

**GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE SCHOOL BOARD**  
**GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #140**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 18, 2020**

The Grand Forks Air Force Base School Board held a regular meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, with Michelle Shepperd presiding.

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

**Others Present:** Dr. Terry Brenner, Superintendent of Schools; Jody Thompson, Associate Superintendent of Elementary Education; Catherine Gillach, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education; and Cindy Johnson, Executive Secretary.

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

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

**Approval of Minutes.** It was moved by O'Rourke and seconded by Isassi to approve the minutes of July 21, 2020, as written. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Plemons.

Plemons joined the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

**Citizen Comments (non-agenda items).** None.

**School Reopening Update.** Dr. Brenner reported that a major adjustment has been made for grades 9-12 at Red River and Grand Forks Central high schools. Gillach explained that the original plan was based on calculated space and preliminary enrollment numbers. Using actual enrollment numbers and reviewing the master schedule, district administration realized they were not able to keep students physically distanced. As a result, district administration determined it is necessary to use a hybrid model to deliver education at Red River and Grand Forks Central high schools. Students will be divided into two groups. Each group will alternate attending school in person while the other group is at home engaged in asynchronous distance learning every other day. Additional supports will be put into place for students with IEPs and other special

circumstances and for students who may be falling behind. Discussion continued. Acknowledging that there has been some confusion about what the distance learning day will look like, Gillach said she would look into putting together a video to help explain the students' learning day. Discussion continued about precautions that are being taken to protect district staff.

**Fall 2020 Enrollment Projection for Twining.**

Thompson reported that preliminary enrollment in grades K-5 is 147 students enrolled for in-person learning and 45 students registered for distance learning. For grades 6-8, 51 students are enrolled for in-person learning and 16 students are registered for distance learning. For grades 9-12 at Grand Forks Central, 46 students are enrolled for in-person learning and 14 students are registered for distance learning.

**NDSBA Opportunities for Board Member Development.**

Dr. Brenner reported that this time, the North Dakota School Boards Association will plans to host an in-person annual convention along with the new member seminar and school law seminar on October 29-30, 2020. Board members O'Rourke and Plemons are required to attend the new member seminar. Board members wishing to attend any of the events are asked to notify Cindy Johnson who will manage the registration and lodging arrangements.

**Goals & Objectives Related to Board Procedures & Relationships (GFAFB Policy 1070).**

Grand Forks Air Force Base School Board Policy 1070 provides that each year, the school board will establish realistic goals and objectives related to Board procedures and relations. The resulting objectives, as well as other areas of its operations, are used to measure the Board's performance in May via the school board's self-evaluation. Dr. Brenner said that this practice has been overlooked over the last several years and requested Board members to discuss whether to maintain this policy and if so, how to best carry out the goal-setting provision this school year. He said the Grand Forks School Board does not have a policy like this and uses the strategic planning process instead. Board members discussed that the GFAFB School Board should follow and model what the Grand Forks School Board does so that one board is not doing something different than the other. Board members unanimously agreed to place the rescindment of the policy on the next meeting agenda.

**School Board Committee Appointments for 2020-2021.**

It was moved by Isassi and seconded by B. Shepperd to approve the school board committee appointments and liaison assignments for 2020-2021 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements.** President Shepperd expressed gratitude to the district administration for all that they are doing to support the students and staff during this time of uncertainty.

**Board Requests for Future Consideration.**

None.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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(Date)

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Michelle Shepperd, President

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Scott J. Berge, Business Manager