

**GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2019**

The School Board of Grand Forks Public School District #1 held a regular meeting on Monday, March 11, 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, Cynthia Shabb, and Matt Spivey.

Board Members Absent: None.

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 Elizabeth Meihaus, and Executive Secretary Cindy Johnson.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.
The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda. It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Carpenter to approve the revised agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Celebrating Success. Kevin Ohnstad, principal of Phoenix Elementary School, introduced the school's student peer leaders and the teacher leaders who help with the peer leader program. Materials were handed out and a presentation about the school's PBIS program and programs that have been implemented by the peer leaders team.

Citizen Comments (non-agenda items).
None.

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

Approval of Minutes. It was moved by Spivey and seconded by Lunn to approve the February 25, 2019, minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Middle School Curriculum Update. Middle School Administrators updated the Board on the redesigned middle school curriculum that was implemented this school year. The goal of the redesign was to give students more choice and relevancy in their elective coursework. Student and staff perceptions were also shared.

Consent Agenda. It was moved by Shabb and seconded by Carpenter to approve the consent agenda as follows: Open Enrollment Applications as presented and Teacher Resignations for Tammy Bellione, Laura Manstrom, and Dawn 'Casey' Pitts effective May 31, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

General Fund Financial Statement. For the first eight months of the fiscal year 2018-2019, total general fund revenues were \$70,359,773 and total general fund expenditures were \$58,176,606, resulting in an excess of revenues over expenditures of \$12,183,167. Berge explained that most of the revenues were front-loaded and that expenditures would catch up. He is expecting a \$4.1M deficit by year-end.

It was moved by Spivey and seconded by Shabb to approve the General Fund Financial Statement for the period July 1, 2018, through February 28, 2019, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5000 Series Policy Review Committee Report: Second Reading and Adoption of Policies 5160 and 5161 and Postpone Policy 5631. Douthit reported on revisions that were made to policies 5160 and 5161 since their first reading. It was moved by Douthit and seconded by Lunn to approve the second reading and adoption of Policy 5160 as revised. Motion carried unanimously.

The correction of a typo and a language revision were requested to be made to Policy 5631.

It was moved by Douthit and seconded by Hoffarth to approve the second reading and adoption of Policy 5161 as revised. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of the proposed Policy 5631 is postponed because a revision was received from the District's legal counsel that the committee has not had a chance to review.

Superintendent's Evaluation Committee Report: Superintendent's March Evaluation.

Palmiscno reported on the March 4, 2019, meeting of the Superintendent's Evaluation Committee at which the Committee developed a draft evaluation of the superintendent's performance as per North Dakota Century Code. Upon review of Board member input and a satisfactory rating in all reviewed areas, the Committee unanimously recommends that the Board find the superintendent's performance to be satisfactory in all areas.

It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Shabb to approve the Superintendent's March Evaluation as satisfactory in all areas. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Contract Extension. It was moved by Carpenter and seconded by Lunn to approve the superintendent's contract extension to three years starting July 1, 2019, and ending on June 30, 2022. It was pointed out that at the superintendent's request, the salary would remain frozen through fiscal year 2020-2021; however, some Board members disagreed that the salary remain frozen. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee Report: Reclassify Building Resource Coordinator Positions/Create Elementary Assistant Principal Positions.

Brenner explained the request to reclassify the position of Elementary Building Resource Coordinator to Assistant Principal. The position exists in the four largest elementary schools. Individuals currently in the BRC positions know that, if interested, they would have to apply and interview for the newly created position if they have the correct leadership coursework and credentials. If not interested, they would retain a different position

in the District. The assistant principal contract would increase to 41 weeks and the salary would range between \$79,000 and \$101,000 plus benefits. The Finance Committee recommended approval.

It was moved by Shabb and seconded by Lunn to approve the request to reclassify the Elementary Building Resource Coordinator position to Assistant Principal as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Create Workforce Safety Coordinator Position. Berge explained the request to create the position of Workforce Safety Coordinator. The first-year cost for the position is \$50,000 to \$60,000 but would be funded in year two and beyond through the costs recaptured through anticipated Workforce Safety insurance premium discounts. The Finance Committee recommended approval.

It was moved by Carpenter and seconded by Flynn to approve the request to create the position of Workforce Safety Coordinator as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Authorization to Purchase Two Portable Classrooms. This topic was discussed at the Joint Finance and Facilities Committees meeting on March 6. The Finance Committee recommended approval.

It was moved by Carpenter and seconded by Douthit to approve the purchase of two portable classrooms for Viking Elementary School with an approximate cost of \$500,000 after setup. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements. Shabb reported on behalf of the NDSBA legislative committee about an dyslexia bill and conversation at the state about the oil extraction tax revenue.

Board Requests for Future Consideration. None.

School Board Norms - How Did We Do? Spivey reported the Board was successful in following the school board norms.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

APPROVED _____
(Date)

Bill Palmiscno, President

Scott J. Berge, Business Manager