

GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #140
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 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, May 19, 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
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
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 12:03 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda. It was moved by O'Rourke 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 April 21, 2020, as written. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Dela Cruz.

Citizen Comments (non-agenda items). None.

Youth Risk Behavior Survey 2019 Results. Sarah Shimek, Character Education and Prevention Coordinator, reported on the results of the 2019 Youth Risk Behavior Survey. The

discussion continued on the filtering and dissemination of information to parents. The discussion continued about sharing the information with parents and staff.

Summer School Program. Kevin Ohnstad, Elementary Summer School Director, reported the math component is canceled because of timing and dates. Remedial reading and Intro to K will be offered at Twining for three weeks beginning July 27.

Mike Wilber, Secondary Summer School Director, reported that middle school summer school will be offered July 27-August 14 with courses in math and reading. Teachers have been asked to prepare for both in-class and remote learning because State guidelines may be changing. The high school summer school will be offered June 1-July 7 with all courses delivered online.

Dean Opp, Summer Performing Arts (SPA) Director, reported that regular programming for the summer is on hold

Terry Bohan, Driver Education Director, reported the course is changed to a two-tier course with only classroom instruction and Behind-the-Wheel. Classroom instruction will be offered in a distance-learning format. Plans are still being made for the driving portion.

Construction Projects Update. Arnold reported the boiler replacement project is about one month ahead of schedule. He is confident the project will be completed by July and is expecting minimal effect on summer school. The playground project has begun. Prep and expanding the area for the new swing set is expected to begin next week.

Monthly Enrollment Report. Thompson reported that as of April 30, 2020, there were 198 students in grades K-5 and 84 students in grades 6-8 at Twining School, for a combined total of 282 students. Central High School has 54 students. Red River High School has no students and Community High School has one student from the Air Base. Eight students are expected to graduate.

Recognition of Outgoing Board Member. Dr. Brenner announced that today is John Dela Cruz’s last meeting as his term is expiring. Token gifts will be mailed to him.

Second Reading of Policy 2006. Dr. Brenner reported the first reading of Policy 2006 as written was completed at the April 21 meeting. It was moved by Shepperd and seconded by O’Rourke to complete the second reading of Policy 2006 as written and adopt it as the official policy of the district. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Dela Cruz.

Announcements. Bilden announced she is working with five military families that live in East Grand Forks and per North Dakota state law cannot attend school at Twining. She is working with the GFAFB School Liaison and needs to go to the federal level for remediation.

Board Requests for Future Consideration.
None.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Approved _____
(Date)

Lewis Isassi, President

Scott J. Berge, Business Manager