

Meeting Minutes: Negotiations Committee – District Office Executive Conference Room

Date/Time: May 11, 2023 – 12:00 p.m.

Location: District Office

Start: 12:00 p.m.

End: 12:56 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Seth Holden, Greg Clark, Nikkie Gullickson (Remote) and Jim Johnson

Committee Members Absent: Melissa Burkland

Administrative Staff Present: Tara Brandner, Missy Eidsness, Lori Feist, Dr. Rupak Gandhi, Jackie Gapp (Remote), Dr. Robert Grosz, Dr. Jeff McCanna, Jennifer Soupir-Fremstad, and Bill Westrick

Recorder: Dr. Rupak Gandhi

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations or actions
Approval of Minutes April 20 & 27 & May 3, 2023	The Committee reviewed the minutes of the April 20 & 27 and May 3 meetings. The minutes were approved by consensus.	The minutes will be posted on the Board's section of the public website.
Update re: Communications with the FEA	Chair Seth Holden reported that there will be a make-up session for Wednesday's cancelled negotiations. Committee discussion was had on the days and times that would work for an extra session next week.	
Data Requests & Assignment	Committee discussion was had on the data request on transportation issues as it relates to the schedule. Discussion was had on the driver shortage, increasing the gap in the schedule, and running double routes. Dr. Jeff McCanna is trying to get data from other Districts.	Dr. Jeff McCanna will follow-up on data requests to other districts.
2023 Teacher Negotiations Topic & Editorial Discussion	Committee discussion was held on negotiations strategy for the upcoming contract negotiations with the Fargo Education Association.	
Executive Session*	Jim Johnson moved that the Negotiations Committee enter executive session for the purpose of negotiations strategy as permitted under NDCC §44-04-19.1 and 15.1-16-22. Greg Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed (Yes: Nikkie Gullickson, Jim Johnson, Seth Holden, and Greg Clark). The executive session was held in the Executive Conference Room on the second floor of the District Office. Chair Seth Holden entered executive session at 12:08 p.m. Board members Greg Clark, Seth Holden, and Jim Johnson were present in the room. Nikkie Gullickson was present remotely. Additionally, Tara Brandner, Missy Eidsness, Lori Feist, Dr. Jennifer Soupir-Fremstad, Dr. Rupak Gandhi, Jackie Gapp (Remote), Dr. Robert Grosz, Dr. Jeff McCanna, and Bill Westrick were present in the room. During the session, discussion was held on negotiations strategy for the upcoming contract negotiations with the Fargo Education Association. The executive session ended at 12:56 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.	
Next Meeting Date	The committee will meet next on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room.	

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