End: 8:13 a.m.

Meeting Minutes: Governance Committee

Date/Time: July 28, 2022/7:30 a.m.

Location: Board Room in District Office
Start: 7:30 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Nikkie Gullickson, Jim Johnson, Seth Holden (via phone), Robin Nelson, Tracie Newman

Committee Members Absent: none Non-Committee Members Present: none

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

Recorder: AnnMarie Campbell

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations/Actions
Approval of June 23 Minutes	The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the June 23 committee meeting.	The minutes will be posted on the Board's section of the public website.
Agenda Planning for August Meetings	Refer to Agenda planner for Third Quarter 2022 Discussion occurred on the topics needed to be included at the August meetings. The agenda topics were set as follows:	
	 August 9 Pledge of Allegiance Reports: FEA Report; Superintendent Report; ESSER Report Consent: Banking Authorization; Open Enrollment; June Board Reports Business: Committee & Liaison Assignments; Pledge of Allegiance Board Reports: none 	
	 August 23 Pledge of Allegiance Reports: FEA Report; Superintendent Report; Enrollment Update; First Reading: Operational Plan; First Reading: Strategic Plan Reapproval; Grant Revenues & Opportunities Report Consent: Monitoring of EL-1 & 2 Business: Board Reports: none 	
NDSBA Resolution	This item was on the agenda to discuss the possibility of sending a resolution to NDSBA to consider at the annual convention to renewing the NDSBA membership of NSBA. Recently, the NDSBA Board voted to discontinue membership in NSBA. Jim Johnson shared that he spoke with NDSBA Executive Director Alexis Baxley, who indicated the decision was based on the continued viability of NSBA. If NSBA continues to exist in the future, NDSBA would	Consensus was reached that no
	rejoin. Consensus was reached that no resolution is needed to be forwarded to the Board on this topic at this time.	resolution is needed to be forwarded to the Board on this topic at this time.
Pledge of Allegiance	Board member Seth Holden asked for this item to be on the agenda to place the topic of the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance at Board meetings on an upcoming regular Board meeting agenda. He wishes to propose discontinuing the recitation of the Pledge and returning to the previous Board agenda order. Discussion occurred, including the possibility of reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at the annual reorganization meeting. Consensus was	Consensus was reached to place the item on the agenda on the August 9 meeting.

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_	reached to place the item on the agenda on the August 9 meeting, with a similar memo as to when it was proposed to the Board in March.				
AP 4780 Communicable Diseases – Lice	EL-10 includes the policy points: Fail to Inform the Board of the development of new administrative policies or significant changes to existing policies and facilitate the Board's input in development of administrative policies which the Board deems controversial. and				
	Fail to advise the Board of anticipated significant media coverage Dr. Gandhi shared that FPS has not followed the recommendation from Fargo Cass Public Health (FCPH) on the procedures for lice. FPS has the policy that students must be nit free to be in school, which is not the stance of FCPH. Through the COVID-19 pandemic, FPS has upheld the recommendations of FCPH and Dr. Gandhi has publicly said that as a superintendent he should follow the recommendations of public health. He recommends following the lice recommendation from FCPH, which is that students do not need to be excluded from school, and sought feedback from Governance, in compliance with EL-10. Discussion occurred about the FPS stance, FCPH recommendations and notifications. Consensus was reached to support the administrative policy change of adhering to FCPH recommendation on lice. As this is an administrative policy, it does not need Board approval.	Consensus was reached to support the administrative policy change of adhering to FCPH recommendation on lice. As this is an administrative policy, it does not need Board approval.			
Board Training Agenda	A Board Training session is scheduled for August 2, from 3-7 p.m., in the Board Room. A draft agenda for the training session based on previous Governance Committee discussion and a previous training agenda was reviewed and discussed. Consensus was reached to move forward with the drafted agenda.	Consensus was reached to move forward with the drafted agenda.			
FEA-Board Training Update	Tracie Newman provided an update on the planning process for the Board-FEA negotiations training per the signed MOU. The MOU states: The Fargo Education Association (Association) and the Fargo Board of Education (Board) agree to complete training on negotiations by October 31, 2022. The Board President and Association President will mutually agree on the format, dates, required attendance, and cost of training. She took over the planning process from Past Board President Rebecca Knutson. A contract has been drafted with Joel Friesz for a training on September 24 for 18 participants (9 Board members, 9 FEA members). Kim Reger is to be finalizing the contract and date with Joel. FEA leadership requested the Governance Committee revisit the funding of the training, seeking Board funding the training in full versus splitting the costs 50-50. The FEA feels this training was asked for by the Board and that the Board should fund the training, and that the funds would come from their dues. Discussion occurred on the topic of training, which has shifted to a training on building relationships between the two entities versus training on negotiations. Consensus was reached that the MOU must be fulfilled as written, to split the training costs and have training on negotiations. Discussion occurred on the type of leave available to the FEA if the training was held during the workday. Tracie Newman will request another meeting with President Reger on the topic.	Consensus was reached that the MOU must be fulfilled as written, to split the training costs and have training on negotiations. Tracie Newman will request another meeting with FEA President Reger on the topic.			
The next meeting will be held August 24 at 7:30 a.m. in the Executive Conference Room.					