

Meeting Minutes: Governmental Affairs Committee**Date/Time:** January 14, 2020 – 7:30 a.m.**Location:** District Office**Start:** 7:32 a.m.**End:** 7:48 a.m.**Committee Members Present:** Jim Johnson, Brian Nelson, Robin Nelson, Brandi Aune, David Paulson**Committee Members Absent:** None**Board Members Present:** Rebecca Knutson**Staff Members Present:** Rupak Gandhi**Recorder:** AnnMarie Campbell

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations/Actions
Approval of October 8 Minutes	Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the October 8 meeting.	Minutes will be posted on the Board's section of the public website.
NDCEL Report Card	Rupak Gandhi shared the NDCEL Legislative Report Card, a summary of how legislators voted on education related bills in the 2019 session, created by NDCEL. The tool will be used in future legislative contacts and strategies. Discussion occurred. The pages listing the legislators who voted for education bills less than 80% of the time were reviewed and discussed. Discussion occurred about reaching out to those legislators to discuss education related issues outside of the legislative session. A strategy will be discussed at a future meeting of who to contact.	Jim Johnson will create a list of legislators for Board members to contact to discuss education issues; he will share the list with committee members soon.
Other Items	Legislative items being worked on in the interim year were discussed. Dr. Gandhi shared items the state administrative group is working on, including mandatory reporting law changes from the 2019 session that are impacting schools and relationships with Protection & Advocacy. Jim Johnson shared about recent discussions with a legislator on negotiations timelines and NDCC. Mr. Johnson noted that the policy interim committee has not been active at this point. Advocacy for CTE funding for a Career Workforce Academy (CWA) was discussed. The Cass County Commission is set to vote for funding for a CWA in Fargo later in January; it is believed that action will determine future advocacy for CTE initiatives. The Cass County Commission will meet on January 21 at 3:30 p.m. Dr. Gandhi shared the negotiations on the operational agreement amongst the cooperating parties for the CWA are at the point where Dr. Gandhi is comfortable bringing it to the Board for review and potential approval. The agreement at this point is that FPS would support the CWA at \$100,000 per year in operational costs plus tuition per student attending. This will be discussed with the Board at a future work session.	The CWA initiative will be discussed at the Board's winter work session.

Next Meeting: monthly meeting date of Tuesday, February 11 at 7:30 a.m.