

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

The annual meeting of the Grand Forks Air Force Base School Board was held on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, with Jody Thompson and Michelle Shepperd presiding. As a precautionary measure against the transmission of COVID-19, the meeting was held via Zoom.

Board Members Present: Lewis Isassi, Ann O'Rourke, Samantha Plemons, Branden Shepperd, and Michelle Shepperd. **Absent:** None.

Others Present: Colonel James Gherdovich and Chief Ronald Ahlstrom, Military Liaisons; Scott J. Berge, Business Manager; Jody Thompson, Associate Superintendent of Elementary Education; Catherine Gillach, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education; and Cindy Johnson, Executive Secretary.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

Declaration of 2020-2021 School Board. Berge declared membership of the Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District No. 140 School Board as follows:

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Lewis Isassi	June 2022
Ann O'Rourke	June 2021
Samantha Plemons	June 2021
Branden Shepperd	June 2023
Michelle Shepperd	June 2022

Election of President of the School Board. President pro tem Thompson called for nominations for president of the school board. Isassi nominated Michelle Shepperd. No other nominations were made and Michelle Shepperd was declared the president of the 2020-2021 school board.

Election of Vice President of the School Board. President Shepperd called for nominations for vice president of the school board. O'Rourke nominated Lewis Isassi. No other nominations were made and Lewis Isassi was declared the vice president of the 2020-2021 school board.

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

Approval of Minutes. It was moved by Plemons and seconded by O'Rourke to approve the minutes of May 19, 2020, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments (non-agenda items). None.

School Reopening Plans. Gillach and Thompson gave an overview of the district's smart restart plans. The planning process for reopening began the beginning of June with a core team of 16 district-level administrators who have been meeting on an ongoing basis. Forty teachers were invited to review the draft planning documents to ensure new safety protocols and procedures are acceptable and doable. The smart restart will focus on two models—1) face-to-face for all students will a variety of safety structures in place with some alternative spaces for special circumstances, and 2) all remote learning. Priority areas that will be focused on are 1) social and emotional learning, 2) building digital competency, and 3) academic priority standards. Data gleaned from staff and family surveys were used in reopening planning. Families and staff with health concerns or other reservations about returning to a traditional school setting will be contacted. Guidelines provided by the state and public health department will be followed but reopening plans are ultimately local control. Classrooms and lunchrooms have been rearranged to ensure six-foot distancing is maintained. Facemasks will be required when moving about the building and classrooms and on buses. Hand sanitizers will be available

throughout the buildings. Visitors to the schools, hallway traffic, and bus ridership will be limited. Entrance and exit areas in all buildings will be designated. The sharing of snacks and school supplies will not be allowed. A FAQ will be developed for parents and staff that will cover a wide variety of the restart plans and other questions. The discussion continued about coordinating with the Air Base's protocols.

Designation of Official Newspaper of the School District. It was moved by Isassi and seconded by Plemons to designate the *Grand Forks Herald* as the official newspaper of Grand Forks Air Force Base Public School District #140. Motion carried unanimously.

School Board Regular Meeting Schedule for 2020-2021. It was moved by O'Rourke and seconded by Plemons to adopt the school board regular meeting schedule for 2020-2021 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements. Thompson reminded board members to complete the survey for committee appointments and liaison assignments.

Board Requests for Future Consideration.
None.

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

APPROVED _____
(Date)

Michelle Shepperd, President

Scott J. Berge, Business Manager