

**Meeting Minutes:** Negotiations Committee – District Office Board Room

**Date/Time:** December 17, 2020– 8:15 a.m.      **Location:** District Office      **Start:** 8:15 a.m.      **End:** 9:10 a.m.

**Committee Members Present:** Jim Johnson, Nikkie Gullickson, Brian Nelson, Seth Holden

**Committee Members Absent:** David Paulson

**Board Members Present:** Rebecca Knutson, Robin Nelson, Jennifer Benson (via phone) and Tracie Newman (via phone)

**Staff Members Present:** Dr. Rupak Gandhi, Jackie Gapp, Dr. Robert Grosz, and Doug Andring

**Recorder:** JoLynn Mathern

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion – Conclusion</b>	<b>Recommendations or actions</b>
<b>Approval of November 5 Meeting Minutes</b>	The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the November 5 meeting.	The minutes will be posted on the Board’s section of the public website.
<b>Collaborative Bargaining with FEA</b>	Committee is open to discussions regarding collaborative bargaining for the future; however, there is not enough time to complete training for this session. Committee will reach out to FEA to discuss a meeting that would follow COVID-19 guidelines.	
<b>Governor’s Budget Proposal</b>	Governor has proposed flatlining the K-12 education budget. Education Committee Chairman does not support this. Administration provided a State Aid spreadsheet that estimated a \$450K decrease in state aid for the next biennium.	
<b>Executive Session</b>	Nikkie Gullickson moved that the Negotiations Committee enter executive session for the purpose of negotiations strategy discussion as permitted under NDCC §44-04-19.1. Seth Holden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (Yes: Johnson, Nelson, B., Gullickson, Holden). Committee Vice Chair Johnson entered executive session at 8:24 a.m. Four Board Committee members were present in the room, along with Board Member Robin Nelson, Dr. Rupak Gandhi, Jackie Gapp, Dr. Robert Grosz, Doug Andring, and JoLynn Mathern, recorder. During the session, discussion was held on issues related to negotiations with the Fargo Education Association on a contract that will expire at the end of the school year. Robin Nelson exited the session at 9:03a.m. Executive session ended at 9:09 a.m., open session resumed.	
<b>Next Meeting: TBD</b>		