

**GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
July 23, 2019**

The Grand Forks School Board met in special session on Tuesday, July 23, 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
Jacqueline Hoffarth, Voting Member
Shannon Mikula, Voting Member
Cynthia Shabb, Voting Member
Matt Spivey, Voting Member

Student Board Members Present:

None

Board Members Absent:

Eric Lunn, Voting Member

Student Board Members Absent:

Riley Thoreson, Non-voting Member

Others Present:

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 meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

Appointment of Interim Principal at Elroy H. Schroeder Middle School. Douthit announced that he had a potential conflict of interest on this topic.

It was moved by Mikula and seconded by Flynn to accept Douthit's declaration of potential conflict of interest and allow him to recuse himself from the vote. Motion carried with all voting members present voting aye. Absent: Hoffarth, Lunn, and Shabb.

Gillach explained the recommendation to appoint Chris Douthit as interim principal for one year at Schroeder Middle School.

Hoffarth joined the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

It was moved by Carpenter and seconded by Spivey to appoint Chris Douthit as Interim

Principal at Elroy H. Schroeder Middle School for the 2019-2020 school year at a salary of \$126,328.

Shabb joined the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

In response to a question from Mikula about the process to fill Douthit's seat on the Board, Douthit said that he was prepared to resign his seat on the Board effective tomorrow so that the District could move as rapidly and efficiently as possible.

Motion carried with all voting members present voting aye. Absent: Lunn.

Palmiscno explained the process to fill Douthit's seat on the Board and said that it would be on the August 5 meeting agenda.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

APPROVED _____
(Date)

Bill Palmiscno, President

Scott J. Berge, Business Manager