

Meeting Minutes: Governance Committee

Date/Time: September 23, 2021/7:30 a.m.

Location: Board Room

Start: 7:30 a.m.

End: 8:47 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Nikkie Gullickson, Seth Holden, Rebecca Knutson, Jim Johnson, Robin Nelson

Committee Members Absent: none

Non-Committee Members Present: Jennifer Benson (via phone)

Staff Members Present: Doug Andring, Tara Brandner, Jackie Gapp, Missy Eidsness, Rupak Gandhi, Robert Grosz

Recorder: AnnMarie Campbell

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations/Actions
Approval of August 26 Minutes	The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the August 26 committee meeting.	The minutes will be posted on the Board's section of the public website.
Agenda Planning for October Meetings	<p><i>Refer to Agenda planner for Fourth Quarter 2021</i> Discussion occurred on the topics needed to be included at the October meetings. The agenda topics were set as follows:</p> <p><u>October 12</u> (meeting will be held virtually due to District Office move)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reports: FEA Report, Superintendent Report, Mental Health Supports Report, R/SI-3: Positive School Culture Monitoring – BARR Program at South High School• Consent: GP-2E Changes• Business: <i>none at the time</i>• Board Reports: none• <i>Possible executive session for negotiations strategy</i> <p><u>October 26</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reports: FEA Report, Superintendent Report, Dakota High School & Student Transition Report, EL Program Report, Administrative Policy Updates• Consent: Annual Approval of Longevity Recognition, Monitoring of GP-6, 8, 11, 12, 13 & 14, September Financials• Business: First Reading: Attendance Boundaries• Board Reports: <i>none at this time</i> <p>Consensus was reached that Dr. Gandhi share the previous week's COVID-19 positive case data at the start of each of his Superintendent's Reports at Board meetings. The information is posted weekly on Fridays on the District's COVID-19 website.</p> <p>Discussion occurred on the length and content of Reports. Dr. Gandhi shared that at times reports staff members provide are getting lengthy. Administration will be sharing with presenters to create a written report to share with Board members in advance of the meeting, share a 5-7-minute presentation at the meeting, and then take questions. Committee members was supportive of the change.</p> <p>Consensus was reached to add an agenda item to the September 28 agenda for Board approval to authorize the Negotiations Committee to reopen negotiations with the FEA on a specific provision within the contract that has been mutually agreed upon with the FEA.</p>	<p>Dr. Gandhi will share COVID-19 data as part of his Superintendent's Report.</p> <p>An item will be added to the September 28 meeting agenda to</p>

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	<p>The Negotiations Committee has previously met on the issue and the FEA is in agreement to reopen negotiations on one specific item.</p> <p>Discussion occurred on locations of Board meetings. The October 12 meeting will need to be held virtually due to the move of the District Office; the move is currently scheduled for that week. The committee discussed Board meetings being held virtually or in person. Consensus was reached to continue to meet virtually. This will be shared during a Board Report from the Governance Committee at the next Board meeting.</p>	<p>authorize reopening negotiations on one topic.</p> <p>Board meetings will continue to be held virtually.</p>
GP-2E – Public Comment Language	<p>Rebecca Knutson shared about concerns from a constituent on individuals sharing public comment at the Board meeting not sharing their address for their record per policy. Discussion occurred about the recognition of audience portion of the agenda, Board policy on the recognition of audience portion of the agenda, and what citizens need to share to sign up to address the Board. Consensus was reached to bring a modification to GP-2E under the Guidelines to be Read by the President Prior to the Recognition of Audience section of the policy to the October 12 meeting on the Consent Agenda of: <i>We ask that each speaker who has signed up to address the Board state their name and address for the record home school district.</i></p>	<p>Changes to GP-2E will be forwarded to the Board on the Consent Agenda at the October 12 meeting.</p>
School/District Accountability Report Process	<p>There was a request from Jennifer Benson to discuss this item at the Governance Committee to bring to the full Board based on an email from Superintendent Baesler that President Knutson received. Dr. Gandhi shared that currently embargoed data has been shared with school districts in order for districts to review the data and verify it prior to it being shared on the ND Insights website. The information will be live later in September.</p>	
Policies: GP-1, 2, 3 Monitoring	<p>GP-1, 2, and 3 were monitored at the September 14 meeting. Discussion occurred on the policy suggestions included in the monitoring report. Consensus was reached to add the suggested policy addition to GP-2E under the Guidelines to be Read by the President Prior to the Recognition of Audience section of the policy of: <i>There are times when the Board conducts business that draws a high degree of interest from citizens. During such times it may be that only citizens residing within the Fargo School District will be called upon for comment.</i> Rebecca Knutson and AnnMarie Campbell will work on any wordsmithing needs of the language.</p> <p>Consensus was reached to add the suggested language to GP-2E as follows: <i>Speakers unwilling to abide by the District's policies and conform to the rules or time constraints regarding public participation at Board meetings as set by the President may be removed from the meeting.</i> Changes to GP-2E will be forwarded to the October 12 meeting.</p> <p>Consensus was reached for Rebecca Knutson and AnnMarie Campbell to work to create language for inclusion in GP-2E about virtual meetings.</p>	<p>Changes to GP-2E will be forwarded to the Board on the Consent Agenda at the October 12 meeting.</p>
Reschedule October-December Committee Meeting	<p>Conflicts exist with the regular meeting times for the Governance Committee in the months of October (NDSBA convention), November (Thanksgiving holiday) and December (Winter break). Discussion occurred on possible new meeting dates. Consensus was reached to</p>	

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	hold the committee meetings on October 27, November 19 and December 22 in person in the Board Room.	
<i>The next meeting will be held October 27 at 7:30 a.m.</i>		