

Meeting Minutes: Planning Committee – District Office Board Room

Date/Time: June 6, 2023 – 8:30 a.m. or immediately following Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting **Start:** 8:28 a.m. **End:** 8:36 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Jim Johnson, Katie Christensen, Nyamal Dei, Seth Holden and Tracie Newman (Remote)

Committee Members Absent:

Board Members Present: Robin Nelson

Staff Members Present: Dr. Rupak Gandhi, Jackie Gapp, Tara Brandner, Dr. Jeff McCanna (Remote)

Guests: Cindy Hogenson

Recorder: Amy Patterson

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations/Actions
Approval of Meeting Minutes	The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the May 16, 2023 meeting.	Minutes will be posted on the Board's section of the public website.
Health Insurance Committee Recommendation	The District will see about a 10% increase in the cost of health insurance plans this year. The proposal is to sunset the classic health insurance plan, and there will be 2 different high-deductible insurance plans as options. As a result, every employee in the district would be eligible for the HSA contribution. The final recommendation of the Health Insurance Committee will be submitted to the Board for approval at the next meeting.	
Meal Price Recommendation	<p>Federal regulation 7 CFR Section 210.14(e) requires Paid Lunch Equity for schools participating in the National School Lunch Program. The purpose of the Paid Lunch Equity is to ensure that schools are charging an equitable price for full paid meals compared to Federal reimbursement provided to the school for free and reduced meals served.</p> <p>The USDA determines annual reimbursement and target paid lunch price sufficient to cover anticipated food and labor costs. The target paid lunch price for SY 23-24 is \$3.56. The district's comparable price is \$2.58. Fargo Public Schools charges less and has not increased meal prices in a while and has been subsidizing a portion of the meal cost. Schools charging less than the target are expected to either gradually increase prices or provide additional financial support to the nonprofit food service account. If we wait too long to increase prices, the increase would eventually be pretty hefty.</p> <p>This is the first year the food service department will have a significant loss. Costs have gone up 15% over the last two years. We will also lose a large number of federal dollars under the Keep Kids Fed Act of 2022 that had been subsidizing some of the meal costs. There is a need to raise prices this year.</p> <p>The recommendation is for a 10-cent increase for elementary breakfast and lunch, 15-cent increase for secondary breakfast, 10-cent increase for secondary lunch, 25-cent increase for adult breakfast, 15-cent increase for adult lunch and a 5-cent increase for an extra milk.</p>	

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	Consensus was reached to increase prices as recommended. The final recommendation will be submitted to the Board at the next meeting.	
Next Meeting: June 20, 2023 at 7:30 a.m.		