

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #140
Tuesday, February 18, 2020 – 12:00 p.m.
Nathan F. Twining Elementary and Middle School
1422 Louisiana Street, Grand Forks Air Force Base, ND**

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. January 21, 2020
- B. February 10, 2020

IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS (non-agenda items)

(Citizens wishing to address the school board are asked to complete a Citizen Comment Card and submit it to the school board secretary prior to the start of the meeting. Citizens wishing to comment on non-agenda items will be invited by the chairperson to speak during the Citizen Comments item. Citizens wishing to comment on a specific agenda item will be invited by the chairperson to speak when that specific agenda item is reached. Each person may speak for up to three (3) minutes and will not be recognized a second time until all citizens wishing to speak have been heard. The chairperson reserves the right to limit the discussion and the number of speakers. School Board members shall not engage in a response or enter into a debate about any issue(s) brought before the board during this portion of the meeting. Citizen comments and concerns will be directed to the Superintendent of Schools, who will deal with them according to policies adopted by the Board.)

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- A. Monthly Enrollment Report
- B. Policy Review
- C. School Board Applicant Update

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION

- A. Agreement Between Districts Committee Report – Joint Powers Agreement Between Districts #140 and #1 for Educational Services

VII. OTHER

- A. Announcements
- B. Board Requests for Future Consideration

(There should be no discussion concerning an individual item that is requested for future consideration. The Board President and Superintendent will determine the best method of response to board requests for future consideration.)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Any person who requires an auxiliary aid or service to allow access or participation at a school board meeting is asked to notify the superintendent's office (787-4880) at least one day before the meeting.

**GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #140
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2020**

The Grand Forks Air Force Base School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at Nathan F. Twining Elementary and Middle School with Lewis Isassi presiding.

Board Members Present:

Lewis Isassi, President/Voting Member
Ann O'Rourke, Voting Member
Michelle Shepperd, Vice President/Voting Member (via phone)

Board Members Absent:

John Dela Cruz, Voting Member
Samantha Plemons, Voting Member

Others Present:

Dr. Terry Brenner, Superintendent of Schools
Scott J. Berge, Business Manager
Catherine Gillach, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education
Chris Arnold, Buildings & Grounds Director
Shari Bilden, Principal, Nathan F. Twining Elementary and Middle School
Cindy Johnson, Executive Secretary

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda. It was moved by O'Rourke and seconded by Shepperd to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Dela Cruz and Plemons.

Approval of Minutes. It was moved by O'Rourke and seconded by Shepperd to approve the December 17, 2019, meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Dela Cruz and Plemons.

Citizen Comments (non-agenda items). None.

Monthly Enrollment Report. Gillach reported that as of December 20, 2019, there were 205 students in grades K-5 and 87 students in grades 6-8 at Twining School, for a combined total of 292 students. Grand Forks Central High School had 55 students. Red River High School and Community High School have no students from the Air Base. Isassi requested the number of Air

Base students that are expected to graduate in 2020.

School Board Member Regular Term Selection Process. Berge reported that there will be one opening on the Grand Forks Air Force Base School Board resulting from the June 2020 term expiration of Board Member John Del Cruz. He explained the application and selection process which includes, as per GFafb School Board Policy 2006, a meeting of the Representative Review Panel and applicant interviews on February 12, 2020. The deadline to receive applications is Friday, February 7, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.

Public Forum Planning. Dr. Brenner informed the board of the February 10, 2020, school board public forum and of their role as resource people at the event.

Eielson Elementary School Playground Equipment. Dr. Brenner explained that in response to an inquiry from Shepperd regarding the condition of the playground at the now-shuttered Carl Ben Eielson Elementary School,

Chris Arnold, Director of Buildings and Grounds, contacted Susan Heredia, Community Manager, GFAFB Homes, who oversees all of the playgrounds on the Base to see if her organization wanted to assume oversight of the Eielson playground. Ms. Heredia was not interested. Given the financial constraints of the district, the plan is to continue to proceed to take playground equipment offline when it becomes a hazard. This was agreed to by unanimous consensus. Absent: Dela Cruz and Plemons.

Approval of School Board Committee Appointments and Liaison Assignments.

President Isassi reported on the following appointments and assignments:

- Agreement Between Districts Committee – Isassi and Shepperd.
- Facilities Committee – Isassi.
- Finance Committee – O’Rourke.
- Policy Review (District #140) – all board members.
- Policy Review (District #1) – Dela Cruz.
- Superintendent Evaluation Committee – Shepperd.
- Liaison to Grand Forks School Board: January – Dela Cruz, February – Plemons; March – Dela Cruz; April and May – Plemons.
- School Building Liaison: Grand Forks Central High School – Isassi and Nathan F. Twining Elementary and Second School – Dela Cruz.

It was moved by O’Rourke and seconded by Shepperd to approve the committee appointments and liaison assignments as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Dela Cruz and Plemons.

Finance Committee Report – Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended June 30, 2019.

Berge reported the audit reports for both Grand Forks Public School District #1 and Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District #140 for the year ended June 30, 2019, state that in the auditors’ opinion, the financial statements “present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information…as of June 30, 2019…in accordance with accounting principles

generally accepted in the United States of America.” This means both audits were issued an Unmodified audit Opinion, which is a clean audit with no deficiencies and no findings. The Single Audit Report for the federal Impact Aid program, special education, and child nutrition program also received a clean audit with no findings on internal controls.

It was moved by Shepperd and seconded by O’Rourke to approve the June 30, 2019, Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District #140 audit report as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Dela Cruz and Plemons.

Twining Playground Upgrade. Arnold provided an update to the last meeting’s discussion on the Twining playground. SafetyFirst Playground Maintenance provided an updated quote and an additional quote is forthcoming. He requested authorization to expend funds for upgrades and necessary repairs. Arnold also reported that using rubber chips is not advised due to environmental issues.

It was moved by Shepperd and seconded by O’Rourke to allocate up to \$44,000 for playground repairs and additions to the Twining playground. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Dela Cruz and Plemons.

Announcements. Dr. Brenner reviewed the agenda topics for this evening’s Grand Forks School Board meeting and GFAFB School Board members to attend.

Board Requests for Future Consideration.
None.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

Approved _____
(Date)

Lewis Isassi, President

Scott J. Berge, Business Manager

**GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #140
PUBLIC FORUM MINUTES
February 10, 2020**

The Grand Forks Air Force Base School Board held a joint public forum with the Grand Forks School Board on Monday, February 10, 2020, at South Middle School with Lewis Isassi presiding.

Board Members Present:

Lewis Isassi, President/Voting Member
John Dela Cruz, Voting Member
Michelle Shepperd, Vice President/Voting Member (via phone)

Board Members Absent:

Ann O'Rourke, Voting Member
Samantha Plemons, Voting Member

Others Present:

Tom Weber, Brian Grenell, Gavin Benson, and Brian Peters, representing Sitelogiq (formerly Unesco)
Dr. Terry Brenner, Superintendent of Schools
Scott J. Berge, Business Manager
Jody Thompson, Associate Superintendent of Elementary Education
Catherine Gillach, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education
Cindy Johnson, Executive Secretary

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance. The public forum convened at 7:00 p.m.

Joint Public Forum Held in Accordance with North Dakota Century Code 15.1-07-26. A public forum was held jointly with the Grand Forks School Board, which focused on seeking input on resource management and long-term planning.

Adjournment. The public forum ended at 9:00 p.m.

Approved _____
(Date)

Lewis Isassi, President

Scott J. Berge, Business Manager



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Terry Brenner, Superintendent
FROM: Jody Thompson, Associate Superintendent of Elementary Education - JT
DATE: February 18, 2020
SUBJECT: Monthly Enrollment Report

Listed below are the enrollment numbers for Twining Elementary and Middle School as of January 31, 2020.

Twining Elementary and Middle School (Grade K-5)
January 31, 2020 - 199 students
Decrease of six students from December 2019

Twining Elementary and Middle School (Grade 6-8)
January 31, 2020 - 86 students
Decrease of one student from December 2019

Overall, we are up eight students from last January. The combined enrollment for Twining Elementary and Middle School is currently 285 students.

The Board also requested information on how many Air Force Base students attended high school in-town. Currently, Central has 55 Air Force Base students, Red River has zero Air Force Base students and Community has zero Air Force Base students. In addition, Central High School has 10 Air Force Base students that will be graduating this year.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Grand Forks Air Force Base School Board
FROM: Dr. Terry Brenner, Superintendent of Schools *TB*
DATE: February 18, 2020
SUBJECT: Policy Review

As per GFAFB School Board Policy 1045 and Policy 2050, the practice has been to have all school board members review the district's policies and advance any suggestions for possible changes to the superintendent. GFAFB Policies can be found online at <https://www.gfschools.org/domain/11>.

Please forward any suggestions to the superintendent for review at a future school board meeting.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Grand Forks Air Force Base School Board
FROM: Dr. Terry Brenner, Superintendent of Schools *TB*
DATE: February 18, 2020
SUBJECT: Agreement Between Districts Committee Report - Joint Powers Agreement between District #140 and District #1 for Educational Services

On February 5, 2020, the Agreement between Districts Committee met to review and develop recommendations for the 2020-2021 Joint Powers Agreement between Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District No. 140 and Grand Forks Public School District No. 1 for educational services. A copy of the draft minutes of the meeting and the draft agreement with recommended changes are attached. Recommended deletions are shown in red text and are struck through. Additions are shown in green, bold text and are underlined.

Committee members are Bill Palmiscno, Amber Flynn, Lewis Isassi, Michelle Shepperd, and me.

Committee and Administrative recommendations are for approval of the 2020-2021 Joint Powers Agreement between Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District No. 140 and Grand Forks Public School District No. 1.

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Attachments

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN DISTRICTS COMMITTEE
GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
MEETING MINUTES
February 5, 2020**

A meeting of the Agreement Between Districts Committee was held on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, at the Mark Sanford Education Center with Kevin Ohnstad presiding.

Committee Members Present:

Bill Palmiscno, President, Grand Forks School Board
Amber Flynn, Vice President, Grand Forks School Board
Lewis Isassi, President, GFafb School Board
Michelle Shepperd, Vice President, GFafb School Board
Dr. Terry Brenner, Superintendent of Schools

Others Present:

Cindy Johnson, Meeting Secretary

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes. It was moved by Flynn and seconded by Isassi to approve the minutes of January 30, 2019, as written. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Shepperd.

Review and Develop Recommendations for the 2020-2021 Joint Powers Agreement between GFafb Public School District #140 and Grand Forks Public School District #1 for Educational Services. A draft agreement for 2020-2021 with changes limited to an update of the dates was provided for discussion.

Shepperd joined the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

It was moved by Isassi and seconded by Flynn to bring forward to the two school boards the draft 2020-2021 Joint Powers Agreement with a unanimous recommendation for approval.

Adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

APPROVED _____
(Date)

Bill Palmiscno, Committee Chair

2019-2020 2020-2021 AGREEMENT
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 140
AND GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District No. 140 was created subsequent to the enactment of Section 15-27.5-01 (now 15.1-08-01) of the North Dakota Century Code, and pursuant to subsections 15.1-09-33, 15.1-29-10, 15.1-08-04 and Chapter 54-40.3 of the North Dakota Century Code, the Boards of School District No. 140 and Grand Forks Public School District No. 1 may enter into written contracts or agreements to provide for the education of the children of their districts;

WHEREAS, District No. 140 and District No. 1 desire to enter into a Joint Powers Agreement with each other for the cooperative or joint administration of the powers and functions that are authorized by law or assigned to either of them; and

WHEREAS, The Districts wish to acknowledge, ratify, and definitively describe their current cooperative practices, procedures, policies, and agreement for the operation of their respective districts, and state:

1. PARTIES

1.1 This Agreement is made by and between:

Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District No. 140
and Grand Forks Public School District No. 1

2. THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

2.1 The School Districts are entering into this agreement in order to continue to provide the children of the districts with a quality education commensurate with the combined funds and facilities available in each district.

2.2 PreK-12 Schooling. To provide programs for PreK-12 students which may include an alternative high school utilizing the facilities and resources of both districts; and, to provide home-to-school transportation to students enrolled in programs maintained by the Districts only as mandated by law or agreed to under this agreement.

3. THE DURATION OF THIS AGREEMENT

3.1 This agreement is for the school term August 1, ~~2019~~ 2020, through July 31, ~~2020~~ 2021, and thereafter as the Districts may agree.

**4. THE ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING
THE COOPERATIVE OR JOINT UNDERTAKING**

4.1 The Boards of District No. 140 and District No. 1 shall constitute the governing board for this agreement. They shall retain the authority for their individual districts. They agree to utilize the policies of District No. 1 in the governance of this agreement unless otherwise agreed.

- 4.2 Annually, each Board will review the items of this agreement. Their officers shall meet to discuss the findings and recommend terms for the next year if changes are requested by either Board.
- 4.3 The Boards will share administrative services. The employment and annual evaluation of the superintendent will be done by representation from both Boards.
- 4.4 The Boards will have an advisory non-voting representative on each other's Board to foster extended communication. They shall work together to develop common plans and directions for the future operations of the Districts.

The Boards will establish committees with representation from each Board:

- District No. 1 Policy Review
- Facilities Committee
- Finance Committee
- Others as required by grants or other agreements

- 4.5 The Boards will share building representative assignments.
- 4.6 The Boards will hold an annual curriculum review meeting to hear curriculum adjustments recommended for the next year.
- 4.7 The Boards, by mutual agreement, may govern cooperatively utilizing other avenues deemed appropriate. Example: public forums required by law might be handled in a joint fashion.
- 4.8 The Boards will monitor and review program quality and student achievement.

5. THE MANNER IN WHICH THE DISTRICTS WILL FINANCE THE JOINT UNDERTAKING

- 5.1 Financial resources of the two districts will be pooled into appropriate accounts (i.e. General, Capital). The Joint Business Office will administer the accounts and contracts under the authority vested to each school board by this agreement.

Designated areas of responsibility for each Board are as follows:

Board of District No. 140

- Construction projects in District No. 140
- Operational costs of the Board of District No. 140
- Transportation of District No. 140 high school students to Central High School
- Grant opportunities available uniquely to GFafb and its community agencies

Board of District No. 1

- All other financial and operational matters

6. THE PROCESS TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL OR STATE AID, OR FUNDS FROM OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SOURCES, TO THE DISTRICTS FOR FURTHERING THE PURPOSES OF THIS AGREEMENT

- 6.1 Application for federal, state, or private funding sources, including grants, will be directed by the

administration. Specific authorization, where required, will come from the appropriate Board. Example: federal funds for construction at District No. 140 will be authorized by District No. 140.

7. THE MANNER OF RESPONDING FOR ANY LIABILITY INCURRED FROM PERFORMANCE OF THE AGREEMENT AND INSURING AGAINST SUCH LIABILITY

7.1 The Business Office will secure insurance coverage for any insurable risk that might be incurred through performance of the agreement.

8. OTHER

8.1 The Districts shall pool all federal, state, and local monies available to them to the extent permitted by law, except as otherwise agreed herein or hereafter agreed by the Districts, to carry out the purposes of this agreement.

8.2 This agreement shall commence on August 1, ~~2019~~ **2020**, and shall terminate July 31, ~~2020~~ **2021**. District No. 140 shall have, however, an option to renew this contract for a one-year period beginning August 1, ~~2020~~ **2021**, and ending July 31, ~~2021~~ **2022**, upon the same terms and conditions or terms and conditions mutually agreeable to both parties. Because of statutorily imposed deadlines (Chapter 15.1-15 N.D.C.C.) which relate to program authorization and staffing, to be effective said option must be exercised by District No. 140 no later than March 1, ~~2020~~ **2021**. This agreement is effective as of August 1, ~~2019~~ **2020**, and amends, ratifies and supersedes all prior agreements between the Districts pertaining to their cooperative educational undertakings.

9. SPECIAL PROVISIONS

9.1 Transportation service to District No. 140 (high school students attending school in District #1) shall not be discontinued during the JPA period without the approval of the District No. 140 School Board.
Amended 2-21-90.

9.2 Grant opportunities available uniquely to District No. 140 and other Grand Forks Air Force Base community agencies working in concert because of common Grand Forks Air Force Base community issues shall be applied for by District No. 140 and administered, per the specific details of said grants, by the Districts' administration and Joint Business Office. Activities provided by these grants shall not cause deviation from normal school operational procedures or staff contractual obligations.
Amended 2-13-96.

**GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE
PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 140**

**GRAND FORKS
PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1**

By _____
Lewis Isassi
School Board President

By _____
Bill Palmiscno
School Board President

Dated: _____

Dated: _____