

Meeting Minutes: Negotiations Committee – District Office Board Room**Date/Time:** August 17, 2023 – 12:00 p.m.**Location:** District Office**Start:** 12:00 p.m.**End:** 12:44 p.m.**Committee Members Present:** Seth Holden, Melissa Burkland, Greg Clark, Nikkie Gullickson (Remote) and Jim Johnson

Committee Members Absent:

Board Members Present: Katie Christensen**Administrative Staff Present:** Tara Brandner, Missy Eidsness, Lori Feist, Dr. Rupak Gandhi, Dr. Robert Grosz (Remote), Dr. Jeff McCanna (Remote) and Bill Westrick**Recorder:** Amy Patterson

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations or actions
Approval of Minutes for June 28, 2023 Meeting	The Committee reviewed the minutes of the June 28, 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	Chair Seth Holden reported minimal conversations with the FEA mostly relating to mediator selection.	
Data Requests & Assignment	No data requests.	
2023 Teacher Negotiations Topics & Mediation	Committee discussion was held on negotiations strategy for the 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: Melissa Burkland, Greg Clark, Nikkie Gullickson, Jim Johnson, and Seth Holden). The executive session was held in the Board Room on the lower level of the District Office. Chair Seth Holden entered executive session at 12:03 p.m. Board members Melissa Burkland, Greg Clark, Seth Holden, and Jim Johnson were present in the room. Nikkie Gullickson was present remotely. Tara Brandner, Missy Eidsness, Lori Feist, Dr. Rupak Gandhi, and Bill Westrick were present in the room. Dr. Jeff McCanna and Dr. Robert Grosz were present remotely. During the session, discussion was held on negotiations strategy for the upcoming contract negotiations with the Fargo Education Association. The executive session ended at 12:44 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.	
Future Meeting Dates	The committee agreed to set future meetings up as needed.	