

GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #140
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2020

The Grand Forks Air Force Base School Board held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, with Michelle Shepperd presiding.

Board Members Present: Lewis Isassi, Branden Shepperd, and Michelle Shepperd. **Absent:** Ann O'Rourke and Samantha Plemons.

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 Douthit, Grand Forks School Board Liaison; and Cindy Johnson, Executive Secretary.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance recited at 12:01 p.m.

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

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

It was moved by Isassi and seconded by Branden Shepperd to approve the minutes of August 28, 2020, as written. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: O'Rourke and Plemons.

Citizen Comments (non-agenda items). None.

School Reopening Update. Dr. Brenner, Thompson, and Gillach gave an update on the schools' reopening. Discussion took place on distance education enrollment, face-to-face enrollment, students and staff following CDC guidelines, COVID leaves and staffing challenges, and anticipation of face-to-face student returns at the trimester and semester.

Twining Principal Shari Bilden spoke about the distribution of distance-learning materials to parents.

Despite some bumps along the way, overall there have been a lot of successes and things are going well. Some of the next steps include monitoring busing needs once the weather gets colder and bolstering some intervention supports.

Summer School Reports. Summer School Directors Kevin Ohnstad, Mike Wilber, Terry Bohan, and Allison Peterson reported on the elementary and secondary summer school, driver's education, and the Summer Performing Arts.

Ohnstad reported Introduction to Kindergarten and Reading classes were offered at the elementary level in a face-to-face setting. Twining's enrollment was 38 students. He reported wearing face coverings was not an issue and that everyone understood the expectations and followed them.

Wilber reported there were 901 enrolled seats at the high school level in an online setting. The most popular classes were Global Ed and physical education. Class credit was earned by 798 students. Remedial math and reading classes were offered at the middle school level in a face-to-face setting with 63 students enrolled.

Bohan reported 249 students completed driver education. A majority of the students participated in a remote setting. Behind-the-wheel was offered in a solo setting with only the driver and instructor in the vehicle at one time.

Peterson reported that due to the COVID pandemic, all SPA activities did not happen. A small project to recognize senior students was completed.

NDSBA Opportunities for Board Member Development. Dr. Brenner reported Branden and Michelle Shepperd will serve as delegates to the Delegate Assembly on October 30. He reminded board members to inform Cindy Johnson of their plans to attend the new member seminar and school law seminar as soon as possible.

Berge informed board members of an opportunity to attend the NAFIS Virtual Fall Conference at no cost.

Student Activities Funding Request. Thompson provided some background on the availability of discretionary funds that have been used in the past to fund some student activities at Twining. Bilden explained the request for \$15,000 funding in the following areas: Music/Arts Programs (programs/concerts) - \$600; Student Activities/Field Trips - \$2,900; Reading Materials - \$3,000; Classroom Supplies/Equipment - \$2,000; Positive Behavior Program Support - \$4,000; and Technology - \$2,500.

It was moved by Shepperd and seconded by Isassi to approve the request for student activities funding for \$15,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Rescindment of Policy 1070, School Board Self-Evaluation. It was moved by Branden Shepperd and seconded by Isassi to rescind GFafb School Board Policy 1070. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: O'Rourke and Plemons.

Announcements. At the request of Isassi, Dr. Brenner explained the administration's decision to not identify how many students may be affected by COVID.

Dr. Brenner explained that he met with student leadership about allowing more students to attend the Cushman Classic.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

APPROVED _____
(Date)

Michelle Shepperd, President

Scott J. Berge, Business Manager