Meeting Minutes: Governmental Affairs Committee

Date/Time: October 4, 2022 – 7:30 a.m. **Location**: District Office **Start**: 7:30 a.m. **End**: 8:33 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Robin Nelson, Melissa Burkland, Katie Christensen, Greg Clark, Nyamal Dei

Committee Members Absent: None

Board Members Present: Jim Johnson

Staff Members Present: Dr. Rupak Gandhi, Tara Brandner, Jackie Gapp

Recorder: Jackie Gapp

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations/Actions
Approval of September 6 Meeting Minutes	Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the September 6 meeting.	Minutes will be posted on the Board's section of the public website.
Categorial Positions	The committee discussed an overview of categorical positions and how the District may support, oppose, or remain silent on legislation.	
Legislative Priority Document 2023-2025	The committee reviewed the legislative priority document from the previous session and reached consensus that the priorities from last session remain relevant for the upcoming session. Dr. Gandhi suggested adding more specifics and discussed the 2021-2023 priorities in more detail. On-time funding is in place and can be removed. Consensus was reached to include the following items in the 2023-2025 document: • Behavioral Heath • Special Education and English Learners • Funding Buckets • Inflation and Remaining Competitive (including support for childcare relief or assistance for public employees) • Keeping districts whole with proposed funding bills	Administration will update the Legislative Priorities document for 2023-2025 and the document will be brought to the October 17 Governance Committee meeting.
November Information Session	The committee discussed hosting an information session for elected officials, as has been done in past years. The committee reached consensus to hold the information session f on November 17 at 7:30 am at the District office.	Chair Nelson will work with administration to update and prepare information for the session.
Legislative Items	Recent Legislative Proposals Robin Nelson shared information regarding a proposal submitted by Senators Schaible and Nathe on state funding to buy down additional mills for property tax relief. Jim Johnson provided a historical review of education funding in North Dakota and further analysis of the proposal submitted. Committees to Monitor The committee discussed the legislative committees to monitor, which included: Education Committees Department of Health and Human Services Governmental and Veteran's Affairs	

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Review Work Calendar	The committee reviewed the current work calendar to reaffirm dates.		
Next Meeting: November 1, 2022 at 7:30 am			