

Meeting Minutes: Governmental Affairs Committee**Date/Time:** January 24, 2023 – 12:00 p.m.**Location:** District Office Board Room**Start:** 12:00 p.m.**End:** 1:09 p.m.**Committee Members Present:** Robin Nelson, Melissa Burkland, Katie Christensen, Greg Clark, Nyamal Dei**Committee Members Absent:****Board Members Present:** None**Staff Members Present:** Dr. Rupak Gandhi, Jackie Gapp, Tara Brandner, Missy Eidsness**Recorder:** Amy Patterson

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations/Actions
Approval of December 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes	Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the December 6, 2022 meeting.	Minutes will be posted on the Board's section of the public website.
Legislative Update	<p>Chair Robin Nelson requested feedback and guidance from the group on how she was doing with respect to reports to the Board and communications to the group with legislative updates. Discussion was had. Consensus was that Robin is doing a great job, and it is working well.</p> <p>Committee discussion was had on the positions we've taken and it was noted that we are judicious on the positions that we take and our responses to questions or inquiries should be based on the position statements that we have agreed on.</p> <p>Robin reported on and Committee discussion ensued on current legislative items.</p> <p><u>HB 1306: Dyslexia Voucher Program Bill.</u> We oppose it. It is written by a local legislator for Haley's Hope to provide dyslexia services to our students and use public dollars for it. There is talk of moving these dollars into an existing program as it is duplicative.</p> <p><u>HB 1259: Short-Term Contracts with School District.</u> This is related to individuals under short-term contracts with a school district. This affects a lot of the temporary hires that were made with Covid funds. After 2-years with the district, we have to RIF them or let them go with breach of contract. They are still entitled to a non-renewal. Dr. Gandhi explained that the Bill makes it clear that if at the time of hire they are notified that it is a short-term position, they do not have to be non-renewed. Typically, Districts have the contract end one day and start a new one the next day. It was noted that often these employees end up being hired on permanently anyway.</p> <p><u>HB 1251: Shared Superintendents.</u> HB1251 would force shared superintendents for Districts with less than 475 students and limit superintendent compensation. Some feel it is a precursor to forced consolidation and lack of local control. It does not affect our District, but it could affect attraction and retention of high-quality education leaders. This is one to watch.</p>	

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	The Committee had open discussions on current and upcoming legislation.	
Crossover Meeting Planning	The committee discussed plans for the February 21st Legislative Crossover social and the February 22 nd morning event at the Radisson in Bismarck. The invite was reviewed and approved for distribution. We will finalize the details at the next meeting.	Amy will send out the invites and notice the meetings.
Next Meeting Date	The committee will meet on February 14 at 12:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.	
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