

GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE SCHOOL BOARD
Host to Grand Forks School Board
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #140
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 25, 2019

The Grand Forks Air Force Base School Board met in regular session on Monday, November 25, 2019, at Nathan F. Twining Elementary and Middle School with Lewis Isassi presiding.

Board Members Present:

Lewis Isassi, Vice President/Voting Member
Ann O'Rourke, Voting Member
Michelle Shepperd, Voting Member
Samantha Plemons, Voting Member

Board Members Absent:

John Dela Cruz, 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
GF School Board Members Bill Palmiscno, Amber Flynn, Eric Lunn, Jeff Manley, Shannon Mikula, and
Cynthia Shabb
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 Shepperd and seconded by Plemons to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Dela Cruz.

Approval of Minutes. It was moved by Shepperd and seconded by Plemons to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2019, as written. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Dela Cruz.

Citizen Comments (non-agenda items). None.

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 Grand Forks School Board for action at its December meeting.

Monthly Enrollment Report. Gillach reported that as of October 31, 2019, there were 214 students in grades K-5 and 87 students in grades 6-8 at Twining School, for a combined total of 301 students. Grand Forks Central High School had 56 students. Red River High School and Community High School have no students from the Air Base.

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)

Lewis Isassi, Vice President

Scott J. Berge, Business Manager