

Meeting Minutes: Negotiations Committee – District Office Executive Conference Room

Date/Time: May 31, 2023 – 12:00 p.m.

Location: District Office

Start: 12:05 p.m.

End: 1:24 p.m.

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

Committee Members Absent:

Board Members Present:

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

Recorder: Amy Patterson

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations or actions
Approval of Minutes May 25, 2023	The Committee reviewed the minutes of the May 25, 2023 meeting. 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	There have been no significant updates since last night’s meeting. Discussion was had on a couple of minor items.	
Data Requests & Assignment	There are no new data requests.	
Tentative Agreements	Discussion was had about the parental leave agreement on the table. Discussion was had about the confusion around the language and ways to adjust it to meet the agreed upon objectives without contradicting FMLA.	
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. Melissa Burkland seconded the motion. The motion passed (Yes: Melissa Burkland, Greg Clark, Nikkie Gullickson, Seth Holden, and Jim Johnson). 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 12:26 p.m. Board members Melissa Burkland, Greg Clark, Seth Holden, and Jim Johnson were present in the room. Nikkie Gullickson was present remotely. Additionally, Tara Brandner, Missy Eidsness, Lori Feist, Jennifer Soupir-Fremstad, Dr. Rupak Gandhi, Jackie Gapp, Dr. Robert Grosz were present in the room. Dr. Jeff McCanna was present remotely. During the session, discussion was held on negotiations strategy for the upcoming contract negotiations with the Fargo Education Association. Jim Johnson and Nikkie Gullickson left the room at 1:08 p.m. The executive session ended at 1:24 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.	

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations or actions
Next Meeting Date	The committee will meet next on Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room.	
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