

**GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 25, 2019**

The School Board of Grand Forks Public School District #1 held a regular meeting on Monday, February 25, 2019, at the Mark Sanford Education Center with President Bill Palmiscno presiding.

Board Members Present: Douglas Carpenter, Chris Douthit, Amber Flynn, Jacqueline Hoffarth, Eric Lunn, Shannon Mikula, Bill Palmiscno, and Cynthia Shabb.

Board Members Absent: Matt Spivey.

Others Present: Student Board Members Riley Thoreson and Anastasia Usatii, Superintendent Dr. Terry Brenner, Business Manager Scott J. Berge, Associate Superintendent Jody Thompson, Assistant Superintendent Catherine Gillach, GFEA President Amanda Weston Caillier, GFAFB School Board Liaison Kevin Whitney, and Executive Secretary Cindy Johnson.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda. It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Douthit to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried with all Board members present voting aye. Absent: Spivey.

Approval of Minutes. It was moved by Shabb and seconded by Carpenter to approve the February 11, 2019, minutes as written. Motion carried with all Board members present voting aye. Absent: Spivey.

Citizen Comments (non-agenda items).
None.

Review School Board Norms. Mikula read aloud the school board norms.

Strategic Planning Preparation. In preparation to launch the District's new and

contemporary strategic plan, Dr. Jeffrey Schatz, strategic planning consultant, gave a presentation on the process that he uses with school districts, non-profits, and business leaders.

Consent Agenda. It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Shabb to approve the consent agenda as follows: Open Enrollment Applications as presented and Teacher Resignations for Brenna Chidester, Kari Christiansen, and Kristen McIntyre effective May 31, 2019. Motion carried with all Board members present voting aye. Absent: Spivey.

District Calendars for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. It was moved by Carpenter and seconded by Flynn to approve the start date of Monday, August 26, 2019, and the end date of Thursday, May 28, 2020, for the 2019-2020 school year and the start date of Monday, August 24, 2020, and the end date of Thursday, May 27, 2021, for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried with all Board members present voting aye. Absent: Spivey.

General Fund Financial Statement. For the first seven months of the fiscal year 2018-2019, total general fund revenues were \$58,687,811 and total general fund expenditures were \$49,717,605, resulting in an excess of revenues over expenditures of \$8,970,206. Berge reported that revenues were up 2%, expenditures were up 4.5%, and the general fund balance was roughly \$1M behind as compared to this time last year.

It was moved by Carpenter and seconded by Douthit to approve the General Fund Financial Statement for the period July 1, 2018, through January 31, 2019, as presented. Motion carried with all Board members present voting aye. Absent: Spivey.

Agreement Between Districts Committee Report - Joint Powers Agreement between Districts #140 and #1 for Educational Services. Brenner reported on the January 30, 2019, meeting of the Agreement between

Districts Committee. Recommended changes to the agreement for the 2019-2020 fiscal year include updating all dates, making some structural changes to the list of committees that include representation from the school boards of both Districts, and removing the last sentence in Section 8.1 about tuition. Brenner clarified that while the practice is that neither District pays the other District tuition, use of the term 'tuition' is a reporting mechanism to the state and in the audited financial statements. The Grand Forks Air Force Base School Board reviewed and approved the agreement on February 19.

It was moved by Shabb and seconded by Douthit to approve the Joint Powers Agreement between Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District No. 140 and Grand Forks Public School District No. 1 for the fiscal year 2019-2020 as presented. Motion carried with all Board members present voting aye. Absent: Spivey.

5000 Series Policy Review Committee Report - First Reading of Policies 5160, 5161, and 5631. Douthit explained that these policies were new to the District. He called upon Thompson to explain the policies. Thompson explained that proposed Policy 5160 (Education of the Homeless Student and Dispute Resolution Policy) and proposed Policy 5161 (Students in Foster Care) were developed from the North Dakota School Boards Association's policy template and meshed with the District's procedures that have been in practice for the past two years. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires formal policy that addresses the education of a homeless or foster student and the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has given the District until March 15 to provide them a copy of the formal policy. The Applicability and Scope and Responsibilities categories have been left blank and because it is already covered in the policy language, are recommended to be marked as 'not applicable', 'already noted', or to eliminate the categories. Discussion continued on the policy template and in particular the Applicability and Scope and Responsibilities categories and the need to be consistent across all policies and for everyone to understand and buy into the template. Mikula said that in an attempt to not have too many comments, she edited the policies for some tweaks, typos, or

other things to be given to the committee to decide whether they like them or not. Additionally, she suggested the definitions format be numbered instead of bulleted. Mikula also questioned whether the phrases 'school in which they are seeking enrollment' and 'school of origin' were the same thing.

It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Shabb to approve the first reading of proposed Policies 5160 and 5161 but to send them back to committee to complete the Applicability and Scope and Responsibilities categories. Motion carried with all Board members present voting aye. Absent: Spivey.

Thompson explained that proposed Policy 5631 (Do Not Resuscitate/Do Not Intubate (DNR-DNI Orders)) was developed to address the District's concern for putting an employee in the position of having to follow DNR-DNI orders, something that the District does not want its employees to have to do. The North Dakota School Boards Association has not yet developed a policy. The proposed policy is based on the Crookston Public Schools' existing policy. Discussion points on this policy included the following:

- Whether the District can legally say it is not following DNR-DNI orders,
- Whether the committee discussed expanding the policy to include employees and visitors who may have DNR-DNI orders,
- That healthcare initiatives are headquartered at a healthcare facility, not at a business,
- That the District would always call 911 and it is the medical personnel who are bound to follow the healthcare order(s),
- Whether the definition should state application to this country,
- That District medical staff have extra responsibility because of their medical position, and
- That the District must recognize the pressures on employees when emergencies arise and protect its employees.

Palmiscno asked if the Board wanted to send the policy back to committee and get legal opinion from District legal counsel.

It was moved by Mikula to send the proposed policy back to committee. Mikula said that she did not think that the policy needed

review by legal counsel because District employees were not medical providers who are bound by those orders. Lunn asked what the policy was being sent back to committee for. Mikula said that she sent comments and revisions [to the Superintendent’s Office] and she referred to Shabb’s comment about the definition stating ‘depending on country’. Mikula clarified her motion to send the policy back to committee for review and revisions and to leave it up to the Administration whether they want to forward it on for legal opinion. Seconded by Carpenter. Motion carried with all Board members present voting aye. Absent: Spivey.

Announcements.

- Douthit passed on a citizen’s concern about the weight of the backpacks that students carry.
- Brenner congratulated the Grand Forks Central boys on its state hockey championship and the Red River High Schools boys and Knightrider girls for making the state tournament.
- Gillach announced two of Red River High Schools’ VEX robotics teams qualified for the Worlds.

Board Requests for Future Consideration.

Hoffarth requested future discussion on how the District approaches its bullying policy, specifically to certain groups of students who may be targeted based of their identity.

School Board Norms - How Did We Do?

Mikula reported that she thought the Board did well.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

APPROVED _____
(Date)

Bill Palmiscno, President

Scott J. Berge, Business Manager