

**Meeting Minutes:** Governmental Affairs Committee**Date/Time:** January 15, 2021 – 7:30 a.m.**Location:** District Office**Start:** 7:30 a.m.**End:** 8:24 a.m.**Committee Members Present:** Robin Nelson, Jim Johnson, Brian Nelson, Dr. Tracie Newman, Rebecca Knutson**Committee Members Absent:** None**Board Members Present:** Jennifer Benson (via phone) and Nikkie Gullickson (via phone)**Staff Members Present:** Rupak Gandhi, Jackie Gapp**Recorder:** JoLynn Mathern

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations/Actions
<b>Approval of November 6 Meeting</b>	Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the November 6 meeting.	Minutes will be posted on the Board's section of the public website.
<b>Legislative Contacts</b>	Committee Chair Nelson has provided Board members with their legislative contacts. Weekly emails will be sent to local legislators communicating the District's support or opposition to House and Senate bills.	
<b>Legislative Bill Tracking/NDCEL Update</b>	All Board members will be receiving a link to the Fargo Public Schools/West Fargo Public Schools Legislative Tracking List that has been created on the ND.gov website. Committee Chair Nelson and Dr. Gandhi provided updates for several Senate and House bills that are being tracked.	
<b>Pre-Crossover Informational Meeting</b>	The Crossover event will be virtual and will be held February 23 @ 7:30am. Invitations will request legislators' questions/comments be provided in advance in an effort to keep the event to 30 minutes. Dr. Gandhi will contact West Fargo administration to confirm participation.	
<b>Next Meeting:</b> February 19 at 7:30 a.m. in the District Office Board Room		