

GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD
Hosted by the Grand Forks Air Force Base School Board
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 25, 2019

The Grand Forks School Board met in regular session on Monday, November 25, 2019, at Nathan F. Twining Elementary and Middle School with Bill Palmiscno presiding.

Board Members Present:

Bill Palmiscno, President/Voting Member
Amber Flynn, Vice President/Voting Member
Eric Lunn, Voting Member
Jeff Manley, Voting Member
Shannon Mikula, Voting Member
Cynthia Shabb, Voting Member

Student Board Members Present:

None

Board Members Absent:

Doug Carpenter, Voting Member
Jacqueline Hoffarth, Voting Member
Matt Spivey, Voting Member

Student Board Members Absent:

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

Others Present:

Dr. Terry Brenner, Superintendent of Schools
Scott J. Berge, Business Manager
Catherine Gillach, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education
Shari Bilden, Principal, Twining Elementary and Middle School
GFAFB School Board Members Lewis Isassi, Ann O'Rourke, Michelle Shepperd, and Samantha Plemons
Colonel Cameron S. Pringle, Commander, 319th Reconnaissance Wing, GFAFB
Captain Jesse Vela, Commander's Action Group, 319th Reconnaissance Wing, GFAFB
Amiee Gillig, School Liaison Specialist, GFAFB
Cindy Johnson, Executive Secretary

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Tour of Twining School. Board members and meeting attendees participated in a tour of building from 5:30 to 5:45 p.m.

Recess for Dinner. The meeting was recessed for dinner from 5:45 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.

Approval of Agenda. It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Shabb to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Carpenter, Hoffarth, and Spivey.

Approval of Minutes. It was moved by Shabb

and seconded by Lunn to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2019, regular meeting and the November 12, 2019, work session as written. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Carpenter, Hoffarth, and Spivey.

Citizen Comments (non-agenda items). None.

Review School Board Norms. This topic was not discussed.

State of the Base – Colonel Cameron S. Pringle. Colonel Cameron Pringle, commander of the 319th Reconnaissance Wing, gave a presentation on the state of the Air Base and its re-designation as a reconnaissance wing. Amiee Gillig, School Liaison Specialist, explained the

role of a school liaison and highlighted the services and programs available through her office.

Annual Report for 2018-2019. Gillach reviewed the annual report for 2018-2019. Topics included STAR testing data, NDSA testing data, Advanced Placement and Dual Credit classes, ACT test scores, student enrollment including special education and English Learner enrollments, district poverty rates, Grades K-5 average class size, teacher demographics, and financial data including comparative mill levy information.

Impact Aid Funding Update. Berge gave an overview of Impact Aid funding and discussed talking points from the 2019 National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) Fall Conference, which he recently attended.

Curriculum Review. Gillach reported on the secondary curriculum review. The Secondary Curriculum Review Committee is proposing to add three courses for the 2020-2021 school year. They are Engineering Essentials, Advanced Placement Art History (Humanities 15011), and English IV-Practical Writing and English IV-Practical Reading. The proposal will be brought before the Board for action at its December meeting.

Consent Agenda. It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Shabb to approve the consent agenda as follows: Teacher Appointment effective December 2, 2019, of Amber Brown (salary \$30,668); and Open Enrollment applications as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Carpenter, Hoffarth, and Spivey.

General Fund Financial Statement. For the period of July 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019, total general fund revenues were \$27,722,724 and total general fund expenditures were \$24,352,998, resulting in an excess of revenues over expenses of \$3,369,726. Berge reviewed a year-over-year comparison of revenues and expenditures for last year and this year as of October 31. Revenue last year included a \$362,075 property sale whereas there was no property sale in the current year. Interest income

is up \$165,000 from last year, however, interest income growth will not be sustainable due to anticipated interest rate declines and lower investment balances as deficit spending continues with significant construction expenditures. Construction Services is a \$1.2M increase from last year and is 52.4% of the \$3M annual budget.

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

Announcements. The following announcements were made by Dr. Brenner:

- No *Friday Focus* this week.
- Gratitude to Pringle and Gillig for their participation in the meeting.
- Gratitude to Gillach for filling in for absent staff.
- Wishes for a happy Thanksgiving.
- Reminder that administrators will be on KNOX Radio tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.
- Gratitude to Child Nutrition Program and staff for providing tonight's dinner.

Board Request for Future Consideration. None.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Approved _____
(Date)

Bill Palmiscno, President

Scott J. Berge, Business Manager