

**GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD
AGREEMENT BETWEEN DISTRICTS COMMITTEE
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
MEETING MINUTES
January 30, 2019**

A meeting of the Grand Forks School Board Agreement Between Districts Committee was held on Wednesday, January 30, 2019, at the Mark Sanford Education Center with Bill Palmiscno presiding.

Committee Members Present. Bill Palmiscno, Amber Flynn, Elizabeth Meihaus, Misty Brustad (via phone), Dr. Terry Brenner, and Scott J. Berge.

Committee Members Absent. None.

Others Present. Michelle Emineth (via phone), and Meeting Secretary Cindy Johnson.

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes. It was moved by Flynn and seconded by Meihaus to approve the minutes of February 1, 2018, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Review and Develop Recommendations for the 2019-2020 Joint Powers Agreement between GFAPB Public School District #140 and Grand Forks Public School District #1 for Educational Services. A draft agreement for 2019-2020 with proposed revisions was provided for discussion. The revisions included an update of all applicable dates and updates to the list of committees with representation from each Board as follows:

- Change "Policy Review" to "District No. 1 Policy Review",
- Change "Audit" to "Finance Committee" because the Audit Committee was discontinued in 2018-2019,
- Delete "Technology" because the Technology Committee was discontinued in 2018-2019, and
- Remove "Health Insurance" because membership on the Health Insurance Committee is determined by the Teacher Negotiated Agreement, which does not

include representation from the Grand Forks Air Force Base School Board.

Additionally, the committee discussed removing the last sentence found in Section 8. Item 8.1 which states, "It is specifically agreed that under the terms of this agreement neither District shall pay tuition to the other." Emineth explained that while the practice is that neither District pays the other District tuition, the transfer of Impact Aid dollars from District #140 to District #1 as per the Agreement Between Districts is reported to the state and in the audited financial statements as tuition. The transaction code could be internally labeled anything either District wanted; however, as far as accounting standards are, the transfer is reported to the state and in the audited financial statements as tuition even though it is not calculated as tuition per se. It was further explained that once the Impact Aid dollars come to District #1, they are no longer Federal dollars. District #140 is contracting with District #1 to provide educational services to the Air Base students and the dollars are really a reimbursement for those services. Committee members agreed by unanimous consensus to remove the sentence from the Agreement.

The committee discussed the unpredictability of when and how much Impact Aid dollars are received, and that Impact Aid dollars do not cover all costs to sustain District #140. The dollars are used with additional support from District #1. Meihaus stated that it was important to take some time to fully explain how the Impact Aid dollars flow so that everyone understands the process.

It was moved by Meihaus and seconded by Flynn to bring forward to the two school boards the draft 2019-2020 Joint Powers Agreement with a unanimous recommendation for approval.

Adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

APPROVED _____
(Date)

Bill Palmiscno, Committee Chair