

**GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING MINUTES
November 18, 2019**

The Grand Forks School Board held a special joint meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2019, at the Grand Forks City Hall, City Council Chambers, with Bill Palmiscno presiding.

Board Members Present:

Bill Palmiscno, President/Voting Member
Amber Flynn, Vice President/Voting Member
Doug Carpenter, Voting Member
Jacqueline Hoffarth, Voting Member
Cynthia Shabb, Voting Member

Student Board Members Present:

Riley Thoreson, Non-voting Member
Oliver Wolfe, Non-voting Member

Board Members Absent:

Eric Lunn, Voting Member
Jeff Manley, Voting Member
Shannon Mikula, Voting Member
Matt Spivey, Voting Member

Student Board Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Grand Forks City Council Members, Administrators, and Staff
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

Welcome and Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with a roll call of members and an introductory statement by Michael Brown, Mayor of Grand Forks.

Growth/Development/Demography. City Administrator Todd Feland reviewed the agenda for the meeting and said the City's role is to grow and develop the community. He explained the City's perspective to move the community forward through community and economic development and strategic initiatives including land and infrastructure development, low-interest loans, and tax incentives.

Ryan Brooks, Deputy City Planner, explained the process for a tax incentive, which includes a third-party financial analysis, and shared an example of a project that went through a tax incentive process. Brooks also highlighted downtown development, Greenfield

development, strategic infrastructure growth areas, and lot availability.

Brenner explained that the school district is in the middle of a master facilities study. The condition of facilities and having to react to catastrophic failures are strapping budget resources. Brenner introduced the school district's demographer, Rob Schwartz, owner of RSP Associates, who provided a voiceover presentation of the 2018-2019 enrollment and functional capacity analysis.

Workforce Development. Haley Rosaasen, Human Resource Generalist, explained the City's workforce development initiatives including a survey to identify current and future training needs of employers in Grand Forks. She explained plans for a job shadow program, an internship program, and a Career Academy.

Police – School Resource Officer/Impact

Academy. Lieutenant Jeremy Moe, Grand Forks Police Department, explained the role of a school resource officer (SRO) and the scope of their duties. He also gave an overview of IMPACT Academy, a summer program for youth that is coordinated by Corporal Jessica Thorlacius and Officer Jay Farmer.

Mental Health Matters #GFCares.

Brenner explained how learning has changed from knowing how to read to knowing how to regulate socially, emotionally, and behaviorally. He introduced Geoff Gaukler, the school district’s mental health coordinator, who gave an overview of a community collaborative focused on mental health that started with a conversation about suicide prevention efforts originally called the Grand Forks Community Call to Action and rebranded to #GFCares.

Other Discussion.

Accolades to and from school board members and city council members were extended.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Approved _____
(Date)

Bill Palmiscno, President

Scott J. Berge, Business Manager