

Meeting Minutes: Governmental Affairs Committee**Date/Time:** February 1, 2022 – 7:30 a.m.**Location:** District Office**Start:** 7:30 a.m.**End:** 7:56 a.m.**Committee Members Present:** Robin Nelson, Jim Johnson, Brian Nelson, Dr. Tracie Newman (via phone), Nikkie Gullickson**Committee Members Absent:** None**Board Members Present:** None**Staff Members Present:** Rupak Gandhi, Jackie Gapp, Tara Brandner**Recorder:** Jackie Gapp

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations/Actions
Approval of November 8 Meeting	Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the November 8 meeting.	Minutes will be posted on the Board’s section of the public website.
Federal Legislative Update	Robin Nelson provided an update on three federal bills. One bill is affecting rural schools and the others suggest fully funding IDEA.	
Interim Work School Funding and Property Tax	Senators Warner and Schaible may be reviewing the funding formula and the connection to property tax during the interim legislative period. Discussion occurred regarding FPS state and local funding. Future work for the committee may be to address removal of the ten year sunset clause for excess mill levies and/or the mill levy deduct calculation when a district may encounter a frozen levy.	
New Legislator Connections	Dr. Gandhi discussed establishing connections with new legislators, specifically those replacing individuals with strong education policy support, even if not in our area.	
ESSER Employment Contracts	FPS is working with the NDCEL legislative focus group regarding changes to North Dakota Century Code and employment contracts that are contingent on federal funding and or other grant revenue. Dr. Gandhi and Tara Brandner will work to craft potential legislative language reflecting the most efficient method to address short term funding employment needs prior to the August legislative bill submission deadline. Discussion occurred.	

Next Meeting: June 7, 2022