

**GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 19, 2019**

The Grand Forks School Board met in regular session on Monday, August 19, 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
Jacqueline Hoffarth, Voting Member
Eric Lunn, Voting Member
Cynthia Shabb, Voting Member
Matt Spivey, Voting Member

Student Board Members Present:

Riley Thoreson, Non-voting Member

Board Members Absent:

Doug Carpenter, Voting Member
Shannon Mikula, Voting Member

Student Board Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

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
Amanda Weston-Caillier, President, Grand Forks Education Association (GFEA)
Cindy Johnson, Executive Secretary

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

Approval of Agenda. The agenda was approved by unanimous consensus. Absent: Carpenter, Flynn, and Mikula.

Approval of Minutes. It was moved by Spivey and seconded by Shabb to approve the minutes of August 5, 2019, as written. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Carpenter, Flynn, and Mikula.

Citizen Comments (non-agenda items). None.

Flynn joined the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

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

Consent Agenda. It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Hoffarth to approve the consent

agenda as follows: Teacher Appointments effective August 19, 2019, of Kelly Luing (salary \$45,699) and Jodi Zavoral (salary \$53,520); Open Enrollment applications as presented; and Resignation effective May 31, 2019, of Jessica Christofferson. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Carpenter and Mikula.

General Fund Financial Statement. Berge explained that for the one month of fiscal year 2019-2020, total general fund revenues were \$27,922 and total general fund expenditures were \$3,124,849, resulting in an excess of expenses over revenue of \$3,096,928. He also gave an update on the fiscal year 2018-2019 finances. The updated financial statement is an improvement over the preliminary financial results discussed at the July 15 meeting; however, the numbers will not be final until the audit in October.

It was moved by Shabb and seconded by Spivey to approve the General Fund Financial Statement for the period July 1, 2019, through July 31, 2019. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Carpenter and Mikula.

Revised Teacher Negotiated Agreement for July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021. Dr. Brenner reported that the equal opportunity statement in Article I Section 6 of the agreement was updated and other minor formatting changes were made. The revised agreement was reviewed by a representative of the Grand Forks Education Association’s bargaining team.

It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Shabb to approve the revised Teacher Negotiated Agreement for July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Carpenter and Mikula.

Student Transportation Services for 2019-2020. Berge explained that on May 12, 2014, the Grand Forks School Board approved the Student Transportation Services Agreement with Dietrich’s of Grand Forks, Inc. for three years beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2017 with an option to extend for an additional four contract years ending June 30, 2021, consistent with North Dakota Century Code Chapter 15.1-30. Administration met with Dietrich’s several times over the last few months regarding the 2019-2020 school year and has reached a tentative agreement based on an overall less than 5% increase, or approximately \$70,000 for the year. The most significant change in services is that Dietrich’s will install cameras on all route buses. Shabb requested that the cost increase not be passed on to the families who use the buses.

It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Shabb to approve the Student Transportation Services Agreement with Dietrich’s of Grand Forks, Inc. for 2019-2020. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Carpenter and Mikula.

Work Session - Planning for Community Meetings Related to Facilities. Dr. Brenner and Berge reviewed a draft presentation related to facilities meetings that are scheduled at five school campuses during the month of

September. The purpose of the meetings is to engage the public, in person and through electronic means, on their thoughts and perspectives about what types of decisions the school board will make moving forward with District facilities.

Announcements. Brenner announced that a water main broke outside the building at Century Elementary School this past Saturday afternoon. No water entered the building. Provisions for teachers and the school’s upcoming open house will be made depending upon the timeline to complete the break.

Board Requests for Future Consideration.
None.

School Board Norms - How Did We Do?
Spivey reported that Board members were successful in meeting the school board norms.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Approved _____
(Date)

Bill Palmiscno, President

Scott J. Berge, Business Manager