

**Meeting Minutes:** Governmental Affairs Committee**Date/Time:** February 19, 2021 – 7:30 a.m.**Location:** District Office**Start:** 7:30 a.m.**End:** 8:09 a.m.**Committee Members Present:** Robin Nelson, Jim Johnson, Dr. Tracie Newman, Rebecca Knutson**Committee Members Absent:** Brian Nelson**Board Members Present:** Jennifer Benson (via phone) and Nikkie Gullickson (via phone)**Staff Members Present:** Rupak Gandhi, Jackie Gapp, Missy Eidsness, Dr. Robert Grosz**Recorder:** JoLynn Mathern

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations/Actions
<b>Approval of January 15 Meeting</b>	Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the January 15 meeting.	Minutes will be posted on the Board's section of the public website.
<b>Virtual Crossover Event</b>	Committee determined the need to start the February 23 Virtual Crossover Event at 7:00am instead of 7:30am. The agenda was set and Committee Chair Nelson will facilitate the event.	
<b>Alternative Education Opportunities Outside the Classroom for Course Credit</b>	Committee Chair Nelson requested some guidance on a couple of bills that would allow for credit outside the classroom and expressed concerns regarding inequity. Missy Eidsness and Dr. Grosz stated that some schools are allowing outside internships that provide personalized learning opportunities with specific criteria to qualify for credit. Teacher of record would be required and would add workload. A policy would need to be created that requires experience to be aligned to ND standards.	
<b>NDPERS Bills</b>	Jackie Gapp informed Committee of bills that propose increasing employer and employee NDPERS contributions.	
<b>ESSR III</b>	Jackie Gapp informed the Committee that ESSR III funds will be based on Title I enrollment and is estimated to be \$58M.	
<b>Decision Making Process</b>	Committee decision making process was discussed. Committee feels that due to the fast-paces nature of the legislative process, decision making is currently being handled appropriately and consistently with prior practice.	
<b>Next Meeting:</b> March 12 at 7:30 a.m. in the District Office Board Room		