FACILITIES COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
MEETING MINUTES
May 26, 2026

The Grand Forks School Board Facilities Committee of the Whole met on Monday, May 26, 2026, at the Mark Sanford Education Center, with Dave Berger presiding.

Committee Members Present: Josh Anderson, Dave Berger, Amber Flynn, Jay Kleven, Dr. Sherry Houdek, Joel Larson, Jeff Manley, and Bill Palmiscno, Board Members; 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.

Committee Members Absent: Eric Lunn, Board Member, and Branden Shepperd, GFAFB School Board Liaison.

Others Present: DaLee Wilkinson, Director of Buildings and Grounds, and Cindy Johnson, Executive Secretary.

Call to Order.
The meeting was called to order at 9:27 p.m.

Consideration of December 8, 2025, Meeting Minutes.
It was moved by Palmiscno and seconded by Flynn to approve the minutes of December 8, 2025, as written. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. Aye: Kleven, Larson, Flynn, Houdek, Manley, Anderson, Palmiscno, and Berger. Nay: None. Absent: Lunn.

Facilities Plan Presentation.
Buildings & Grounds Director Daly Wilkinson and Business Manager Brandon Baumbach presented an update on the district's facilities baseline, financial health, and the framework for an upcoming 5-Year Facilities Plan.

Baumbach reported that the building fund is in its healthiest financial position in years. By June 30, 2026, the fund is projected to reach an ending balance of $2.5 million, safely exceeding the board's $1.62 million carryover guardrail. Property tax generates roughly $6.5 million in annual revenue, most of which is currently allocated to principal and interest. However, $1.3 million will free up annually starting August 2028, following the final payment on the school auditoriums, offering future strategic flexibility for capital projects or bonding. He confirmed that building fund dollars cannot legally fund general operations/salaries. Administration continues to protect the general fund by correctly routing eligible construction and lease costs to the building fund.

Significant facilities improvements achieved since the successful 2021 10-mill voter referendum were highlighted. Completed projects include the Career Impact Academy, Valley Middle School, the Central Kitchen, and ongoing safety/security upgrades. Dr. Brenner re-emphasized the board's commitment since 2018 to air-condition all district classrooms, noting a specific goal to complete the outstanding HVAC work at Schroeder within the next three years.

Next Meeting Date.
The next meeting date is to be determined.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Approved _____
(Date)

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Dave Berger, Meeting Chairperson

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Brandon Baumbach, Business Manager