education; Chris Triggs, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education.

Others Present: Lt. Col. Sara Pavelski, Deputy Commander, Grand Forks Air Force Base Mission Support Group, Mr. Michael Ternus, Deputy Director, Grand Forks Air Force Base Mission Support Group, and Jennifer Schroeder, GFAFB School Liaison Program Manager.

Resource Staff Present: Chad Kurtyka, Twining School Principal; and DaLee Wilkinson, Buildings & Grounds Director.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Terry Brenner as Presiding Officer:

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

Declaration of 2026-2027 School Board.
Dr. Brenner declared the membership of the Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District No. 140 School Board as follows:

Board Member	Term Expires
1. Gladstone Edwards, Jr.	June 2028
2. Lucelyn Edwards	June 2029
3. Branden Shepperd	June 2027
4. Michelle Shepperd	June 2028
5. Terry R. Snider, Sr.	June 2027

Election of President of the School Board.
Dr. Brenner called for nominations for president of the School Board. B. Shepperd nominated Michelle Shepperd. G. Edwards nominated Snider. After calling for nominations three additional times and receiving no further nominations, a roll call vote was held, and the nomination of Michelle Shepperd to be elected president of the School Board carried. Michelle Shepperd was declared the president of the School Board. Aye: L. Edwards, B. Shepperd, Snider, and M. Shepperd. Nay: G. Edwards. Absent: None.

President Michelle Shepperd as Presiding Officer:

Election of Vice President of the School Board.
M. Shepperd called for nominations for vice president of the School Board. M. Shepperd nominated Snider. After calling for nominations three additional times and receiving no further nominations, a roll call vote was held, and the nomination of Snider to be elected vice president of the School Board carried unanimously. Snider was declared the vice president of the School Board. Aye: G. Edwards, Snider, L. Edwards, B. Shepperd, and M. Shepperd. Nay: None. Absent: None.

Approval of Agenda.
It was moved by Snider and seconded by G. Edwards to approve the agenda as presented. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of May 19, 2026, Meeting Minutes.
It was moved by Snider and seconded by G. Edwards to approve the minutes of May 19, 2026, as written. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: B. Shepperd, L. Edwards, Snider, G. Edwards, and M. Shepperd. Nay: None. Absent: None.

Public Comments.
None.

Consideration of School Board Regular Meeting Schedule for 2026-2027.
Dr. Brenner presented a proposed schedule for the regular school board meetings for fiscal year 2026-2027 and the annual meeting for fiscal year 2027-2028, based on current policy and practice. All meetings will be held at Nathan F. Twining Elementary and Middle School and will begin at 12:00 p.m., unless otherwise scheduled. Additionally, special meetings may be called at any time.

The proposed meeting dates are:

Tuesday, August 18, 2026
Tuesday, September 15, 2026
Tuesday, October 13, 2026
Monday, November 23, 2026 (6:00 pm, held jointly with the Grand Forks School Board at the Mark Sanford Education Center)
Tuesday, December 15, 2026
Tuesday, January 19, 2027
Tuesday, February 16, 2027
Tuesday, March 16, 2027
Tuesday, April 20, 2027
Tuesday, May 18, 2027
Tuesday, July 20, 2027 (annual meeting)

It was moved by B. Shepperd and seconded by Snider to approve the school board's regular meeting schedule for 2026-2027 as outlined. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Snider, B. Shepperd, G. Edwards, L. Edwards, and M. Shepperd. Nay: None. Absent: None.

Designation of Official Newspaper of the School District.
It was moved by B. Shepperd and seconded by Snider to designate the *Grand Forks Herald* as the official newspaper of the school district. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: G. Edwards, B. Shepperd, L. Edwards, Snider, and M. Shepperd. Nay: None. Absent: None.

Agreement Between Districts Committee Report: Consideration of Amendments to 2026-2027 Joint Powers Agreement Between Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District No. 140 and Grand Forks Public School District No. 1 for Educational Services.
M. Shepperd and Dr. Brenner presented on the amendments to the 2026-2027 Joint Powers Agreement, which included provisions to provide voting permissions on the District No. 1 Superintendent Evaluation Committee and Policy Review Committee, to clarify that District No. 140 is utilizing District No. 1 staff, and to correct a typographical error to read District #140.

It was moved by Snider and seconded by G. Edwards to approve the proposed amendments to the 2026-2027 Joint Powers Agreement between Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District No. 140 and Grand Forks Public School District No. 1 as outlined. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: L. Edwards, Snider, B. Shepperd, G. Edwards, and M. Shepperd. Nay: None. Absent: None.

Consideration of Tuition Transfer to GF PSD No. 1.
Gatzke presented the administrative recommendation to increase the annual tuition payment beginning in FY26 due to increasing education costs and to approve a one-time catch-up tuition payment to reconcile an historical funding shortfall originating in 2017 as compensation for educational services.

M. Shepperd and Dr. Brenner provided comments related to District No. 140's historical tuition underpayments and District No. 1's absorption of the resulting funding shortfalls, as well as the historical 75% revenue deduction of Impact Aid, which, over the past six years, was phased out due to legislative changes in the state funding formula.

It was moved by Snider and seconded by G. Edwards to increase the annual tuition payment to $3,600,000 beginning FY26 and to approve a one-time catch-up tuition payment to Grand Forks Public School District No. 1 as outlined. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Snider, G. Edwards, B. Shepperd, L. Edwards, and M. Shepperd. Nay: None. Absent: None.

Consideration of Owner Change Order #004 – Twining K-8 School (ASI #0002).
Gatzke presented the administrative recommendation to approve this change order with funding from the project's owner contingency. The change order is for revisions required in structural, mechanical, and framing areas of the project.

Wilkinson reported that the owner contingency balance was approximately $1.9 million.

It was moved by Snider and seconded by G. Edwards to approve Owner Change Order #004 in the amount of $97,263.42 with funding through the project's owner contingency. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: L. Edwards, G. Edwards, B. Shepperd, Snider, and M. Shepperd. Nay: None. Absent: None.

Announcements.

- Dr. Brenner thanked the board for approving the tuition transfer and increase, and expressed appreciation for the partnership between the two school districts.
- Kindergarten Roundup started this week. Monitoring class sizes will continue.
- M. Shepperd welcomed Dr. Kris Arason and Chris Triggs to the board table.
- Ternus commented that attending this meeting was one of his final acts before leaving his position at the Air Base.

Board Request for Future Consideration.
None.

Adjournment.
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

APPROVED _____
(Date)

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Michelle Shepperd, President

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Ryan Gatzke, Interim Business Manager