

**GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD
FACILITIES COMMITTEE
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
MEETING MINUTES
April 29, 2019**

A meeting of the Grand Forks School Board Facilities Committee was held on Monday, April 29, 2019, at the Mark Sanford Education Center with Cynthia Shabb presiding.

Committee Members Present: Chris Douthit, Shannon Mikula, Cynthia Shabb, Dr. Terry Brenner, Scott J. Berge, Jody Thompson, Catherine Gillach, Chris Arnold, and Dr. Tricia Lee.

Committee Members Absent: Eric Lunn, Branden Shepperd, Eric Ripley, and Dr. Joel Schleicher.

Others Present: Kevin Whitney and Meeting Secretary Cindy Johnson.

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 4:47 p.m.

Approval of Minutes. It was moved by Douthit and seconded by Mikula to approve the minutes of March 6, 2019, as written. Motion carried with all voting members present voting aye. Absent: Lunn.

Discussion of Demographer and District Data. Dr. Brenner asked committee members how they wanted to use the data in setting up the next committee and so that community voices could be heard.

Douthit asked about a recent newspaper article about the historical preservation society wanting to register some of the schools. Dr. Brenner explained that he was contacted by Grand Forks Historic Preservation Commission Member Chuck Flemmer who requested access to the buildings in order to put them on the National Register of Historic Places. However, Mr. Flemmer had no written proposal and because of safety and security issues related to their requested access, Dr. Brenner informed them

that the District was not interested. Dr. Brenner questioned the timing of their request and that the schools handpicked were the schools that the Facilities Committee has been discussing and there were other schools built in the same period. Arnold pointed out that if the Preservation Commission wanted to look at a Cold War era building, Twining School would be a classic for them to look at. Mikula said being on a historical register did not affect what can and cannot be done to a building. The owner just has to maintain the integrity of the era in which it was built to look consistent.

Discussion continued on how best to communicate facility-related data and needs to the community, and the timing of the same. Several ideas were suggested including the development of a referendum handout. Mikula talked about a need to be careful about what was put in the report because the data was a predictive analysis and before the District could put out absolutes, the District needed to be confident that it is a reality.

It was moved by Douthit and seconded by Mikula to direct District administration under the direction of Dr. Brenner, to create a communication plan. Motion carried with all voting members present voting aye. Absent: Lunn.

Because time was running short for this meeting, the remaining agenda topics, Parameters of Facilities Option Committee and Facilities Options Committee Draft Invitation Communication, were not discussed.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

APPROVED _____
(Date)

Cynthia Shabb, Committee Chair