

GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE SCHOOL BOARD

This meeting was held jointly with the Grand Forks School Board

GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #140 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES November 23, 2020

The Grand Forks Air Force Base School Board met in regular session via Zoom on Monday, November 23, 2020, with President Michelle Shepperd presiding.

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

Board Members Absent: None.

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; GF School Board Members Doug Carpenter, Chris Douthit, Amber Flynn, Eric Lunn, Jeff Manley, and Cynthia Shabb.; Colonel Cameron S. Pringle, Commander, 319th Reconnaissance Wing, GFAFB; Amiee Gillig, School Liaison Specialist, GFAFB; Brady Olson, Vice President, Grand Forks Education Association; and Cindy Johnson, Executive Secretary.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda. Dr. Brenner reported a correction to the agenda as follows: The topic "Annual Report for 2020-2021" should read "Annual Report for 2019-2020". It was moved by Isassi and seconded by Branden Shepperd to approve the agenda as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes. It was moved by O'Rourke and seconded by Branden Shepperd to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2020, meeting, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments (non-agenda items). None.

State of the Base – Colonel Cameron S. Pringle. Colonel Cameron Pringle, commander of the Grand Forks Air Force Base 319th Reconnaissance Wing, gave a presentation on several areas of mutual support between the Air Base and Grand Forks communities including assistance with handing out school lunches and school supplies during COVID shutdown and complimented the district on its response to the challenges caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

He also highlighted mutual support in the areas of severe weather and emergency notifications, fire and security first responders, medical support, and family support.

Amiee Gillig, Grand Forks Air Force Base School Liaison Specialist, highlighted her role as a school liaison and social-emotional supports and academic supports that are available through her office. Gillig also spoke about the significance of a recent DoDEA Grant award.

DoDEA Grant Presentation. District Grant Writer Taunya Schleicher, Twining School Principal Shari Bilden, and Instructional Design Coach Elizabeth Berger gave a presentation on a grant through the U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) that was recently awarded to the district. The Project HEROS Power grant is designed to support the academic achievement of military-connected students in science technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) at Twining Elementary and Middle School. The grant award is \$500,000.

Annual Report for 2019-2020. Thompson, Gillach, District Assessment Coordinator Jessie Erickson, and Berge reviewed the annual report for 2019-2020. Erickson spoke about the STEM

curriculum in the school buildings. She reported that because of COVID, spring assessments were not completed. She reported on STAR assessment data from the fall of 2019. Gillach reported on advanced placement courses, dual credit classes, teacher demographics, and ACT scores. Thompson reported on student enrollment, average class size in grades K-5, and district poverty rates. Berge reported on revenue, appropriations, and mill levies.

Approved _____
(Date)

Michelle Shepperd, President

Scott J. Berge, Business Manager

Curriculum Review. Gillach reported on the secondary curriculum review process. The Secondary Curriculum Review Committee is proposing to delete one course and add two courses for the 2020-2021 school year. Proposed for deletion is Business Law and proposed for addition is Business Communications and Senior Lifetime Fitness and Wellness. A proposal for a Dual Credit Native American Studies course was postponed pending further course development and is expected to be resubmitted the following school year. The proposal will be brought forth for action at its December meeting.

Impact Aid Funding Update. Berge gave an overview of Impact Aid funding and discussed talking points from the 2020 National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) Fall Conference.

Monthly Enrollment Report. Thompson reported that as of October 30, 2020, there were 203 students in grades K-5 and 75 students in grades 6-8 at Twining School, for a combined total of 278 students. Grand Forks Central High School had 62 students, Red River High School had 1 student, and Community High School had 1 student from the Air Base.

Announcements. Dr. Brenner reminded all that tomorrow he will be on KNOX Radio at 10:00 a.m. and interviewing online with the Grand Forks Herald at noon.

Board Request for Future Consideration.
None.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.