GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #140
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 2026

The School Board of Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District No. 140 held a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, with President Michelle Shepperd presiding.

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

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

Resource Staff Present: Chad Kurtyka, Principal, Nathan F. Twining Elementary and Middle School, and DaLee Wilkinson, Buildings and Grounds Director,

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

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

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

Consideration of September 15, 2026, Meeting Minutes.
It was moved by G. Edwards and seconded by L. Edwards to approve the minutes of September 15, 2026, as written. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: G. Edwards, Snider, L. Edwards, and M. Shepperd. Nay: None. Absent: B. Shepperd.

Public Comments.
None.

Discussion of Fall Enrollment Report.
Triggs reported on K-12 student enrollment as of September 30, 2026, noting a decrease of 49 students from spring 2026 and 229 students since fall 2025. Declining enrollment reflects a statewide trend outside of West Fargo.

Discussion of Monthly Enrollment Report.
Triggs reported that, as of September 30, 2026, Twining School had 264 students: 188 in grades K-5 and 76 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 Air Base students enrolled.

Board Member Debrief on NDSBA Learning to Lead New Member Workshop and Annual Convention.
Board members who attended the NDSBA Learning to Lead New Member Workshop and Annual Conference shared key takeaways on the role of a board member, open meeting laws, chain of command, and school finance.

Update on School Van Purchase.
Dr. Brenner reported that the original van the district had hoped to purchase was available

again, and the district is moving forward with the purchase. The van will be delivered to the school soon.
The board discussed an unidentified school bus that has been seen on the Air Base. Attempts will be made to identify its owner.

Discussion of Superintendent Search Timeline.
Dr. Brenner reviewed a proposed framework and timeline for selecting the next Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2027, that was discussed at the Grand Forks School Board meeting on October 12. The Grand Forks School Board authorized district administration to develop and issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for superintendent search consultant services. Discussion continued about the process being a shared experience with the GFAFB School Board.

Announcements.

- An update on the construction of the new Twining School was provided. The project is on schedule and on budget.

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

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