

**GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 2019**

The School Board of Grand Forks Public School District #1 held a regular meeting on Monday, April 8, 2019, at the Mark Sanford Education Center with President Bill Palmiscno presiding.

Board Members Present: Doug Carpenter, Chris Douthit, Amber Flynn (via phone), Jacqueline Hoffarth, Eric Lunn, Shannon Mikula, Bill Palmiscno, Cynthia Shabb, and Matt Spivey.

Board Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Student Board Member Riley Thoreson, Superintendent Dr. Terry Brenner, Business Manager Scott J. Berge, Associate Superintendent Jody Thompson, Assistant Superintendent Catherine Gillach, GFEA President Amanda Weston Caillier, 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 Spivey to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried with all Board members present voting aye. Absent: Shabb.

Shabb joined the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Celebrating Success. Dr. Kris Arason, principal of Red River High School, and students gave a presentation that focused on new classes offered and new clubs formed over the past few years at Red River High School.

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

Citizen Comments (non-agenda items). None.

Review School Board Norms. Student Board Member Thoreson read aloud the school board norms.

High School Math Adoption Update. Dr. Brenner introduced Lorraine O'Shea, who has been coordinating the math adoption process. She, along with other District math teachers, gave a presentation on the high school math pilot and adoption recommendation. Preliminary cost of the recommendation is \$255,548.07. Prices were not available for two of the recommended components. This item will be brought to the next meeting for action.

Legislative Update. Dr. Brenner reported on the following bills:

- SB2149 relates to youth behavioral health and an amendment by the House Education Committee to require training in on restraint and to require that each school designate a behavioral health resource coordinator.
- HB1347 extends a teacher's probationary status from one year to two years.
- HB1346 changes the requirement for instructional days to hours.
- SB2172 allows that a firearm may be carried anywhere. Board members were encouraged to call legislators on this bill.

Bus Transportation Cost Analysis. Berge provided a financial analysis of the District's current bus transportation and potential costs to change from contracting transportation to the District owning transportation services. Shabb clarified that her request was for discussion on whether the District was charging the right amount for student transportation and how the District could keep the cost for bussing down for families. Other information that Board members said they were interested in included the following:

- whether the district was paying for transportation services on a per-route basis or a daily rate,

- a breakdown of ridership for elementary, middle, and high school students,
- the types of routes throughout the day,
- the number of routes per day to/from the elementary, middle, and high schools, and
- whether philanthropic ways to help reduce the cost for families who were struggling was looked at.

It was suggested to hold a future work session on transportation and to invite Dietrich to the discussion.

National School Boards Convention

Attendee Report. Flynn, Carpenter, Douthit, and Dr. Brenner recently attended the National School Boards Association convention in Philadelphia, PA. They gave an overview of their experiences and takeaways from the event.

Consent Agenda. It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Shabb to approve the consent agenda as follows: Teacher Appointments of Andrea Eklund (salary \$51,199), Mary Hefta (salary \$57,537), Alexander Hovey (salary \$42,730), Leonard Kjelland (salary \$48,085), Dustin Norby (salary \$47,319), Lukas Schulz (salary \$43,495), Elizabeth Syverson (salary \$43,057), and Maggie Willyard (salary \$44,150); 30% Leave of Absence as school counselor for Amanda Weston Caillier for 2019-2020; Resignations of Kaitlin Ange, Crystal Shields, and Jocelyn Whaley effective May 31, 2019; and Student Travel Request for up to 25 students to France and Switzerland June 9, 2020 to June 23, 2020. Motion carried on voice vote as follows: Aye: Carpenter, Flynn, Hoffarth, Lunn, Mikula, Palmiscno, Shabb, and Spivey. Abstain: Douthit.

Appointment of Principal of South Middle School.

Dr. Brenner reported on his recommendation to appoint Dr. Joel Schleicher as lead principal of South Middle School. It was moved by Carpenter and seconded by Douthit to appoint Dr. Joel Schleicher as the lead principal at South Middle School effective July 1, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements. Douthit shared his experience from recently speaking at Valley Middle School.

Board Requests for Future Consideration.

- Hoffarth requested future discussion with the student school board members about how the Board can engage the student body at the schools that they are representing.
- Hoffarth requested a social media policy be looked at.

School Board Norms - How Did We Do?

Thoreson said the Board did well in following the school board norms.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

APPROVED _____
(Date)

Bill Palmiscno, President

Scott J. Berge, Business Manager