Meeting Minutes: Negotiations Committee – District Office Executive Conference Room

Date/Time: October 5, 2023 – 12:00 p.m. **Location**: District Office **Start**: 12:00 p.m. **End**: 12:49 p.m.

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

Committee Members Absent:

Board Members Present: Robin Nelson

Administrative Staff Present: Tara Brandner, Missy Eidsness (Remote), Dr. Rupak Gandhi (Remote), Jackie Gapp, and Dr. Jeff McCanna

(Remote)

Recorder: Amy Patterson

| Agenda Item | Discussion – Conclusion | Recommendations or actions |
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| Approval of Minutes for August 17, 2023 Meeting | The Committee reviewed the minutes of the August 17, 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 on an email request from FEA Chair Grant Kraft regarding the agenda for October 11. Discussion was had on the agenda. Melissa Burkland reported that she and FEA Chair Grant Kraft agreed to meet on the first Friday of each month, starting this Friday. | |
| North Dakota Education Fact Finding Commission Report and Recommendations | Committee discussion was held on the North Dakota Education Fact Finding Commission Report and Recommendations and 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. 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 upper level of the District Office. Chair Seth Holden entered executive session at 12:05 p.m. Board members Melissa Burkland, Greg Clark, Nikkie Gullickson, Seth Holden, Jim Johnson, and Robin Nelson were present in the room. Tara Brandner and Jackie Gapp were present in the room. Missy Eidsness, Dr. Rupak Gandhi and Dr. Jeff McCanna 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 12:49 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned. | |
| Future Meeting Dates | The committee agreed to set future meetings as needed. | |
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