

**GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
WORK SESSION MINUTES
July 17, 2019**

The Grand Forks School Board met in a work session on Wednesday, July 17, 2019, at the Mark Sanford Education Center with Bill Palmiscno presiding.

Board Members Present:

Bill Palmiscno, President/Voting Member
Amber Flynn, Vice President/Voting Member
Doug Carpenter, Voting Member
Chris Douthit, Voting Member
Eric Lunn, Voting Member
Shannon Mikula, Voting Member
Cynthia Shabb, Voting Member

Student Board Members Present:

None

Board Members Absent:

Jacqueline Hoffarth, Voting Member
Matt Spivey, Voting Member

Student Board Members Absent:

Riley Thoreson, Non-voting Member

Others Present:

Rob Schwartz, RSP & Associates
Jay Harris, Education Consultant for RSP & Associates (via phone)
Dr. Terry Brenner, Superintendent of Schools
Scott J. Berge, Business Manager
Catherine Gillach, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education
Cindy Johnson, Executive Secretary

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

Demographer’s Functional Capacity Report.

Schwartz and Harris reviewed an in-depth analysis of the District’s building capacity that was recently performed by RSP & Associates. Throughout the work session, Board members engaged in several question & answer moments about how RSP came to their numbers and how that relates to programs and the physical spaces. Discussion was held on how to integrate this report with other studies that have been done over the past few years. Schwartz said the data was there so that scenarios could be developed but they needed guidance about things such as the goals for special populations, feeder schools, utilization, how the data relates to academics, cultural experiences, economics, and the JLG report in order to develop viable solutions for the Board to look at. Palmiscno suggested that

RSP create new scenarios. Mikula suggested that community input was needed on some of the questions before the Board could provide answers. Brenner said it was important for the Board to decide what it wanted to present to the community in order to get input. It was tentatively scheduled to discuss in a work session format at the August 19 meeting a summary of scenarios that RSP and Brenner may have developed and to start scheduling neighborhood meetings in September.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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(Date)

Bill Palmiscno, President

Scott J. Berge, Business Manager