

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

NOTE: Per Governor Doug Burgum's executive order, all North Dakota school districts, including Grand Forks Public Schools, are closed until further notice. This is a precautionary measure against the transmission of COVID-19. This meeting was held via Zoom.

The School Board of Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District #140 met in regular session on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at Nathan F. Twining Elementary and Middle School with Vice President Michelle Shepperd.

Board Members Present:

Michelle Shepperd, Vice President/Voting Member
John Dela Cruz, Voting Member
Ann O'Rourke, Voting Member

Board Members Absent:

Lewis Isassi, President/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
Chris Arnold, Director of Buildings & Grounds
Shari Bilden, Principal, Twining Elementary and Middle School

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Approval of Minutes. It was moved by O'Rourke and seconded by Dela Cruz to approve the March 10, 2020, meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Isassi and Plemons.

Citizen Comments (non-agenda items). None.

Construction Projects Update. Arnold updated the board on projects at Twining that were in progress and about to begin. The projects

included the boiler modification, mold remediation, asbestos abatement, radon testing, and the playground project.

Monthly Enrollment Report. Thompson reported that as of March 31, 2020, there were 196 students in grades K-5 and 84 students in grades 6-8 at Twining School, for a combined total of 280 students. Central High School has 54 students. Red River High School and Community High School have no students from the Air Base. The total student count is five less than March 2019.

Classroom Teacher Expenditures. This topic is in response to Dela Cruz's February 18 request for future consideration when he said one of the questions he was asked during the public forum was why teachers had to spend their own money on supplies. Dr. Brenner reported on a survey

that was classroom teacher expenditures survey. Twenty-three teachers responded with various expenditures that they personally had for instructional and ancillary materials. It was reported that the school has some funds available for classroom teachers and specialists from its fundraising activities in the fall and that the school also has a building supply account. Bilden explained discretionary funds may be used and that she receives requests for dollars from teachers and the PTO. Shepperd said this was good information to have but knowing the school has expenses coming up just to sustain it, she did not recommend any new funding sources.

Approved _____
(Date)

Lewis Isassi, President

Scott J. Berge, Business Manager

First Reading of Policy 2006. The following revisions were recommended for approval: (1) Change the position name for the School Liaison to School Liaison Specialist, (2) Eliminate the specific office location of the School Liaison Specialist, (3) Add "Grand Forks Air Force Base" as an identifier to the School Liaison Specialist position name, and (4) Change the month in which the Representative Review Panel would meet from March to February.

It was moved by O'Rourke and seconded by Dela Cruz to complete the first reading of Policy 2006 with the revisions as recommended. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Isassi and Plemons.

Announcements. Bilden wanted the air base families to know that she was thinking about them, especially with extended deployments.

It was announced the Aimee Gillig, Grand Forks Air Force Base School Liaison Specialist, was doing a wonderful job recognizing the month of the military child even though school is not in session at the building.

Plemons joined the meeting in its last couple of minutes.

Board Requests for Future Consideration.
None.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m.