

**GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE SCHOOL BOARD**  
**GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #140**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
September 15, 2026

The School Board of Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District No. 140 held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, with President Michelle Shepperd presiding.

**Board Members Present:** Lucelyn Edwards, Branden Shepperd, Michelle Shepperd, and Terry R. Snider, Sr.

**Board Members Absent:** Gladstone Edwards, Jr.

**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.

**Resource Staff Present:** Chad Kurtyka, Principal, Nathan F. Twining Elementary and Middle School.

**Others Present:** Jennifer Schroeder, GFAFB School Liaison Program Manager, and Cindy Johnson, Senior Executive Assistant and School Board Operations Coordinator.

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**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Approval of Agenda.**

It was moved by Snider and seconded by B. Shepperd to approve the agenda as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: L. Edwards, B. Shepperd, Snider, and M. Shepperd. Nay: None. Absent: G. Edwards.

**Consideration of August 18, 2026, Meeting Minutes.**

It was moved by Snider and seconded by B. Shepperd to approve the minutes of August 18, 2026, as written. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Snider, L. Edwards, B. Shepperd, and M. Shepperd. Nay: None. Absent: G. Edwards.

**Public Comments.**

None.

**Summer School Reports.**

Dr. Arason and Triggs reported highlights of

elementary summer school, ENCORE, high school summer school, and Introduction to Kindergarten. The meeting agenda packet included detailed and statistical data for these programs, the middle school summer school program, Valley Summer RISE, and Summer Performing Arts (SPA).

The board discussed transportation barriers, followed by the administration's commitment to have a plan in place for 2027.

**Update on Purchase of Van for Twining Athletics/Activities.**

Dr. Brenner reported that the proposed van was no longer available. Administration will continue exploring available vehicles and will update the Board when an appropriate option is identified.

**Designation of NDSBA Convention Delegates.**

Dr. Brenner reported that the GFAFB School District is authorized to have up to two delegates at the Annual Convention Delegate Assembly. To date, one board member has indicated that they plan to attend the annual convention.

It was moved by Snider and seconded by L. Edwards to designate Branden Shepperd as a delegate to the 2026 NDSBA Annual Convention. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: B. Shepperd, L. Edwards, Snider, and M. Shepperd. Nay: None. Absent: G. Edwards.

**Student Activities Funding Request.**

Chad Kurtyka, Principal, Twining Elementary and Middle School, presented the student activities funding request as follows:

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| Music/Arts Programs (Programs/Concerts) | \$ 700.00         |
| Student Activities/Field Trips          | \$3,000.00        |
| Reading Materials                       | \$3,000.00        |
| Classroom Supplies/Equipment            | \$3,800.00        |
| Positive Behavior Program Support       | \$4,000.00        |
| Technology                              | <u>\$1,500.00</u> |
| Total requested amount                  | \$16,000.00       |

It was moved by Snider and seconded by B. Shepperd to approve the student activities funding request of \$16,000, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Snider, B. Shepperd, L. Edwards, and M. Shepperd. Nay: None. Absent: G. Edwards.

**Announcements.**

- M. Shepperd announced an increase in students participating in volleyball after opening it up to 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Board Request for Future Consideration.**

None.

**Adjournment.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

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

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Michelle Shepperd, President

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Ryan Gatzke, Interim Business Manager