

Meeting Minutes: Governmental Affairs Committee**Date/Time:** October 3, 2023 – 7:30 a.m.**Location:** District Office Executive Conference Room**Start:** 7:30 a.m. **End:** 8:21 a.m.**Committee Members Present:** Robin Nelson, Katie Christensen, Greg Clark, Nyamal Dei, and Nikkie Gullickson (Remote)**Committee Members Absent:****Board Members Present:****Staff Members Present:** Tara Brandner, Dr. Rupak Gandhi, and Bill Westrick**Recorder:** Amy Patterson

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations/Actions
Approval of September 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes	The committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the September 5, 2023 meeting.	Minutes will be posted on the Board's section of the public website.
SB 2015 Overview	<p>Robin Nelson reported on SB 2015. SB 2015 - Overview North Dakota Legislative Branch (ndlegis.gov) The Attorney General's Office has requested a stay on the ruling until December 18, 2023. The Special session will be mid-November with 2 weeks to extract and rewrite 68 sections of the bill. Each section has to be a separate bill, and each bill has to have a hearing. Robin Nelson reported on what can happen during special session and what to watch for. Consensus was that SB2015 is monumental and will change the landscape of our state. Discussion was had on the monumental impact of SB 2015 and the long and short term repercussions.</p> <p>The committee confirmed that they were all on the same page and will watch how this plays out and be ready to act. Further committee discussion occurred on what steps to take and how important it is to watch this closely. Discussion was had on having additional meetings and the quick timeline.</p>	
Work on Philosophies and Rationale	<p>Committee discussion was had on philosophies and rationale, specifically "Keeping Public Dollars Public." Rationale:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accountability, Transparency, Accessibility & Discrimination 2. Efficiency 3. Taxing Without Representation 4. Public Dollars are for Public Good 5. Discrimination (for disability, limitations, Special Education funds, etc.) 6. Private schools do not have to accept ALL students. We do. 7. Fairness within the Title I formula. 8. HHS funding a lot of different services, educators. 9. Separation of Church and State – Non-Sectarian Dollars – may not want to fund private schools that teach religion 10. Strong well-funded public schools is important 11. Trusting Educators 	Tara Brandner and Robin Nelson to bring back a draft document for approval.

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	In November, the Committee will start working on Honesty in Education, Special Session, and Proposal for Public Dollars Stay in Public Schools and will start to analyze Honesty in Education.	
Next Meeting Dates	The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 7:30 a.m. in the District Office Board Room.	
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