

**GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #140
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2020**

The Grand Forks Air Force Base School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at Nathan F. Twining Elementary and Middle School with Lewis Isassi presiding.

Board Members Present:

Lewis Isassi, President/Voting Member
Ann O'Rourke, Voting Member
Michelle Shepperd, Vice President/Voting Member (via phone)

Board Members Absent:

John Dela Cruz, Voting Member
Samantha Plemons, Voting Member

Others Present:

Dr. Terry Brenner, Superintendent of Schools
Scott J. Berge, Business Manager
Catherine Gillach, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education
Chris Arnold, Buildings & Grounds Director
Shari Bilden, Principal, Nathan F. Twining Elementary and Middle School
Cindy Johnson, Executive Secretary

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda. It was moved by O'Rourke and seconded by Shepperd to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Dela Cruz and Plemons.

Approval of Minutes. It was moved by O'Rourke and seconded by Shepperd to approve the December 17, 2019, meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Dela Cruz and Plemons.

Citizen Comments (non-agenda items). None.

Monthly Enrollment Report. Gillach reported that as of December 20, 2019, there were 205 students in grades K-5 and 87 students in grades 6-8 at Twining School, for a combined total of 292 students. Grand Forks Central High School had 55 students. Red River High School and Community High School have no students from the Air Base. Isassi requested the number of Air

Base students that are expected to graduate in 2020.

School Board Member Regular Term Selection Process. Berge reported that there will be one opening on the Grand Forks Air Force Base School Board resulting from the June 2020 term expiration of Board Member John Del Cruz. He explained the application and selection process which includes, as per GFafb School Board Policy 2006, a meeting of the Representative Review Panel and applicant interviews on February 12, 2020. The deadline to receive applications is Friday, February 7, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.

Public Forum Planning. Dr. Brenner informed the board of the February 10, 2020, school board public forum and of their role as resource people at the event.

Eielson Elementary School Playground Equipment. Dr. Brenner explained that in response to an inquiry from Shepperd regarding the condition of the playground at the now-shuttered Carl Ben Eielson Elementary School,

Chris Arnold, Director of Buildings and Grounds, contacted Susan Heredia, Community Manager, GFAFB Homes, who oversees all of the playgrounds on the Base to see if her organization wanted to assume oversight of the Eielson playground. Ms. Heredia was not interested. Given the financial constraints of the district, the plan is to continue to proceed to take playground equipment offline when it becomes a hazard. This was agreed to by unanimous consensus. Absent: Dela Cruz and Plemons.

Approval of School Board Committee Appointments and Liaison Assignments.

President Isassi reported on the following appointments and assignments:

- Agreement Between Districts Committee – Isassi and Shepperd.
- Facilities Committee – Isassi.
- Finance Committee – O’Rourke.
- Policy Review (District #140) – all board members.
- Policy Review (District #1) – Dela Cruz.
- Superintendent Evaluation Committee – Shepperd.
- Liaison to Grand Forks School Board: January – Dela Cruz, February – Plemons; March – Dela Cruz; April and May – Plemons.
- School Building Liaison: Grand Forks Central High School – Isassi and Nathan F. Twining Elementary and Second School – Dela Cruz.

It was moved by O’Rourke and seconded by Shepperd to approve the committee appointments and liaison assignments as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Dela Cruz and Plemons.

Finance Committee Report – Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended June 30, 2019.

Berge reported the audit reports for both Grand Forks Public School District #1 and Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District #140 for the year ended June 30, 2019, state that in the auditors’ opinion, the financial statements “present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information…as of June 30, 2019…in accordance with accounting principles

generally accepted in the United States of America.” This means both audits were issued an Unmodified audit Opinion, which is a clean audit with no deficiencies and no findings. The Single Audit Report for the federal Impact Aid program, special education, and child nutrition program also received a clean audit with no findings on internal controls.

It was moved by Shepperd and seconded by O’Rourke to approve the June 30, 2019, Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District #140 audit report as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Dela Cruz and Plemons.

Twining Playground Upgrade. Arnold provided an update to the last meeting’s discussion on the Twining playground. SafetyFirst Playground Maintenance provided an updated quote and an additional quote is forthcoming. He requested authorization to expend funds for upgrades and necessary repairs. Arnold also reported that using rubber chips is not advised due to environmental issues.

It was moved by Shepperd and seconded by O’Rourke to allocate up to \$44,000 for playground repairs and additions to the Twining playground. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Dela Cruz and Plemons.

Announcements. Dr. Brenner reviewed the agenda topics for this evening’s Grand Forks School Board meeting and invited GFAFB School Board members to attend.

Board Requests for Future Consideration. None.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

Approved _____
(Date)

Lewis Isassi, President

Scott J. Berge, Business Manager