

**GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #140
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2020**

The School Board of Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District #140 met in regular session on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at Nathan F. Twining Elementary and Middle School with President Lewis Isassi presiding.

Board Members Present:

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

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
Jody Thompson, Associate Superintendent of Elementary Education
Catherine Gillach, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Approval of Minutes. It was moved by Shepperd and seconded by O'Rourke to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2020, meeting as written. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Dela Cruz and Plemons.

Citizen Comments (non-agenda items). None.

Update on DoDEA Grant Application. Taunya Schleicher, district grant writer, is working on the 2020 grant application and provided background and details. No military impacted school from ND, SD, or MT has ever received a DoDEA grant. The grant application is due April 24, with a maximum grant amount of \$500,000, all for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) or potential STEAM (Science, Technology,

Engineering, Arts, and Math) purposes. In addition, the district has committed to collaborate with Goshen Education Consulting on the STEMKids Camp program for 3-8th grade students during the summers of 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Monthly Enrollment Report. Thompson reported that as of February 29, 2020, there were 195 students in grades K-5 and 85 students in grades 6-8 at Twining School, for a combined total of 280 students. Central High School has 55 students. Red River High School and Community High School have no students from the Air Base. The total student count is 4 less than February 2019.

District Calendar for 2020-2021. Brenner reported on Indigenous Peoples' Day. The date will be included on the district calendar and noted as (school in session). Gillach reported on the remaining calendar items. The calendar start date has been changed so that the first week of school is not a five day week for student instruction. Blackout dates are included in school board policy 1001. Blackout dates vary at

the elementary, middle school, and high school levels. PLC early release days have been aligned at school levels. K-5 classes will be released at 1:30. 6-8 and 9-12 classes will be released at 1:00. Twining will release all K-8 students at 1:30 on PLC early release days.

Announcements. Brenner announced that the district received a certificate from NAFIS. NAFIS announced that the Federal Impact Aid will increase by \$40 million nationwide next fiscal year. Increased amounts to be received locally have not been determined.

Board Requests for Future Consideration. O'Rourke inquired about Head Start and preschool at Twining. Twining used to have Head Start. Student counts were low, and at one point three students were bused into Grand Forks. Most AFB families did not meet the income limitations for Head Start. Most that do qualify go to Emerado Public School, which does have openings.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Approved _____
(Date)

Lewis Isassi, President

Scott J. Berge, Business Manager